

The Board of Trustees of Denton Independent School District, State of Texas, met in a special meeting at the Denton ISD Central Services building, 1307 N. Locust St., Denton, Texas, on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 6:04 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Charles Stafford who announced that a quorum was present.

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

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

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

Others: Amy Thompson, *Denton Record Chronicle*; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students

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

Presentations/ Recognitions In honor of School Board recognition month the Trustees were presented with tokens of appreciation from the elementary, middle and high school campuses and the Advanced Technology Center.

More than \$78,000 in grants and scholarships was awarded to Denton Independent School District staff members by the Denton Public School Foundation in partnership with Denton ISD. The funds are being utilized to enhance classroom instruction and for staff development, school officials said. A total of \$78,606 was awarded to staff members - \$56,495 in grants to teachers and \$22,111 in scholarships for staff development, additional degrees or to attend conferences and seminars. Teachers received grants and scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, which includes funding for a variety of programs and projects.

The Board took a short recess at 6:38 pm for a reception to honor the scholarship and grant recipients.
The meeting reconvened at 6:57 pm.

1st Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Calhoun Middle The Denton County Historical Commission wishes to work in

School Historical Designation conjunction with Denton Independent School District in pursuing an application which would name the Calhoun Middle School Main Building, formerly Denton Senior High (1924-1957) as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL). *The Texas Historical Commission RTHL designation is awarded to historic structures deemed worthy of preservation for their architectural integrity and historical associations. This designation is the highest honor the state can bestow on historic structures (Texas Historical Commission brochure).* The designation deals with the exterior features of the building only and does not deal with interior arrangement of spaces.

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

Financing Plan for 2007 Bond Bill Gumbert with RBC Capital Markets, the District's financial advisor presented the Board will information regarding the financing plan for the 2007 Bond Referendum.

On Tuesday, November 6, 2007, \$6,971,462,396 of Texas school district bonds was approved by voters. A portion of such bonds will begin to be sold in January and February 2008, and thereby, increase the supply of Texas school district bonds being marketed to investors

The projected cost of 2007 Bond Program is based upon the following assumptions: the 2007 Bond Program will be sold in two installments based on the District's current construction schedule; the bonds are amortized over a 30-year period; the District will utilize \$4,045,000 of its existing Interest & Sinking Fund Balance over the next four years (i.e. Years 2007/08 – 2011/12) to subsidize the debt service payments associated with the 2007 Bond Program. After the use of such funds, the District's Interest & Sinking Fund Balance will be approximately 10% of its maximum annual debt service requirement.

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

High School Course Catalog for 2008-2009 Vicky Christenson, Director of Secondary Curriculum provided the latest information on the High School Course Catalog and Planning Guide for 2008-2009. The course catalog is comprised of all of the course offerings, graduation requirements, testing information, GPA guidelines and information, and college information, and also serves as a planning guide. The changes made to this new catalog were for purposes of updating TAKS requirements, deleting courses no longer offered, reflecting Board approved changes, updating websites and other dynamic information, and for text editing.

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Discussion of District Goals	The Board will be provided historical documents used to develop past district goals.
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3 rd Quarter Growth Report	Gene Holloway, Director of Transportation & Planning provided information that will give the Board an understanding of trends in residential home sales, general market & economic conditions as well as growth in student population. Emphasis will be on the southern and eastern areas of the district where new student growth would be generated. This will help the Board to develop educational programming, attendance zones and placement of future school facilities.
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Long Range Technology Plan	The purpose of this report is to present the 2007-2010 Long Range Technology Plan updates that were submitted to TEA. Although the District's plan is already approved for three years, updates are required yearly by TEA. The updates were: to include objectives and strategies of components from the bond initiatives; to include the dollar amounts from the bond in the budgeting portion; to ask for additional personnel to meet state technology requirements in the classroom and to accommodate for growth.
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2 nd Open Forum	No one wished to speak
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Consent Agenda	Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Virginia Gallian
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To approve (the minutes of the November 19, 2007, December 11, 2007 and the December 13, 2007 board meetings; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Investment Report as of November 30, 2007; Budget Amendments as of December 31, 2007; approval of travel for Guyer High School Orchestra to attend Festival Disney in Orlando, Florida, April 3-6, 2008; approval of travel for Ryan High School Choir to attend the Director's Choice Choir Festival in South Padre Island, Texas, April 17-20, 2008; approval of travel for Ryan High School Orchestra to attend Festival Disney in Orlando, Florida, April 17-20, 2008; approval of travel for Ryan High School Strutters Drill Team to attend national competition in Galveston, Texas, March 13-16, 2008; approval of travel for Navo Middle School to attend the Director's Choice Concert Festival in San Antonio, Texas, May 16-17, 2008; and approval of the SHW and Corigan Architectural Services Contracts for the 2007 Bond Referendum).

	The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Approval of Debt Management Policy – 1 st Reading	<p>Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Glenna Harris</p> <p>To approve the Debt Management policy as an administrative regulation.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Approval of Revision to Policy CE (Local): Annual Operating Budget – 1 st Reading	<p>Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Curtis Ramsey</p> <p>To approve the revision of policy CE (Local): Annual Operating Budget as submitted on first reading.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Approval of Re-districting Plan for 2008-2009	<p>Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Mia Price</p> <p>To approve the proposed 2008-2009 Elementary School #19 and Middle School #6 re-districting plan as submitted.</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 recessed into closed session at 8:21 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into open session at 9:24 pm.
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 9:36

President

Secretary