

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 13, 2016 at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

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

Board Members

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel

Present: Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, O'Bara, Stevenson and Zavala

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

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

Presentations/  
Recognitions

Ryan High School had three students in its band program recognized as Texas Music Scholars by the Texas Music Educators Association. TMEA annually recognizes less than 2,000 students across the state with the Texas Music Scholar award, making this one of the most prestigious honors awarded.

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

Public Hearing  
on School FIRST  
Rating

President Barbara Burns opened the Public Hearing at 6:16 pm.

Debbie Monschke, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services reviewed the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report. The state's school financial accountability rating system ensures that Texas public schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and that they improve those practices. The system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to better manage their financial resources to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes. Denton ISD received a superior rating or the highest designation possible.

President Burns asked the public if anyone wished to speak and no one wished to speak.

The Hearing closed at 6:24 pm

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum Stephen Stone addressed the Board regarding naming a future district facility after his father Dr. Howard L. Stone

Michele Martin addressed the Board regarding the purchase of library cards at Navo Middle School in order to use the library before, after school, and at lunch. Ms. Martin is sad that children are being turned away and shouldn't have to pay to use the library.

Discussion of Annual Bilingual/ESL Update Teresa Taylor Director of Bilingual/ESL program presented an overview regarding Denton ISD Bilingual/ESL Programs, including student enrollment snapshot, professional development, program performance and a plan to increase the academic success for ELLs transition to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The data shared revealed that 15 percent of all students or 4,261 are non-native speakers, and of those they speak 41 different languages. The largest increase this year has been of students who speak Arabic. STAAR testing data shows that while district students who are non-native English speakers are not keeping pace with their native English speaking peers, they are outpacing their peers across the state by 7-10 percent.

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

Discussion of Tax Rate Debbie Monschke, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services discussed the repayment of debt based upon the outstanding bonds the district will pay for building and renovating school facilities. She also noted that the \$0.50 is the maximum allowable amount under the guidelines from the state. The district remains with the majority of districts in our area who are already at the cap for debt service. Ms. Monschke proposed paying down more debt through escrow in an estimated amount of \$8.8 million.

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

Discussion of Attendance Boundary Modifications Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent presented information regarding a modification to attendance zones. These areas currently do not have any students in these areas at this time. The two areas affected would be for Savannah Elementary to encompass Azalea Village development and Teasley Trails Phase I & II to go to Houston Elementary.

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

Ten Day Attendance Report Darrell Muncy provided the Board with the 10-day attendance with a total of 28,601 students.

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

Denton ISD  
Quarterly  
Growth Report  
2Q16

Rocky Gardner, Templeton Demographics provided the current demographics report to the Board. Denton County home sales are up 20% over the same period in 2015, and the average home sale price of \$248,485 is up 15% with nearly 30% of the district home sales in 2015 being new homes. Cross Oaks Elementary had 270 annual new home closings, which represents 15% of all district closings. Nearly 30% of planned district future lots fall within Borman Elementary. Denton ISD can expect an increase of approximately 3,300 students during the next 5 years.

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

Bond Progress  
Report

Sheryl English, Bond Committee member delivered the quarterly report from their most recent meeting at Braswell High School. During that meeting, BOK Financial provided an analysis of the bonded indebted capacity of the district.

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

Construction  
Report

Glen Martin provided an overview of the current construction projects to the Board. Plans are being finalized for the additions and renovations to Guyer High, which will reach substantial completion by July 2018. The school will receive a new main entrance for visitors and students which will strengthen security procedures and a two story classroom addition. The fine arts area will also be expanded. Out buildings that support both boys and girls athletics will also be addressed. The renovation will boost the school's capacity to 3,000 students.

Braswell High School is reaching total completion. While the school is functional, the main competition gym, auditorium, baseball and softball fields and one classroom wing are not complete. They will be turned over on a month by month basis with total completion by January.

Construction is underway on Middle School No. 8 with 90 percent of piers for the foundation complete. Geothermal and water wells have been drilled. Underground drainage and utilities are almost complete. The school faces Martop Road in the Town of Oak Point and will open in August 2017.

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

Senate Bill 507  
Cameras in the  
Classroom  
Update

Debbie Roybal, Exec. Director of Special Education presented information regarding Senate Bill 507. SB 50784<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature 2015, added TEC 29.022 to require video surveillance. Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, upon request by a parent, trustee or staff member, a school district must provide video equipment, including video cameras with audio recording capabilities, to campuses. The campuses that receive such equipment must place, operate and maintain video cameras in certain self-contained

classrooms or other special education settings. Currently Denton ISD has 79 self-contained classrooms. In collaboration with the Technology Department, the estimated cost for a system for one classroom and bathroom is \$1500. This cost includes 2 cameras and audio recording equipment for a classroom. Installation of the equipment is estimated at \$500 per unit.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Doug Chadwick

To approve (the minutes for the August 23, 2016 board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of August 31, 2016; approval of TASB Update 105 Local Policies on second reading; approval of additional 2016 – 2017 administrator appraisers as submitted for the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS); approval of waiver of penalty and interest for specific accounts in delinquency in “Exempt” status under the name of “TxDOT”; approval of Addendum to the District’s existing Interlocal Agreement between DISD and University of North Texas and approve the Region XI Master Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$172,452.90).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Motion by Mia Price and seconded Dorothy Martinez

Approval of  
Certification of  
Appraisal Roll,  
Collection Rate &  
Rollback Tax  
Rates

To approve the 2016 Certified Appraisal Roll, tax collection rate at 100%, and confirm the rollback tax rate of \$1.5401.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded Dorothy Martinez

Approval of  
Adoption of an  
Order  
Authorizing  
Redemption and  
Prepayment of a  
Portion of the  
District's  
Outstanding  
Unlimited Tax  
Bonds

To approval of the Order Authorizing Redemption of a Portion of Denton Independent School District Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building, Series 2012-A.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider  
Approval of Tax  
Rate Ordinance

Motion by Doug Chadwick and seconded Jim Alexander

To approve the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.54, which is effectively an 8.06% percent increase in the tax rate and to approve the Tax Rate Ordinance.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider  
Approval of  
Attendance  
Boundary  
Modification

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Jeanetta Smith

To approve the modifications to the attendance zones as proposed for Savannah Elementary, W.S. Ryan Elementary, and Houston Elementary.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Open Forum

Miyaka Fusi addressed the Board regarding the Little Elm/DISD joint resolution. This parent feels they should have been able to have transportation if they choose to attend Denton ISD.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:15 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:35 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 pm

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President

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Secretary