

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, December 14, 2010 at 6:00 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 Pecan Creek Elementary school.

Presentations/ Recognitions Wilson Elementary School has been named one of the top elementary schools in the state by the Texas Business and Education Coalition. This is the third consecutive year, and fourth time in the past five years, that Wilson has received this honor. TBEC schools on the Honor Roll have the highest percentage of students performing at the state's most rigorous standard commended in every subject.

Denton ISD schools were honored with 73 total Gold Performance Awards by the Texas Education Agency. TEA recognizes elementary and secondary schools for their significant gains on different portions of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test and other accountability areas.

1st Open Forum Judy Geise addressed the board regarding the Teacher Evaluation System

Report From Moak Casey & Associates Mr. Daniel T. Casey of Moak, Casey & Associates, a school finance firm presented the Board with information regarding the upcoming legislative session and the school finance "shortfall" of possibly upwards of \$29 Billion. Public education is approximately \$40 billion of the states' budget or 44%. Public education's share of cuts is 8%. Texas' financial situation is based on several factors: major economic

recession; Comptroller over-estimated state revenue growth, such as sales and business tax forecasts; Legislature over-relied on one-time sources of funding, such as stimulus funds and property tax relief and overspending on human services. The state legislators start its next session on January 11 and after they receive the state comptroller's report, they will outline the state's budget appropriations.

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

Discussion of
Teacher
Evaluation
System

The Appraisal Committee made up of district teachers and administrators provided the Board of Trustees with information regarding possible changes to the teacher evaluation for the 2011-12 school year. The committee was charged with researching whether to keep the current PRIDE teacher evaluation document or go to the state's PDAS (Professional Development and Appraisal System) for the 2011-12 school year. They also reported the districts could save more than \$35,000 if they went to the state's PDAS system.

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

Discussion of
High School
Schedule

Deputy superintendent Jamie Wilson and the high school schedule committee presented options for a master plan that could go into effect for the 2011-12 school year. The proposal would change the current A/B schedule to make course options more flexible, helping the district accommodate its current four percent annual growth and allow for increased participation in elective courses. The committee considered scheduling options from various school districts (Keller, Allen, and Weatherford) including: seven-periods per day, modified block schedule and block schedule.

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

Response to
Intervention
Report

This item will be moved to a future board meeting for discussion.

Trustee
Continuing Ed
Hours Report

Jim Alexander announced the continuing education hours as follows:

That all members of the 2010-2011 Board of Trustees – President Jim Alexander, Vice-President Mia Price, Secretary, Dr. Glenna Harris and trustees Dr. Curtis Ramsey, Dr. Rudy Rodriguez, Dr. Jeanetta Smith and Mr. Charles Stafford have exceeded the required hours of training in continuing education as of December 14, 2010.

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

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda Item K-DCTA Denton Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Fred Moore
Parking was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez

To approve (the minutes of the November 9, 2010 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Investment Reports as of September 30, 2010 and October 31, 2010; Budget Amendments as of November 30, 2010; Approval of City of Corinth SRO Agreement; Approval of City of Denton SRO Agreement; approval of Standard Life & Accident (Arbor Benefits Group) will be the stop loss vendor for 2011 and the new rates will be effective January 1, 2011; approval of the Unleaded, Bio Diesel and Diesel Fuel bid to Martin Eagle Oil for a term of two years with the option to extend the bid, for one additional term of twelve months; approval of Plano Office Supply bid for the purchase of office furniture, teacher desks, file cabinets and other miscellaneous items for a term of 2 years with the option to extend the term, for four additional terms of one year each; approval of exemption for District to “opt out” of HIPPA on all benefit plans; approval of travel for Denton High School Band to Walt Disney’s Magic Music Days in Orlando and Cocoa Beach, Florida, March 10-17, 2011; approval of travel for Guyer High School Orchestra to travel to the South Coast Music Festival in Corpus Christi/San Antonio, Texas, March 31-April 3, 2011; approval of travel for Navo Middle School Choir and Orchestra to travel to the Director’s Choice Music Festival in San Antonio, Texas, May 13-15, 2011; approval of Strickland Middle School Choir to travel to the Director’s Choice Music Festival in San Antonio and State Capitol in Austin, Texas, May 13-15, 2011; approval of Strickland Middle School Orchestra to travel to the Director’s Choice Alamo Showcase of Music in San Antonio, Texas, May 6-8, 2011).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of
Attendance
Boundaries –
Middle Schools

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve the Middle School Rezoning Plan Option B to balance student capacity levels at campuses and relieve overcrowding at Navo Middle School. Rezoning assigns 116 students to Strickland, 209 students to Calhoun and 35 students from Calhoun to McMath.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 10:46 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:52 pm

 Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

 To approve the placement of Chris Black on administrative leave without pay.

 The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

 Motion by Rudy Rodriguez and seconded by Glenna Harris

 To approve of the Correction Deed to Fred Moore Day Nursery, Inc. for the purpose of clarifying the gift of this land from Denton I.S.D. is made pursuant to Texas Education Code, section 11.1541

 The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:01 am.

President

Secretary