

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, December 9, 2008 at 5:18 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Charles Stafford who announced that a quorum was present.

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

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

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

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

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:18 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 5:49 pm

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

Presentations/ Recognitions Kerri Burgess, Denton High dance instructor, has been nominated for Educator of the Year by Texas Dance Educator's Association.

Twenty-seven schools in the Denton Independent School District received special recognition from Texas Education Agency for their significant gains on different portions of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills and other accountability areas. These 27 schools – 10 secondary schools and 17 elementary – received at least one Gold Performance Acknowledgment (GPA), which recognizes campuses for their high performance levels.

The following schools received at least one Gold Performance Acknowledgment: Denton, Guyer, Fred Moore, and Ryan High Schools; Calhoun, Crownover, McMath, Navo and Stickland Middle Schools; Borman, EP Rayzor; Ginnings, Hawk, Hodge, Houston, Lee, McNair, Nelson, Newton Rayzor, Paloma Creek, Pecan Creek, Providence, Rivera, Ryan, Savannah and Wilson Elementary Schools.

Hannah Lane, junior at Denton High, was recently selected for the

National Senior Division High School Honor Choir, sponsored by the American Choral Directors' Association.

Harrison Lindley, Ryan High senior, has been invited by the Presidential Classroom program to attend the Presidential Inauguration and the Presidential Classroom Inaugural Ball from Jan. 17 through Jan. 21, in Washington, D.C.

Dalton Gregory, retired Denton ISD principal, and Denise Clyne-Ruch, Nelson Elementary art teacher, recently were recognized at the Texas Art Education Association's annual conference in San Antonio. Dalton Gregory, who retired as principal of Ryan Elementary in June, received the TAEA Principal of the Year award, and Denise Clyne-Ruch received the 2008 Outstanding Elementary School Division Art Educator.

For the third time, the Denton Independent School District has been named as a "Best Community for Music Education in America." The school district also attained this honor in 2007 and in 2004. It was one of only 10 in Texas to make the list.

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Public Hearing  
for AEIS Report

Denton ISD is required by law to make this information available to the public and to hold a public hearing. Dr. Braswell, Superintendent reviewed some of the highlights of the AEIS report regarding student ethnic populations, student demographics, attendance and dropout percentages, TAKS, SAT and ACT test scores, program expenditures, staffing and salary data and District revenue sources. The PBMAS, ELI/SELI and TELPASS reports were also included in the report for the Board.

The public hearing closed at 7:17 pm. No one wished to speak.

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

Review of  
Schematic  
Design for  
Elementary #21  
& Middle School  
#7

The Board was presented information regarding modifications to the District's current prototypical elementary and middle school design. The designs showed sustainable features that can be incorporated into the elementary and middle school designs.

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

Policy Revision  
to GRA (Local)  
Relations with

Dr. Rutherford presented revisions to policy GRA (Local): Relations with Government Entities so that it will be in compliance with GRA (Legal).

