

The Board of Trustees of Denton Independent School District, State of Texas, met in a Joint meeting with the City of Denton City Council at the City of Denton Development Services Department, 401 N Elm St, Denton, TX 76201. Denton, Texas, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 11:38 AM. The meeting was called to order by president Mia Price who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Bundgus, Burns, English, Price, and Stafford

Board Members Absent: Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Andress, Robinson, Wilson and Stevenson

Others: City Council Members: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Beck and Council Members Vicki Byrd, Jesse Davis, and Brandon Chase McGee

Discussion of United Way of Denton County Update
Gary Henderson, Executive Director of United Way of Denton County presented the 2022 Community Needs Assessment report. Denton County continues to be one of the fastest-growing communities in the country with population growth averaging 22.3% per year. Since the year 2000 Denton County has more than doubled in population at 117%. Between 2010 and 2021 Denton County population increased from 665,833 to 941,647, reflecting a 41.4% increase in Denton County's population. Between 2009 and 2019, the Hispanic/Latino population in Denton County increased 230%. Denton County has about 47.8% of economically disadvantaged students with 50% of those being within Denton ISD. ALICE, a United Way acronym which stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, represents the increasing number of individuals and families who work, but are unable to meet their basic needs, including food, childcare, housing, health care and transportation. In Denton County there are more than 94,000 families that fall within the ALICE threshold. Single female head of household makeup 56% and 42% are seniors 65 and older. Overall, families with single female heads of household, with children less than 18 years of age, have the highest poverty rates.

Texas ranks 50 out of 51 states as one of the lowest states in funding of mental health resources. The ratio of mental health providers in Denton County is 1:750 residents. More than 41,000 veterans call Denton County home and many encounter hardships after transitioning into civilian life.

Discussion of 2023 Denton ISD Bond Program
Julia Zwahr, Director of Communications presented the 2023 Bond Program for Denton ISD. Denton County is the 6th fastest growing county in the US. 4000 new students will enroll in Denton ISD in the next 5 years. The planned Bond projects will be safety and security, technology, student opportunity and growth.

Discussion of City of Denton Downtown Master Plan
Scott MacDonald, Director of Development Services for the City of Denton presented the City of Denton Downtown master plan. The City has put out an RFQ and received eight responses but has not made a selection of a project developer. The project timeline is expected to kick-off in May 2023 – March 2024. The City has evaluated the downtown, identified additional open space, want to increase housing choices and enhance mobility connectivity. The downtown encompasses 442 acres and how the City of Denton wants to balance development while protecting neighborhoods and historic resources.

Discussion of Partnership between the City of Denton and the Denton ISD
Ryan Adams, Chief of Staff for the City of Denton reviewed the partnerships between the City and Denton ISD.

Denton Police Summer Youth Program is a mentorship and guidance program through the City of Denton Police department. The program is 8 weeks for HS boys and girls and MS girls and boys. This group of kids may be interested in the ATC LaGrone Internship program for 11 Law Enforcement Program.

Fire Camp is a 5 day summer camp for incoming 5th graders. Students are chosen by campus staff.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:23 pm

President

Secretary