

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, July 30, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Burns, English, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, Stafford, and Tays

Board Members Absent: Bundgus

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

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

Others: Cindy Breeding, *Denton Record-Chronicle*; citizens, staff, and students

Pledges The Pledges to the flags were led by staff.

Presentations/ Recognitions Madison Gordon, a Class of 2024 graduate from Ryan High School, won the UIL Class 5A state championship in Journalism – News Writing. In addition, Madison’s entry also won the “Tops in Texas” award, where the UIL selects the best entry from each of the first-place winners from all six conferences. News writing teaches students to read critically, digest and prioritize information quickly and to write clearly, accurately, and succinctly. Emphasis is placed on mechanical and stylistic precision, lead writing, use of direct and indirect quotes and news judgment.

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

Discussion of Staffing Plan Jason Rainey, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources provided the Board of Trustees with information regarding a differentiated staffing plan for elementary and secondary campuses. Included are mandatory class size statutes, overview of student enrollment projections, general staffing at both elementary and secondary campuses and review of Differentiated Staffing by program, by campus and administrator support. Differentiated Staffing plans honor the uniqueness of each campus within the Denton ISD.

Mandatory ratios per Texas Education Code §25.111

- The district must employ “sufficient” number of certified teachers
- The district must maintain not less than one teacher per twenty students in ADA.

Texas Education Code §25.112

- School districts may not enroll more than twenty-two students in PK – 4th Grade unless a waiver is requested from the commissioner.

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

Professional Staff
Appointments,
Resignations and
Employment

To expedite the hiring of personnel during the Spring and Summer the Board of Trustees gave the Superintendent authority to hire any contractual personnel including classroom teachers and administrators. The Board was provided with a list of those approved transactions.

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

1st Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion Patsy Sosa-Sanchez by and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve (the minutes for the June 11, 2024, June 18, 2024, and July 2, 2024 Board meetings; Hazardous Bus Routes for 2024-2025 school year; approval the District’s membership fees for participation in purchasing cooperatives and the rebates received from purchases through various cooperatives; approval of proposal solicitations (RFP) to all responding vendors as listed on the bid tabulation; approval of purchases in accordance with Board Policy CH(Local) - Purchasing and Acquisition; approval to apply for the Expedited and General State Waivers for the 2024 - 2025 school year as listed-staff Development Waiver, Modified Schedule/State Assessment Testing Days and Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System; approval to apply for a low attendance days waiver from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for 2023-2024 school year; approval of the parents, community member and employees who are willing to serve on the 2024-2025 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) as required by Policy BDF(Legal) and Title 2, Chapter 28, Section 28.004 of the Texas Education Code; approval of the MOU between Denton ISD and Community in Schools North Texas allowing CIS to support the needs of at-risk students for 2024-2025; approval of the MOU between Denton ISD and Community in Schools North Texas allowing CIS to serve as the ACE Grant Manager while supporting the needs of at-risk students for 2024-2025; approval of the contract from College Board in the amount of \$204,287.24 or College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) through the administration of the SAT Suite of Assessments; approval of the Renewal of the agreement of the City of Oak Point, Texas Resolution No. 2024-05-15R and the Denton Independent School District whereas City of Oak Point shall provide Denton ISD with two (2) certified police officers to

serve as school resource officers (SROs) assigned to Rodriguez Middle School and Cross Oaks Elementary School; approval of the Renewal of the agreement of the City of Oak Point, Texas Resolution No. 2024-05-15R and the Denton Independent School District whereas City of Oak Point shall provide Denton ISD with two (2) certified police officers to serve as school resource officers (SROs) assigned to Rodriguez Middle School and Cross Oaks Elementary School; approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a School Resource Investigator between the County and the District whereas the County provides Denton ISD with one (1) certified police officer to serve as school resource officer (SRO) assigned to Harpool Middle School and supporting Adkins, E.P. Razor, and Blanton Elementary schools; approval of the Memorandum of Understanding agreement pursuant to Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code (“TEC”) by and between the Independent School Districts (“ISDs”), which includes Denton ISD and the Denton County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (“DCJJAEP”) as the agent for the Juvenile Board of Denton County, Texas (“DCJB”), of the Denton County, Texas; approval of an Interlocal cooperation agreement between the Denton ISD (Joe Dale Sparks) and the Juvenile Board of Denton County; approval of the Service Agreement with Specialized Education of Texas, Inc. for 2024-2025; approval of Denton County Extension Agents as Adjunct Faculty Members for 4-H extra-curricular activities and 4H Resolution for the 2024-25 school year and Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Denton ISD and Argyle ISD, Aubrey ISD, Krum ISD, Ponder ISD and Sanger ISD for students to attend Career and Technical Education courses in Denton ISD).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting

Consider Approval of TASB Update 123 Local Policies with Revisions to CDC (Local): Other Revenues-Gifts and Solicitations- 1st Reading

Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve the TASB Local Policy Update 123 and revisions to CDC(Local) Other Revenues-Gifts and Solicitations - 1st Reading

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting

Consider Approval of Student Code of Conduct 2024-2025

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve 2024-2025 Student Code of Conduct

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting

2nd Open Forum

The following Community member provided written comment to the Board: Becky Bertoni

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 6:42 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:57 pm

 Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Lori Tays

 To approve the contract and employment of Dr. Susannah O’Bara for the position of Superintendent of Schools for Denton ISD.

 The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting

Closed Meeting The Board reconvened into Closed Session at 7:01 pm.

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:07 pm

 Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Lori Tays

 To approve of the Resolution affirming authority for the Superintendent or designee to effectuate the purchase of land on Martop Road and Burger Road.

 The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

 Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford

 To approve the purchase of approximately 4.494 acres of property located at 5200 Mills Road and further move we authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign all necessary documents and take any other action necessary for closing this purchase for reasonable compensation as discussed in closed session.

 The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

 Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Lori Tays

 To approve of the Resolution approving the sale of approximately 10.95 acres of property located at Lot 2, Block A of the Pat Cheek Middle School Addition #9, situated in the J. Morton Survey to TCDFW Acquisitions, LLC, and authorizing the Superintendent or designee to sign all necessary documents and take any other action necessary for closing this sale.

 The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

 Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve the offer from the Texas Department of Transportation to purchase approximately 0.574 acres of Denton I.S.D. land on the frontage of FM 1385 for the purpose of widening this state highway, I further move that we authorize Superintendent O'Bara to sign all necessary documents, other than deeds, which are necessary for the Closing of this sale.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Lori Tays

To approve and declare the remaining approximately 15 acres of property which is part of the approximately 100 acres of property situated in the H.B. Williams Survey, Abstract Number 1417, and V.E. Gailor Survey, Abstract Number 452, recorded in instrument 2009-108521, located on Sherman Road in Denton, Texas as surplus, and accept and approve the bid we have received from Pulte Homes, LLC for the approximate 100 acres as the bid is within the Fair Market Value of the land, and further authorize the Superintendent or designee to negotiate and to execute all necessary documents for closing of this sale on behalf of the District contingent upon the District finding another elementary school site in the general vicinity.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm

President

Secretary