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, October 27, 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:	K. Cobb, M. Cobb, Boyter, Brownell, O'Bara, Parham, Petito, Pierce, Rainey, Robinson, Schulz, Smith, Stewart, and Thompson
Pledges:	The pledges to the flags were led by E.P. Rayzor Elementary School students.
Presentations & Recognition	Denton ISD has once again earned exemplary status, the highest tier of recognition in the Texas Educational Theatre Association (TxETA) Award of Distinction program. Crownover Middle School and Rodriguez Middle School also earned exemplary status, the highest tier for middle school campuses. Artwork by six Denton ISD students was featured in the 2026 txEDCON Exhibition, which the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) presents through its Youth Art Month program. txEDCON is the annual state convention of the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). It was held October 8–11 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. Three Denton ISD students had their original works selected for display in the TAEA booth in the Exhibition Hall. Three more students had their works shown in the Exhibit Hall's digital display. This is for information only. No action is required.
Texas School FIRST Report and Public Hearing	Vicki Garcia, Executive Director of Financial Operations, presented the District's School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas "FIRST" Report and Public Hearing. The report is for the year ending June 30, 2025. Denton ISD received an A-Superior Achievement Rating, which is the 24th consecutive year the district has received the highest possible rating. During the 77th regular session of the Texas legislature (2001), Senate Bill 218 was passed, and signed into law shortly thereafter. This law requires each school district to prepare an annual financial management report within two months of the date of issuance of the final School FIRST ratings. The District

	received official notification of the 2024-2025 Preliminary School FIRST rating on August 7, 2026. A district has the right to appeal within 30 days after TEA's release of the preliminary rating. If a district does not file an appeal, the preliminary rating becomes a final rating 31 days after the issuance of the preliminary rating. The District did not file an appeal therefore the preliminary rating became the Final on September 9, 2026. This rating is based upon analysis of school year data for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The reporting tool for School FIRST is the Financial Accountability Ratings Worksheet. This worksheet was developed by representatives of the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the Texas Business & Education Council (TBEC) and the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO). It is administered by the TEA and calculated on information submitted to the Agency via the PEIMS submission in January each year upon completion and approval of the annual external audit. The worksheet consists of 21 indicators broken into three categories: Critical, Solvency and Financial Competence. President Burns opened the Public Hearing at 6:18 pm and no one wished to speak and the Hearing was closed at 6:33 pm
Open Forum	Community members that addressed the Board: Rebecca Bertoni.
Discussion of District of Innovation Amendment and Renewal	Dr. Deron Robinson, General Counsel, presented proposed amendments to the District of Innovation plan and renewal. On September 28, 2026, the Denton ISD Educational Improvement Council (EIC) met to review the District's current District of Innovation (DOI) Plan in preparation for its required five-year renewal. Following its review, the Council passed a motion recommending renewal of the plan with the following changes: retaining seven existing exemptions without modification, revising one exemption related to teacher certification to align with House Bill 2, and removing two exemptions under Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code that are no longer permissible under House Bill 6. The Board of Trustees will consider the proposed amendments and renewal of the District of Innovation Plan for an additional five-year term. This item is for information only. No action is required.
Discussion of Denton Multi-Tier System of Support (DMTSS), 504 and Special Education	Dr. Stacie Bonner, Executive Director of Special Education, and Dr. Pam Trocki-Ables, Director of Special Education, provided an update to the Board of Trustees on the Denton ISD Special Education, Section 504, and Denton Multi-Tier System of Support programs. The report highlighted enrollment trends, student academic performance, and departmental priorities focused on improving educational outcomes. This item is for information only. No action is required.

Discussion of Safety and Security Update	Dr. Jeremy Thompson, Deputy Superintendent, and Jason Foutch, Director of Safety and Security, provided the board with an update on Sentinel reporting, Intruder Detection Audits, Emergency Operation Plans, and District Security Audits. Additionally, the board was given an update on recent legislative changes to student discipline and school safety. The district currently has 29 School Security Officers and 20 School Resource Officers. This item is for information only. No action is required.
Discussion of Health Services Update	Makinzie Heard, Director of Health Services, provided the department's annual update. In 2025-2026, there were 99,018 health services office visits with 95,793 students returning to class which resulted in a 96.7% return to learning. In addition to the office visits, Health Services saw 24,036 different students last year, administered 66,398 medications and treatments and completed 45,570 screenings for a total of 210,986 Health Services encounters across 48 campus nurses. Services provided include performing state mandated screenings, medication administration, health treatments, community partnerships, family support, and staff collaboration. This item is for information only. No action is required.
Discussion of Safe and Supportive Schools Program	Dr. Lacey Rainey, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Programs, and Dr. Jeremy Thompson, Deputy Superintendent, provided an overview of the Safe and Supportive School Program (SSSP) in accordance with Senate Bill 11. The SSSP is a comprehensive approach and is built through a multidisciplinary team. It is composed of six points of support for campuses: Campus Behavior Teams, Safety and Security, Health Services, Intervention Services, and Counseling and Social Work make up the focus of the SSSP. This item is for information only. No action is required.
Intruder Detection Audit Update	This report is to provide an update to the recent Intruder Detection Audits conducted by the Texas Education Agency. Region 11 conducts Intruder Detection Audits pursuant to updated legal requirements. To date fourteen (14) 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.
1st Period Attendance Report	The purpose of this report is to provide campus and district ADA percentages for the 1st reporting period (RP 1 – August 13, 2026-September 18, 2026) of the 2026-2027 school year and to compare this data to prior years. This report also identifies truancy prevention measures being used on Denton ISD campuses to increase student attendance. 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 of the October 13, 2026 joint meeting and October 13, 2026 regular board meeting; Personnel matters, leaves, and absences; Budget Amendments as of September 30, 2026; Head Start Monthly Compliance Report; Change Order Number 001 to the Contract Price for Anita McGuire-Reeves Elementary School; Amendment to 2026-2027 budget impact statement for the SRO agreement between the City of Aubrey and Denton ISD; Pre-K Partnership Pass Through Waiver; Authority to establish and manage bank accounts; RFP#2610-06 Bulk Fuel (Unleaded, Bio-diesel & diesel); Purchases in accordance with Board Policy CH(Local); and Recurring request for proposal (RFP) solicitations). The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of Campus (Local) Improvement Plans	Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Tanya Wright To approve 2026-2027 Campus Local Improvement Plans as presented. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of District Improvement Plans	Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Tanya Wright To approve the 2026-2027 District Improvement Plan as presented. The motion passed unanimously by Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of Turnaround Plan for Cross Oaks Elementary	Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford To approve the Turnaround Plan for Cross Oaks Elementary School as presented. The motion passed unanimously by Board members present and voting.
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:40 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:13 pm
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

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