

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, July 25, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Mia Price who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Bundgus, Burns, English, Stafford, and Tays

Board Members Absent: Price, Sosa-Sanchez
Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Mattingly, Pierce, Perkins, O’Bara, Parham, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Stevenson, and Zwahr

Others: Cindy Breeding, *Denton Record Chronicle*; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by staff.

Presentations/ Recognitions: There were no presentation or recognitions scheduled

1st Open Forum: No one wished to speak.

Closed Meeting: The Board convened into Closed Session at 6:02 pm

Open Meeting: The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:23 pm

Naming of District Facilities: Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Lori Tays

To approve the name of the new Concentra employee healthcare clinic, located at 1006 Fulton Street in Denton, the **Theresa Grant-Riggs Employee Wellness Center**.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the name of the new Denton ISD elementary school located on Riney Road in Denton, the **Anita Reeves Elementary School**.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charels Stafford

To approve the name of the new Denton ISD elementary school located on Ryan Spiritas Parkway in Little Elm, the **Fred Hill Elementary School**.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve the name of the new Denton ISD elementary school located on Eppright Drive in Little Elm, the **Dorothy Martinez Elementary School**.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve the name of the Denton High School tennis courts, located at 3001 Bronco Way in Denton, the **Coach Carlos Blanco Tennis Facility**.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Amy Bundgus and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve the name of the Denton ISD agriculture barn facility at Star Ranch, located at 8400 Fishtrap Road in Aubrey, the **Burgoon-Martin Agriculture Science Center at Star Ranch**.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Discussion of
Family Engagement
Survey

Julia Zwahr, Chief Communications Officer provided the Board of Trustees with feedback on the Family Engagement survey so that Denton ISD may better understand the perceptions of the families we serve. Through the identified core areas, the District will track progress, and our campuses will reaffirm our commitment to staying accountable to the families/community we serve. Through a survey instrument used in partnership with Gallup, annual feedback in the following areas will be gained through twenty-four questions centered on the following areas:

- School Engagement
- School Environment
- Academic Standards
- Strength and Development
- School Communications
- School Leadership

The feedback will be used to identify perceptions within each core area and the ways in which we will measure our progress toward these goals. All information gathered is anonymous and does not match the respondent with individual answers.

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

Discussion of
Listening Tour
Update

Dr. Susannah O'Bara, Deputy Superintendent provided an overview of the 2022-23 campus listening tours, including celebrations, concerns, and outcomes resulting from these experiences. Dr. O'Bara reviewed the common themes and solutions as to what expressed during these campus tours.

Discussion of
Denton ISD
Investment Policy
CDA (Local) and
Procedures

Vicki Garcia, Executive Director of Financial Operations provided the Board of Trustees with an update of Denton ISD's investment policy and procedures. Vicki provided information received from Meeder Public Funds, Inc. investment advisors regarding the District's investment policy review, cash flow review, investment strategy, monthly reporting and review, and compliance monitoring. Vicki also reviewed the recommended policy changes to CDA (Local).

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

Discussion of
Policy Updates 120
& 121

TASB Policy Update 120 and 121 include revisions to policies based on updates to the Texas Administrative Code.

Update 120 contains revisions to 23 legal policies and 4 local policies including the changes to the following local policies:

- CB (LOCAL): State and Federal Revenue Sources
- CKC (LOCAL): Safety Program/Risk Management, Emergency Plans
- FNG (LOCAL): Student Rights and Responsibilities, Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances
- FO (LOCAL): Student Discipline

Update 121 contains revisions to 48 legal policies and 11 local policies including the changes to the following local policies:

- CFB (LOCAL): Accounting, Inventories
- CKE (LOCAL): Safety Program/Risk Management, Security Personnel
- CLB (LOCAL): Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment Management, Maintenance
- CO (LOCAL): Food and Nutrition Management

- COA (LOCAL): Food and Nutrition Management, Procurement
- CRF (LOCAL): Insurance and Annuities Management, Unemployment Insurance
- CVA (LOCAL): Facilities Construction, Competitive Bidding
- CVB (LOCAL): Facilities Construction, Competitive Sealed Proposals
- DEA (LOCAL): Compensation and Benefits, Compensation Plan
- FD (LOCAL): Admissions
- FFI (LOCAL): Student Welfare, Freedom from Bullying

