

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, July 29, 2025, 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, Dunworth, English, Sosa-Sanchez, Stafford, Tays and Wright

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present:

Brownell, O'Bara, Parham, Pierce, J. Rainey, L. Rainey, Russell, Shulz, Smith, Stevenson and Thompson

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

Pledges The Pledges to the flags were led by staff.

Presentations/ Recognitions A team of Denton High School students earned an invitation to the 2024 National High School BBQ Championship. The team competed in the State High School BBQ Championship in May, going head-to-head with more than 120 teams from across Texas in categories such as ribs, ribeye, grilled cheese, chicken lollipops, chili, and optional brisket. Denton High School's combined team score earned them a spot at the National High School BBQ Championship that was held in June in Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Discussion of Local Gifted and Talented Plan Grace Anne McKay, Director for Advanced Academics Teaching & Learning provided the Board with information about the District's Expo Gifted and Talented program. This workshop is provided in accordance with §89.5 of the Texas Administrative Code, which requires districts annually certify that their gifted/talented program aligns with the Texas State Plan and that the board reviews the district's performance in providing GT services.

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

Discussion of Technology Update This presentation, a collaboration between Digital Learning and the Technology Division, highlights how each department's work influences student matriculation from PK-12. The Technology team demonstrated technology's critical role in fostering a robust learning environment and

showed direct alignment with the school board's "super six" goals, ensuring a future-ready educational experience for all students.

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

Discussion of
Certified Values &
Tax Rate

Jennifer Stewart, Executive Director of Budget, provided the Board with an update on certified property values, tax rate information, and legislation changes that relate to property values. The Board reviewed preliminary values for the 2025-2026 school year as part of its budget presentations. These preliminary values were presented under current law and were subject to change after the appraisal district conducted its appraisal review board hearings. The certified values are typically received by entities by July 25th.

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

Discussion of
Legislative Update

Dr. Deron Robinson, General Counsel, provided updates and resources to the Board of Trustees regarding the 89th Legislative Session. Denton ISD uses different formats to share its legislative priorities and how they align with our goals. Keeping up with legislative changes and engaging with elected officials can directly impact public education policies. Informing our community strengthens our voice and helps voters make informed decisions. Partnering with advocacy groups reinforces our commitment to supporting public education in Denton.

Over 9000 bills were filed, approximately 1200 passed, 107 education bills passed, and 26 bills vetoed.

First called special session of the 89th legislature convened on July 21st. Of the 18 items the Senate and House have jointly identified four priority items:

- Flood Relief and Mitigation
- THC Regulation
- Congressional redistricting
- Ending and replacing STAAR

Other School Items:

- Cut property taxes and impose spending limits on entities authorized to impose property taxes
- Banning “tax-payer-funded lobbying”

Deron reviewed the education bills that will be effective as of September 1st and will affect Denton ISD and students.

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

Discussion of
TASB Policy
Update 125 with
Revisions to EFB
(LOCAL) and
FNCE (LOCAL)

TASB Policy Update 125 includes revisions to legal policies based on legislative and regulatory changes that have an immediate effect on the governance and management of the district.

Because the law requires Districts to adopt a local policy so quickly, districts are allowed to implement the process for emergency adoption with one reading. Update 125 includes the changes to the following local policies:

- BDAA (LOCAL): DUTIES REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD OFFICERS
- BDB (LOCAL): BOARD COMMITTEES
- BDF(LOCAL): ADVISORY COMMITTEES
- EI (LOCAL): ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
- FDE (LOCAL): SCHOOL SAFETY TRANSFERS
- FEC(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

Additional revisions to the following policies are being recommended:

- EFB (LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
- FNCE (LOCAL): STUDENT CONDUCT

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

Discussion of
TASB Delegate
Assembly
Nomination and
Alternate

Delegates play a key role in TASB's governance—helping develop the vision for the Association. The Board of Trustees may appoint one delegate and one alternate to serve as DISD's representatives during the Assembly. The Delegate Assembly will include reports from various TASB committees; election of Directors and Officers; action on proposed Bylaws changes; and action on proposed changes to the 2025–2026 Advocacy Agenda. Continuing education credit will be granted for the keynote address and participation in the action on the Advocacy Agenda at the caucuses and Delegate Assembly.

