

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, September 9, 2008 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Charles Stafford 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, 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 Hawk Elementary students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Woodrow Wilson Elementary has been named one of the top elementary schools in the state by the Texas Business and Education Coalition, which placed the school on its prestigious Honor Roll School list for 2008. The TBEC identifies Honor Roll schools by analyzing three years of performance data for every public school in Texas. A TBEC Honor Roll school must have a high percentage of students meeting state standards on every TAKS test for three consecutive years.

1st Open Forum Audrey Staniszewski, principal of Wilson Elementary addressed the Board and members of the audience to thank them for their help and support for Wilson receiving the TBEC Honor Roll award.

Dr. Roland Vela, a retired UNT professor presented the Board with a book he recently wrote on *Bernardo de Galvez Spanish Hero of the American Revolution*.

Maggie Dodd addressed the Board regarding TASB Update 83 and the proposed revisions to DGBA (Local).

International Baccalaureate (IBO) Report The purpose of this report is to update the Board of Trustees about the progress of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programmes in Denton ISD as well as the anticipated IB authorization timelines for

PYP and MYP, and the budget expenditures for the past three years.

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

Bilingual/ESL
Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of Trustees with information regarding Denton ISD's Bilingual and English as a Second Language Programs, including personnel, staff development and program successes.

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

The Board took a short recess at 8:24 pm and reconvened at 8:32 pm

Local Policy
Revisions to DGBA
(Local) Personnel-
Management
Relations:
Employee
Complaints/Grievan-
ces, DGBA
(Exhibit); FD
(Local)
Admissions, FD
(Exhibit); FNG
(Local) Student
Rights &
Responsibilities:
Student and Parent
Complaint/Grievan-
ces, FNG (Exhibit);
GF (Local) Public
Complaints, GF
(Exhibit)

The Board reviewed the TASB Update 83 Local policies which had exhibits associated with them. Randy Stout, the school district's attorney reviewed his recommended changes on DGBA (Local) and these same changes would be reflected in FNG (Local) and GF (Local)

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

UniServity
Collaborative
Learning
Communities
Technology

UniServity, based in the United Kingdom, provides the learning platform called "connected Learning communities (cLc)". The platform provides professional collaboration among our teachers with other teachers around the world. Using cLc at Denton HS, Ryan HS, and Guyer HS will allow students the opportunity to create safe and secure learning spaces (e-portfolios) that are interactive and may be shared with teachers and other students worldwide. It will provide teachers with extra assistance in collaborative lesson planning and delivery with other teachers from other classrooms. In addition, cLc provides a forum for students in IB to experience internationalism in a more personal manner.

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

Continued
Discussion of
Facilities Planning

Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent continued his discussion with the board regarding the design phase of high school #4. The Board will need to decide on facility capacity, current prototype designs, or if modifications need to be made.

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

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve (minutes for the August 26, 2008 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; approval of TASB Update 83 with exception of grievance policies DGBA (Local), FNG (Local) and GF (Local) on second reading; approval of DHS Band to travel out-of-state to Cozumel, Mexico for Festival at Sea performance, March 16-21, 2009; approval of DHS Choir to travel out-of-state to New York City March 12-16, 2009; approval of Extra-Curricular Status for Denton County 4-H Resolution; approval of Adjunct Faculty Agreement for Denton County Extension Agents; approval of equipment to be declared as surplus, disabled as required and sold at auction or as scrap.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Revisions to Policy
EHBB (Local)
Gifted & Talented
Students-1st
Reading

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve the revisions to Board Policy EHBB (Local) as submitted on first reading.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of
UniServity
Collaborative
Technology
Learning
Agreement

Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve the expenditure of \$59,000 to UniServity for providing a technology learning platform and staff development for our three high schools.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adopt Resolution for Expenditure Targets	<p>Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Curtis Ramsey</p> <p>To approve the Board Resolution Explaining Intent to Exceed or Fall Short of Proposed Expenditure Targets Established by the Commissioner of Education.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Certification of Appraisal Roll, Collection Rate, And Rollback Tax Rates	<p>Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Mia Price</p> <p>To approve the 2008-2009 certified appraisal roll, tax collection rate at 100%, and confirm the rollback tax rate of \$1.49005.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Consider and take action on the adoption of an order authorizing redemption of a portion of Denton Independent School District Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2000.	<p>Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Curtis Ramsey</p> <p>To approve the Order Authorizing Redemption of Denton Independent School District Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2000.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Approval of Tax Rate Ordinance	<p>Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Jim Alexander</p> <p>To approve the Ordinance Setting the 2008 Tax Rate for M & O at \$1.040, Debt Service at \$.450 for a total tax rate of \$1.49.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
3 rd Open Forum	<p>No one wished to speak.</p>
Closed Meeting	<p>The Board convened into Closed Session at 10:36 pm</p>
Open Meeting	<p>The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11: 00 pm</p> <p>Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Curtis Ramsey</p>

To approve the Correction Waterline Easement for Tomas Rivera Elementary School.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:12 pm

President

Secretary