Government Entitites	This item is for information only. No action is required.
Continued Discussion of Facilities Planning	The Board continued their discussion regarding future facility planning and will need to decide on facility capacity, current campus prototype designs, or if modifications need to be made.  This item is for information only. No action is required.
“Partnering for Success” School- Community Collaborative	Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent presented information regarding the importance and purpose of establishing a community collaborative focusing on student success outcomes. The objectives of the collaborative will be to increase the academic performance of DISD students and to utilize DISD faculty and staff, local clergy, chamber of commerce, etc. to make a difference in the success of DISD students.  This item is for information only. No action is required.
Bond Progress Committee Report	Doug Chadwick, Bond Committee member presented the Board with an update from the last Bond committee meeting.  This item is for information only. No action is required.
Construction Report	Student representatives from Rivera and Borman Elementary presented the Board with information regarding the bond construction projects taking place at their campus. The students attend the construction meetings and have also worked with their teachers to incorporate class projects using math and science.  This item is for information only. No action is required.
Fine Arts Annual Report	David McCullar, Director of Fine Arts reviewed the annual fine arts programs, including parent and community involvement, personnel recruitment, curricular and innovative programs, staff development training, financial and equipment support, program successes, and special performance recognitions.  This item is for information only. No action is required.
Trustee Continuing Education Hours	Charles Stafford reported that all trustees have met and exceeded the required continuing education credit as of December 9, 2008, which fulfilled the requirement of <b>House Bill 2563</b> .  This item is for information only. No action is required
2 <sup>nd</sup> Open Forum	No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda    The Trustees requested item E-2009 Property & Casualty Insurance be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve (minutes for the November 11, 2008; November 18, 2008 and November 20, 2008 board meetings; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of November 30, 2008; Investment Report as of October 31, 2008; Approval of the exemption for DISD to “opt out” of HIPPA on all benefit plans; Approval of United Healthcare as the Stop Loss vendor; approval of bid #081120-2 submitted by ATMS, AMX and AF Environmental for asbestos abatement due to the renovation projects in the 2007 Bond; approval of proposal #081120-1 submitted by Precision Cabling in the amount of \$115.00 per drop be accepted for a period of one year with the option, upon governing body approval, to extend the proposal for one additional period of one year; approval of declaration of surplus equipment; approval of travel for Navo Middle School Choir and Orchestra to travel in-state to attend Director’s Choice Concert Festival in San Antonio, Tx, May 15-17, 2009; approval of travel for Harpool Middle School Choir to travel in-state to attend Director’s Choice Choral Festival in San Antonio, Tx, May 15-17, 2009; and TD Industries Change Order #1, totaling \$53,836, to Proposal 080228 for Mechanical and Lighting Systems Improvements.)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve the Affiliated FM Insurance Company for the following coverage: Property - \$100,000 Deductible for all perils per occurrence including Wind, Hurricane and Hail except for Newton Rayzor Elementary - \$500,000 for flood; Equipment Breakdown, Miscellaneous Property, Terrorism, Engineering Fee, Property Appraisal for a **Total Premium of \$313,695** and approve TASB Risk Management Fund for the following coverage: Liability (General Liability, School Professional Liability and Sexual Misconduct), Vehicle Coverage, Crime for a **Total Premium of \$242,705**.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of  
Policy Revision  
to Investment  
Policy CDA  
(Local) Other  
Revenues  
Investments-1<sup>st</sup>  
Reading

Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez

To approve revisions to policy CDA (Local) Other Revenues Investments on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of  
2009-2010  
Calendar

Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Jeanetta Smith

To approve the school calendar for 2009-2010 as submitted.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of  
Campus  
Improvement  
(CIP) Plans  
2008-2009

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Mia Price

To approve the 2008-2009 Elementary and Secondary Campus Improvement Plans (CIP) as submitted.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Conversion of  
the Interest Rate  
on Series 2000  
Bonds

Motion Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Mia Price

To approve the Order Approving Conversion of the Interest Rate on Denton Independent School District Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2000.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Order  
Authorizing  
Issuance of  
Series 2009  
Refunding Bonds

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve the Order Authorizing the Issuance of the Denton Independent School District variable Rate Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2009 with the following parameters:

1. A maximum principal amount of \$32,800,000.
2. Only the outstanding Series 1996B and 2000 Bonds may be refunded.
3. The initial interest rate on the Series 2009 Bonds may not exceed 5%.
4. The final maturity of the Series 2009 Bonds may not exceed the final maturity of the Series 1996B and 2000 Bonds.

5. The District must receive the proceeds of the Series 2009 Bonds no later than April 1, 2009.

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 10:17 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:57 pm

Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve Denton ISD convey to the City of Denton two (2) easements over and across DISD land for the purpose of a sanitary sewer pipeline in consideration for the City of Denton paying the sum of \$1,700.00.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:58 pm

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President

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Secretary