

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, August 11, 2009 at 6:02 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Jim Alexander 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 staff.

Presentations/ Recognitions: There were no recognitions or presentations.

1st Open Forum: Calvin Evans addressed the Board submitting Ms. Alice Alexander's name as a possible name to be considered for Elementary #21.

DISD Graduation Plan Requirements: Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent presented a follow-up report regarding the changes to graduation requirements under House Bill (HB) 3, and to continue discussions regarding the number of credits required for DISD students to graduate under the minimum graduation plan requirements. The majority of students have had the ability to choose from two graduation plans – the Recommended High School Program (RHSP) or the Distinguished Academic Program (DAP). HB 3 states that students graduating under the RHSP will no longer be required to take Health or Technology Applications, and only 1 credit of Physical Education instead of 1.5 credits; however these courses will count as the required state electives for all students. The DAP and Minimum Plan requirements continue to include health, technology, and 1.5 credits in PE. In addition, one credit in fine arts is now required in the Minimum Plan. Students are expected to continue with their pre-enrolled schedule since the classes count as required electives toward graduation.

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

Discussion of
Student email
“Live @ edu”

Robert Bostic, Director of Instruction Technology presented information to the Board regarding a new offering to Denton ISD staff and students called Microsoft Live@EDU. The online platform provides teachers and students with communication, collaboration and creativity 24/7. Students can stay connected with teachers and peers and can keep track of classes, exams, project due dates, sports practices and more. Teachers will use the same tools as students and has easy communication and scheduling. There is no cost to the district, students or staff for this service.

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

The Board recessed at 7:55 pm and reconvened at 8:09 pm

Discussion of
Employee Health
Insurance

Sally Havey, Insurance Coordinator presented information to the Board regarding the 2010 employee insurance program.

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

Discussion of
Delegate
Assemble
Nominations

Each year school districts are requested to designate a trustee and an alternate trustee to represent their District at the annual TASB Delegate Assembly. TASB Board of Directors are delegates by virtue of their position. The Board of Trustees will need to submit their Delegate Designation by August 31, 2009.

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

Denton ISD
Residential
Growth Report-
2nd Quarter 2009

Rod Reeves presented the Board with the 2nd Quarter Growth report. The information provided by this report will give the Board an understanding of trends in residential home sales, and growth in student population within Denton County and the DFW area. Annual starts are down 46% since second quarter of 2008 and annual closings declined 31%. Despite the slowdown, DISD ranks 3rd in annual new home closings among DFW school districts. This will assist district staff in developing educational programming, attendance zones and placement of future school facilities.

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

Discussion of
Proposed
Closing of
Robertson Street
for New Rail

Rod Reeves, Facilities Coordinator presented the Board with information regarding the proposed realignments to Robertson Street adjacent to Fred Moore High School for the purposes of a new rail line by the Denton County Transportation Authority.

Line-Denton County Transportation Authority	This item is for information only. No action is required.
Discussion of Mexican- American School Board Members Association Membership	<p>MASBA is a 501c3 non-profit organization, established in the 1970s. Its mission is to advocate top quality public education for ALL the children of Texas. The organization was founded in 1970 by José A. Cárdenas. MASBA is not an organization with a single focus. MASBA wants to push forward and we network with state legislators and key educators throughout Texas to assure that these issues are brought forth and resolved in an equitable and fair manner.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
DISD 2009 Summer School Program Report	<p>This report was provided to the Board of Trustees as an update on the outcomes of 2009 Denton ISD Summer School Program, including Elementary, Secondary, and the Extended School Year (ESY) services for students with disabilities. Bilingual/ESL is included within Elementary and Secondary sections of the report.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
2 nd Open Forum	Calvin Evans addressed the Board regarding the DCTA and the public hearings that had been held regarding the new public transit rail-line coming to Denton.
Consent Agenda	<p>Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Glenna Harris</p> <p>To approve (minutes for the July 29, 2009 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of July 31, 2009 and approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution #190523DEN).</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Consider Approval of TASB Delegate Assembly Nominations	<p>Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jeanetta Smith</p> <p>To approve Rudy Rodriguez as the 2009 TASB Delegate and Glenna Harris as the 2009 TASB alternate delegate.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Consider	Motion by Rudy Rodriguez and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

Approval of Proposed Closing of Robertson Street for New Rail Line-Denton County Transportation Authority	<p>To table this item to receive further information and to continue discussion at a future meeting.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Consider Approval of Tax Collection Contract With Denton County	<p>Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Glenna Harris</p> <p>To approve the tax collection contract with Denton County be renewed for a period of one year beginning September 1, 2009 and Debbie Monschke be designated as Liaison to serve between Denton ISD and the County Tax office.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Consider Approval of Mexican American School Board Members Association Membership	<p>Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jeanetta Smith</p> <p>To approve the Board of Trustees joining the Mexican American School Board Association (MASBA) and paying the membership fee of \$1000.00.</p> <p>Dr. Ramsey is abstaining from the vote.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting with one abstention.</p>
Consider Approval of Proposal #090715 for an Interactive Learning System	<p>Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Charles Stafford</p> <p>To approve the initial software purchase in the amount of \$1,575,000 will be made from 2007 Bond Project 47, 6.1.6.; the initial content devices (servers) in the amount of \$27,930 be purchased from 2002 technology bond contingency funds; the two years of staff development for 27 locations in the amount of \$283,500, and elementary #21 in the amount of \$10,500 will be paid from Special Education Stimulus Funds and the first year of maintenance fees for 27 locations are included in the price of the package.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
3 rd Open Forum	No one wished to speak.

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 10:00 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:43 pm

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve Denton ISD enter into contract with Elk River-Poquero, L.P. to purchase 100 acres of land and to exchange 1.248 acres of DISD land for 5.094 acres of Elk River land.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:02 pm

President

Secretary