

The Board of Trustees of Denton Independent School District, State of Texas, met in a regular meeting at the Denton ISD Central Services building, 1307 N. Locust St., Denton, Texas, on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Jim Alexander who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Harris, Price, Ramsey, Rodriguez, and Smith

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Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Braswell, Rutherford, Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Stephens, Cox and Stevenson.

Others: Brittany Tabor, *Denton Record Chronicle*; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Hodge Elementary School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions: The newest addition to Calhoun Middle School recently earned the state's top design award from the Texas Association of School Administrators and the Texas Association of School Boards. The school addition will be on display at the TASA and TASB conference in Houston on Sept. 24 and 25. VLK Architects designed the award-winning L-shaped addition at Calhoun, which includes 16 classrooms, three science labs and a staff workroom.

Dawn Fielder, a second grade teacher at Evers Park Elementary School, was recently named the 2010 Teacher of the Year by the Texas Council on Social Studies.

The board presented Trustee Curtis Ramsey, who will be honored by Texas Association of School Boards and Texas Association of School Administrators in Houston, with a clock for his hundreds of hours of working on legislative issues. Dr. Ramsey is being recognized in Houston at the TASA/TASB convention for his numerous contributions to state education and for his longtime service as a statewide Legislative Advisory Council representative.

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum: Cora Woodard addressed the board about her grandchild being bullied.

Public Hearing on "School FIRST" Rating: The Texas Legislature created the "School FIRST" rating system in 2001 (Senate Bill 218 of the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature) to improve the management of school districts' financial resources. This was in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 1999.

2002-2003 (based on 2001-2002 data) was the first year the financial health of every school district in Texas was evaluated as part of the new financial accountability system known as Schools FIRST. The system requires school districts to submit financial data, which is used to rate the district according to defined indicators. School districts are required to hold and advertise a public hearing to report their financial accountability rating to parents and taxpayers. Denton ISD has received the Superior Rating since the creation of this system.

Public Hearing was opened at 6:34 pm for public comment and no one wished to speak and the public hearing was closed at 6:35 pm.

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Enrollment Update

Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent & Roger Rutherford, Asst. Superintendent presented the Board with the current enrollment of 23,941 students for the 16<sup>th</sup> day of school.

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Budget Update

Debbie Monschke, Exec. Director of Budget & Finance reviewed the summary of budget changes for the 2010-2011 school year.

With revenue increases, the budget is now \$436,397 in the black instead of the projected \$2.8 million shortfall. The funding includes:

- A decrease in property taxes by \$704,520.
- An increase in student enrollment, which helped increase the state funding by \$2.58 million.
- An allotment of \$1.79 million in federal SHARS funds. This is from School Health and Related Services and provides reimbursement to the district through Medicaid for health-related services for the 2007-08 school year. This is only the second year the district has received any funding from SHARS.

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Robertson Road Re-Alignment-DCTA

Rod Reeves, Facilities Coordinator presented information to the Board of Trustees concerning the realignment of Robertson Road adjacent to Fred Moore High School and to illustrate the operational impacts to the District. As part of the realignment, DCTA will provide a renovated parking area to the north of Fred Moore High School. The realignment and parking improvements may cause modifications to normal bus and parent routes

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Continued Discussion of Legislative Priorities	The Board reviewed their Legislative Priorities and made some additional changes.
	This item is for information only. No action is required.
Guys Operating As Leaders (GOAL) Video	The GOAL program was initiated this summer by the staff at McMath Middle School to provide learning and leadership opportunities to incoming eighth-graders, who were considered “at risk.” This was a pilot project with funding coming from McMath Middle School and donations from the community and Adopt-A-School: Partners in Education. The school is looking at continuing the program at McMath and possibly expand it to other middle schools in the district.
	The Board viewed a video about this summer program.
	This item is for information only. No action is required.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Open Forum	No one wished to speak
Consent Agenda	Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Curtis Ramsey
	<p>To approve the (minutes for the August 24, 2010 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of August 31, 2010; Approval of the 2010-2011 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for School Resource Officer (SRO) at Navo Middle School with the City of Aubrey; approval of travel to a Non-State-Sanctioned Activity Out-of-State for Guyer High School Choir to travel to Dublin and Killarney, Ireland, March 10-18, 2011; approval of in-state travel for Guyer High School Choir to travel to the Director’s Choice Music Festival in South Padre Island, Texas on May 5-7, 2011; approval of Denton County 4-H as an extra-curricular activity under TAC 76.1 for the 2010-2011 school year; approval of Jennifer McAlister, Eddie Baggs, Maggie Jover, and Janet Laminak, Denton County Extension Agents, as Adjunct Faculty Members for 4-H extra-curricular activities for the 2010-2011 school year; and approval of the MOU between the Denton Independent School District and the Denton County Juvenile Board for the 2010-2011 school year.)</p>
	The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Certification of Appraisal Roll, Collection Rate,	Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Mia Price
	To approve the 2010 Certified Appraisal Roll, tax collection rate at

And Rollback Tax Rate	100%, and confirm the rollback tax rate of \$1.5301.  The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of Tax Rate Ordinance	Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Glenna Harris  To approve the Tax Rate Ordinance for 2010 and to set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2010 at a total tax rate of \$1.530, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:  \$1.040 for the purpose of maintenance and operation, and \$0.490 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts.  The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Open Forum	No one wished to speak.
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:43 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:45 pm  Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Curtis Ramsey  To deny the grievance as it was not timely filed in accordance with Denton ISD Policy DGBA (Local).  The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 11:10 pm.

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President

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Secretary