

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, 2011 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Mia Price who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Harris, Price, Ramsey, Rodriguez, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Braswell, Rutherford, Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Stephens, Cox and Stevenson.

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

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

Presentations/ Recognitions: There were no presentations scheduled.

1st Open Forum: No one wished to speak.

Discussion of District's Capacity to Sell Bonds: Bill Gumbert, BOSC, Inc presented the Board with information regarding the 2007 Bond Program. In January 2008, DISD completed the initial bond sale from the 2007 Bond Program and \$116,745,000 of bonds remain to be sold. The District may only issue new bonds to the degree it can prove, prior to its sale that the I & S tax rate will not exceed .50 cents. Taxable assessed valuation growth and State funding assistance is not keeping pace with the cost of needed school facilities. The District's total tax rate has declined by 33.4 cents or 17.9% over the last six years.

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

Discussion of Safety & Drainage Assessment, Billy Ryan High School Track & Field: Paul Andress, Director of Operations and Leesa Vardeman with VLK Architects reviewed the safety and drainage issues related to the track and field area at Ryan High School. Ms.Vardeman said the track and field have been damaged over the years because of drainage issues and the natural shifting of soil surrounding the athletic complex. VLK Architects estimated the repair and renovation costs at \$1.64 million.

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

Discussion of District Science Supplemental Online Instructional Materials Dr. Mike Mattingly, Assistant Superintendent briefed the Board about the fifth through eighth grade science, and high school biology, chemistry and physics science supplemental instructional materials. Funding for these materials has been approved by the State Board of Education through the new Instructional Materials Allotment. Kathy Morrison and Staci Saner, science coordinators, outlined the district's adoption of supplemental programs for science classes. The last science textbook adoption for Texas schools was in 1999-2000.

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

Enrollment Update Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent reviewed the 10 day enrollment data as of Monday, September 12, 2011 with an enrollment of 24,856 students, compared to 24,008 students on September 12, 2010.

This item is for information only. No action is required

2nd Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve (minutes for the August 23, 2011 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of August 31, 2011; Approval of District Science Supplemental Online Learning Exchange for Texas powered by Pearson Education, published as Prentice Hall (Grade 5), Glencoe/McGraw Hill for Middle School (Grades 6, 7 & 8); and Pearson Education for High School (Biology, Chemistry & Physics); Approval of Travel for Denton High School Band to attend Union High School Marching Band Competition in Tulsa, Oklahoma, September 30-October 2, 2011; Approval of Travel for Denton High School Choir to travel to Ireland, March 16-23, 2012; Approval of Travel for Denton High School Yearbook/Newspaper students to travel to New York, New York on March 14-20, 2012 for National Journalism competition; Approval of Denton County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) MOU; Approval of Inter-local cooperation Agreement between the Denton Independent School District and the Juvenile Board of Denton County for Joe Dale Sparks Campus; Approval of Denton County 4-H as an extra-curricular activity under TAC 76.1 for the 2011-2012 school year; and approval of Margaret Jover, Eddie Baggs, and Janet Laminack, Denton County Extension Agents, as Adjunct Faculty Members for 4-H extra-curricular activities for the 2011-2012 school year).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
Certification of
Appraisal Roll,
Collection Rate,
and Rollback
Tax Rate

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez

To approve the Certified Appraisal Roll, tax collection rate at 100%, and confirm the rollback tax rate of \$1.53000.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of Tax
Rate Ordinance

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve the tax rate of \$1.53, with \$1.04 for maintenance and operation and \$.49 for principal and interest on debts.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

President

Secretary