Service as a Delegate or alternate ensures Denton ISD has a voice in TASB's future.

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

1st Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve (the minutes of the June 17, 2025 Board meeting; personnel matters, Budget Amendments as of April 30, 2025; approval of the UNT Dual Credit Partnership; approval of the TEA Staff Development Waiver: The Staff Development Minutes Waiver provides a maximum of 2,100 total waiver minutes to use for professional development for districts and charter schools that provide operational and instructional minutes; Approval of the SRO MOU between the City of Denton and Denton ISD where the City of

Denton will provide six certified police officers; Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for School Resource Investigator (Officer) Between Denton County and Denton ISD; Approval of the SRO MOU between the City of Aubrey and Denton ISD where the City of Aubrey will provide two certified police officers; approval of Budget Impact Statement for SRO MOU between the Town of Little Elm and Denton ISD for seven (7) SROs and one (1) Sargent; Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and Budget Impact Statement for Police/School Liaison Between The City of Corinth and Denton ISD where City of Corinth will provide one certified police officer; Amendment to the Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Elm Ridge Water Control and Improvement District of Denton County and Denton ISD; Amendment to the Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Denton County Paloma Creek Water Districts and Denton ISD; approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Juvenile Board of Denton County and Denton ISD for Joe Dale Sparks; approval of 2025-2026 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC); approval of the Hazardous Bus Routes for 2025-2026 School Year; approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between Denton ISD and Communities in Schools (CIS) for 2025-2026; approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between Denton ISD and Texas Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) through Communities in Schools; approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between Denton ISD and Paisley Street Preschool; approval of the Resolution with Denton County 4-H Extracurricular Activities and Adjunct Faculty for 2025-2026; approval of College Board's College Readiness and Success Agreement; approval of Change Order 001 to decrease the Guaranteed Maximum Price GMP by the amount of \$272,244.29; Approval of Cost of Earthwork and Temporary Irrigation at Country Lakes in the amount of \$ 867,251.00; approval of the W. S. Ryan PTA donation of \$29,346.60 to W.S. Ryan Elementary School; approval that RFP #2505-08 for Student Picture and Photography Services be awarded to Shutterfly Lifetouch, LLC, for Pre-K through 8th grade; approval of purchases in accordance with Board Policy CH(Local) - Purchasing and Acquisition; approval of the report for purchasing cooperative membership fees and rebates be accepted for the District's fiscal year 2025; approval of RFP# 2506-11, Special Education Professional Services, be awarded to the vendors as presented; approve the Contract of Exchange with the City of Denton for the exchange of the Denia Park and Borman Elementary School properties; approval of the Resolution Establishing a School Library Advisory Council).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Student Code of
Conduct 2025-2026

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded Buddy Dunworth
To approve the Student Code of Conduct for 2025-2026.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of TASB Delegate Assembly Nomination and Alternate	<p>Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford</p> <p>To approve the naming Tanya Wright an official voting Delegate and Buddy Dunworth as an Alternate to the 2025 TASB Delegate Assembly.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Consider Emergency Approval of TASB Update 125 with Revisions to EFB(LOCAL) and FNCE(LOCAL) – 1 st Reading	<p>Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Sheryl English</p> <p>To approve TASB Update 125 update with additional revisions to EFB (LOCAL) and FNCE(LOCAL) upon 1st reading.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
2 nd Open Forum	Speakers included Dustin Sharp and Nikki Sharp.
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:57 pm
Open Meeting	<p>The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:13 pm</p> <p>Motion by Tanya Wright and seconded by Buddy Dunworth</p> <p>To approve the Resolution for our settlement agreements with Texas Department of Transportation for the taking of our Fiber Optic Cable Easement along I-35E and reimbursing us for the value of the land, the cost of removal and relocation of the Fiber Optic Cable onto land now owned by Texas Department of Transportation.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM

President

Secretary