

The Board of Trustees of Denton Independent School District, State of Texas, met in a special meeting at the Denton ISD Central Services building, 1307 N. Locust St., Denton, Texas, on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Harris, Martinez, Price, Smith and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Sargent, Hicks, Stevenson and Zavala

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

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by L.A. Nelson Elementary students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Josue Arista, ISS aide at Myers Middle School, was named one of only 20 Community MVPs across the United States and Canada by MLS Works and FC Dallas for his volunteer work with the GOAL program.

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

1st Open Forum Willie Hudspeth-President of NAACP for Denton county addressed the Board regarding naming a school after an African American specifically Catherine Bell Elementary. Mr. Hudspeth asked who is responsible for choosing the Braswell High School head football coach and feels the district does not have an African American representative in this position.

Discussion of Braswell High School Utility Update Paul Andress, Executive Director of Operations introduced Tom Rutledge with Teague, Nall & Perkins. Mr. Rutledge provided the trustees with an update related to sewage utilities at Braswell High School, the municipal partnerships, and the collaboration of governmental entities.

Mr. Rutledge shared information regarding the Mustang Supplemental Utility District and the capacity to serve the new school including the possibility of installing a lift station. The station would then be maintained by Mustang SUD through an inter-local agreement. The alternative option would be to go through the Freshwater Supply District 11A for service.

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Discussion of
Adult Education
and Literacy
Program Update

David Gerabagi, Director of Adult Education & Literacy Program presented the Board about new initiatives regarding Adult Education and Literacy Programs at Denton ISD. Workforce Integration Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law by President Obama shortly after he took office. Adult Education oversight was transferred from TEA to Texas Workforce Commission. WIOA serves low-income, low literacy and low skilled adults. The scope of adult education is to include transition to postsecondary education and employment. Denton ISD serves Denton County and Collin County workforce. GED's awarded in Texas per 1000 adults is less than the national average. Texas leads many states in the percentage of adults without a high school diploma.

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Discussion of
Annual
Bilingual/ESL
Report

Teresa Taylor, Director of Bilingual/ESL Program provided an overview of the Bilingual/ESL programs. Since the inception of the program in 1999 the District had 1162 students in the Bilingual/ESL program and currently has over 4113 students, a 250 student increase over last year.

Currently, the district employs 117 educators who deliver bilingual instruction. The district offers a one-way language enrichment and ESL models at eight elementary schools and the district's two schools for young children. Twelve elementary schools offer the traditional ESL program, and two elementary schools have two-way dual language enrichment programs.

Ms. Luna-Taylor highlighted the staff development the district provided teachers this summer, including the presentation by Dr. Samuel Betances. Staff development is also offered through a partnership, in its fourth year, with Lewisville ISD, the University of North Texas and Region 10 ESC to provide secondary math/science teachers with professional development that enhances their knowledge/skills for the purpose of improving the academic and linguistic achievement of English Learners.

The grant of \$985,700 was funded by the Office of English Language Acquisition of the U. S. Department of Education.

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10-Day
Attendance
Report

Darrell Muncy, Director of Student Support Services provided the Board of Trustees with the 10-day student attendance number of 27,396.

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2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak

- Consent Agenda Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Dorothy Martinez
- To approve (the minutes for the August 25, 2015 Board meeting, personnel matters, leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of August 31, 2015; Approval of travel to a non-state-sanctioned activity, out-of-State for Denton High School ASL Club to visit Washington, DC and Gallaudet University on February 25-28, 2016; and Approval of Agreement for Medicaid Consultation and Billing with Maine State Billing (MSB) Medicaid to Schools).
- The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
- Consider Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Jim Alexander
Approval of
Certified To approve the 2015 Certified Appraisal Roll, tax collection rate at 100%,
Appraisal, and confirm the rollback tax rate of \$1.5401.
Collection Rate The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
& Rollback Tax
Rates
- Consider Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jim Alexander
Approval of Tax To approve that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax
Rate Ordinance rate of \$1.54, which is effectively a 9.28 percent increase in the tax rate.
- The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
- 3rd Open Forum No one wished to speak.
- Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:05 pm
- Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:08 pm
- Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Dorothy Martinez
- For Denton ISD to approve the agreement to obtain an Assignment of the contracts to purchase approximately 4.5 acres of real estate, south of Guyer High School, as specified in the contracts.
- The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
- Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm
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President

Secretary