

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 22, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Burns, Dunworth, English, Martinez-Strickland, Petolick, Stafford, and Wright

Board Members

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Bible, Bolton, Boyter, K. Cobb, M. Cobb, Liewehr, O’Bara, Parham, Petito, Pierce, L. Rainey, Robinson, Schulz, Stewart, E. Smith, T. Smith, and Thompson

Others: Citizens, staff, and students

Pledges The Pledges to the flags were led by Savannah Elementary School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Shae Crawford, a Ryan High School student, has been named First Place winner of the 2026 Congressional Art Competition for Texas’ 13th Congressional District, represented by U.S. Congressman Ronny Jackson. Her winning piece, oil pastel of an American flag titled “Still Waving,” now hangs in the United States Capitol, where it will be on display for one year.

The Texas Education Agency has again assigned Denton ISD an “A,” Superior Achievement rating under the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (School FIRST), the state’s annual review of how responsibly public school districts manage the dollars entrusted to them. The result extends the district’s record to 24 consecutive years at the state’s highest financial accountability mark, a distinction reserved for districts that can document disciplined, transparent stewardship of public funds year after year, without exception.

Denton ISD recognizes the Communities In Schools of North Texas (CISNT) site coordinators who serve students across the district. Communities In Schools places trained coordinators directly on campuses, where they become part of the school community and work alongside teachers, counselors, and administrators to surround students with a community of support.

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

Open Forum	Community members that addressed the Board: Jade McCary-Dennis and Rebecca Bertoni
Discussion of Bond Progress Committee Update	Alana Presley-Taylor, member of the Bond Progress Committee, presented an update from the August 26 Bond Progress Committee meeting that was held at the Teresa Riggs Employee Wellness Center. This item is for information only. No action is required.
Discussion of Construction Update	Brandon Boyter, Chief Operations Officer, provided an update on current construction projects, including scheduling, progress, and funding. Board highlights included Sam Houston Elementary School completion, McNair Elementary School completion, Ginnings Elementary School progress, and Jim Alexander ATC progress, This item is for information only. No action is required.
Discussion of Certified Values and Tax Rate	Jennifer Stewart, Chief Financial Officer, provided the Board with an update on certified property values and tax rate information. The Board reviewed preliminary values for the 2026-2027 school year as part of its budget presentations. These preliminary values were presented under current law and were subject to change after the appraisal district conducted its appraisal review board hearings. The certified values are typically received by entities by July 25th. This item is for information only. No action is required.
Discussion of Summer Learning and Beginning of Year (BOY) Data	Luci Schulz, Chief Academic Officer, provided an overview of beginning of year data and summer learning program outcomes. This workshop outlined the range of summer opportunities offered to students across grade levels and described the role of diagnostic assessments in establishing baselines for instruction. Summer Learning Programs include Pre K-5 Elementary Scholar Camp, Math 8 Course Recovery, and High School Summer Credit Recovery. The beginning-of-year data was presented with the purpose of establishing a clear starting point for each student by identifying strengths, gaps, and readiness for grade-level learning and to help teachers tailor instruction, group students effectively, and set appropriate goals. This item is for information only. No action is required.
Intruder Detection Audit Report	The objective of this report is to communicate the recent audits that have been performed within Denton ISD. Region 11 is conducting Intruder Detection Audits pursuant to updated legal requirements. To date three (3) Denton ISD schools have been reviewed. Further details if any have been

provided to the Board in executive session and will be provided to the district's Safety and Security Committee in an upcoming meeting for the purpose of safety and security.

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

Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve (the minutes for the August 25, 2026 board meeting and September 8, 2026 Team of 8 meeting; Matters related to personnel; Approval of leaves and absences; Budget amendments as of August 31, 2026; Amendment to the 2026-2027 Adopted Budget; Approval of TEA Class Size Waiver Requests; Approval of TEA Remote Homebound Instruction Waiver; HB 3372 Outside Employment Agreement(s); Resolution Regarding the Acceptance of Midyear Employee Resignations; Recurring Request for Proposals(RFP); Approval and Adoption of Legislative Priorities; Approval of Library Materials Procurement)).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Certification of
Appraisal Roll,
Collection Rate,
and Voter Approval
Tax Rates

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Tanya Wright

To approve the Certification of Appraisal Roll, Collection Rate, and Voter Approved Tax Rates

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting

Consider Approval
of Tax Rate
Ordinance

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Tanya Wright

To approve that Tax Rate Ordinance as proposed.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:31 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:01 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM

President

Secretary