

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, January 16, 2024, 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, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, and Stafford

Board Members Absent: Tays

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Brown, O’Bara, Parham, Pierce, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Schulz, Stevenson, Stewart, Thompson and Wilson

**Presentations & Recognitions** Each year, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) honors businesses, organizations and individuals for their support and exceptional advocacy of public schools. This statewide honor, as part of “Stand Up for Texas Public Schools,” recognizes local businesses and community organizations that partner with school districts, making a difference in the lives of public-school students. The Robson Ranch After Schoolers began more than 15 years ago and has been a longtime supporter of Denton ISD. The After Schoolers volunteer in several Denton ISD campuses and build meaningful relationships with both students and teachers alike. This past fall, the After Schoolers held a yard sale with all proceeds going towards both Borman Elementary and The LaGrone Academy. In November, the After Schoolers presented both Borman and LaGrone with \$1,000 donations to support teachers and programs at both schools.

Two Denton ISD graduates and local restaurant owners, John Williams (Oak Street) and Corey Bobbitt (Komodo Loco) helped organize the fourth annual Downtown Denton Mac N’ Cheese Festival, which raised money to pay off hundreds of unpaid lunch balances. The festival, which was held in November, raised \$10,000 that will now go towards clearing lunch debt at multiple Title I campuses.

Texas is home to more than 5.4 million public school children who are enrolled in more than 1,100 school districts. That translates into 7,200 volunteers who are elected by their local citizens to act as trustees – making effective and good decisions to benefit the education of our community’s young people.

In Denton ISD, our seven elected trustees work many hours – often time representing us at community breakfasts, during their lunch hour and at

evening events. They respond to parent phone calls and emails; they attend training with regard to policy and law and they strive every day to make effective decisions to the benefit of our community's more than 33,000 young people and 5,000 employees.

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

Middle of Year  
Progress Update

Dr. Susannah O'Bara, Deputy Superintendent for Academic Programs updated the Board on the middle of year (MOY) progress towards goals. The MOY data will facilitate the necessary direction and support for all district employees to remain laser focused on student achievement and engagement. The Braswell Zone has the most significant growth in their family engagement.

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

Budget Discussion  
for 2024-2025

Jennifer Stewart, Executive Director of Budget reviewed the 24-25 Budget calendar, enrollment update and Fiscal Year 2025 budget outlook.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Period  
Attendance Report

Dr. Lesli Guajardo, Director of Student Services provided the Board with the report 3<sup>rd</sup> Period Attendance report is to provide campus and district ADA percentages for the 3<sup>rd</sup> reporting period (RP 3) of the 2023-2024 school year (November 6-December 21, 2023) and to compare this data to prior years.

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

Intruder Detection  
Audit Report

Region 11 is conducting Intruder Detection Audits pursuant to updated legal requirements. To date 14 Denton ISD schools have been reviewed. Corrective actions, if any, have been completed at this time. Further details 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum

Community Members that addressed the Board: Rebecca Bertoni and Marian Levinstein

Consent Agenda

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve (the minutes of the December 12, 2023, board meeting, personnel matters, leaves, and absences; Budget Amendments as of December 31, 2023; Approval of the High School Course Planning Guide for 2024-2024:

Approval of the Middle School Course Planning Guide for 2024-2025; approval of the quote from Saied Music Company in the amount of

\$161,925.83 for instruments for Calhoun Middle School; approval of the resolution authorizing the Deputy Superintendents and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources to accept a contract employee's resignation submitted or effective at any time; Approval of the Real Estate Representation Agreement will grant authority to Dr. Scott Niven to act as the District's real estate agent for the purpose of acquiring property for the future growth of Denton ISD and Approval of the proposed boundary modifications to Bell Elementary, Cross Oaks Elementary, Paloma Creek Elementary, Providence Elementary, Sandbrock Elementary, Savannah Elementary and Union Park Elementary School. This will establish the boundary modifications for Fred Hill Elementary and Dorothy Martinez Elementary. Current students will have the opportunity to remain on campus through the district process. Additionally, the Superintendent recommends the Paloma Creek Elementary zone to include the apartment complex adjacent to the Winn Ridge Subdivision).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval  
of TASB Policy  
Update 122 with  
Revisions to  
CKE(Local),  
DEC(Local),  
EIE(Local),  
GKG(Local),  
DC(Local), &  
EIC(Local)-1<sup>st</sup>  
Reading

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve the TASB Update 122 update and revisions to CKE(Local), DEC(Local), EIE(Local), GKG(Local), DC(Local), and EIC(Local).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval  
of Order of Trustee  
Election

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve the Order of Trustee Election to be held on May 4, 2024

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval  
and Act Upon  
Adoption of an  
Order Authorizing  
Restructuring of  
Denton  
Independent School  
District Unlimited  
Tax Refunding  
Bonds, Series 2020-  
A Escrow Fund

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Barbara Burns

To approve of the Resolution Authorizing the Restructuring of Denton Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2020-A Escrow Fund.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

2 <sup>nd</sup> Open Forum	No one wished to speak.
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:30 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:57 pm
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

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President

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Secretary