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

Employee Health Insurance Update

Chris Bomberger, Executive Director for Risk Management provided the Board of Trustees with a report outlining the decision and implementation of employee health insurance sourced through Financial Benefit Solutions (FBS) our Third-Party Administrator (TPA). Beginning on May 25, 2023, Denton ISD was informed that the reinsurance carrier would not renew the contract for the TSHBP health insurance offering for 2023-2024. TSHBP board met to discuss options for moving the health insurance program forward. The plan approved by the TSHBP board was to increase rates to participating districts by 15% for directed care plans and 30% for Aetna plans. This increase would provide funding to cover potential claims from all 61 participating districts. The plan would not be fully funded but hold participating districts accountable for any claims above the premiums collected. Denton ISD, being the largest participating district, would account for 14% of any potential loss to the program.

At the June 16, 2023, school board meeting, the Denton ISD board approved a resolution giving Dr. Wilson authority to approve a final health insurance plan offering during the summer due to calendar issues with the next school board meeting on July 25, 2023.

Denton ISD, with the support of FBS began direct negotiations with BlueCross BlueShield of Texas. The outcome of the negotiations lead to a decision to accept an offer for employee health benefit coverage. The offering includes 3 plans: high deductible plan, Platinum HMO plan and Gold HMO plan. In addition to securing the employee health care plans for 2023-2024 Denton ISD will be moving 2 of our dental plan offerings to BlueCross BlueShield. This addition allowed Denton ISD to secure a rate cap guarantee for the second year of the plan.

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

Professional Staff Appointments,

To expedite the hiring of personnel during the Spring and Summer the Board of Trustees gave Dr. Wilson the authority to hire any contractual personnel

Resignations and Employment	<p>including classroom teachers and administrators. The Board was provided with a list of those approved transactions.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
2 nd Open Forum	<p>Community members that addressed the Board were: Dr. Terry Senne and Lenry Van Zyl</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Lori Tays</p> <p>To approve (the minutes for the June 13, 2023 board meeting; Investment Report as of May 31, 2023 and June 30, 2023; Hazardous Bus Routes for 2023-2024; approval of the TEA Expedited and General State Waivers for Staff Development, Modified Schedule/State Assessment Testing Days, Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management Systems and Foreign Exchange Student (Less than Five); approval of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) for 2023-2024; approval of Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) recommended resources as required by Policy BDF(Legal) and Title 2, Chapter 28, Section 28.004 of the Texas Education Code; approval of the District’s membership fees for participation in purchasing cooperatives and the rebates received from purchases through various cooperatives; approval of Out-of-District travel for Guyer High School Choir to travel to</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">and 4H Resolution for the 2023-2024 school year Montreal, Canada and Quebec City from March 7, 2023 – March 11, 2024; approval of RFP #2306-08 Miscellaneous Services and Supplies be awarded to all responding vendors; RFP #2603-09 Administrative & Academic Services be awarded to all responding vendors; approval of the quote from Curriculum Associates i-Ready in the amount of \$399,408.00 for the Instructional Materials Allotment adoption for teacher instructional resources; quote from Benchmark Education Company in the amount of \$175,000.00 for the 3rd Grade Benchmark Workshop: Phonics and Word Study adoption for teacher instructional resources; approval of the purchase of IXL for Secondary Mathematics in the amount of \$432,917.00; approval of the addition of an SRO Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Little Elm and the Denton Independent School District whereas the Town shall provide Denton ISD with one (1) Sergeant and six (6) certified police officers (SROs) assigned to Paloma Creek Elementary, Bell Elementary, Navo Middle School, Braswell High School and Cheek middle School; approval of the quote from Blue Bird Bus Sales in the amount of \$10,787,704.00 for the purchase of seventy-three (73) buses, the quote from Edulog in the amount of \$11,925.00 for the purchase of fifteen (15) GPS systems, and the quote from KLC Security in the amount of \$57,00.00 for the purchase of fifteen (15) camera systems; approval of MOU between Denton ISD and Argyle ISD, Aubrey ISD, Krum ISD, Lake Dallas ISD, Pilot Point ISD, Ponder ISD and Sanger ISD for student to attend Career and Technical Education courses</p>

in Denton ISD and approval of Denton County Extension Agents as Adjunct Faculty Members for 4-H Resolution for the 2023-2024 school year.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of the 2023-2024
Student Code of
Conduct

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the 2023-2024 Student Code of Conduct

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

President

Secretary