

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 11, 2007 at 6:13 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, and Smith

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late: Stafford arrived at 8:30 pm

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 Ginnings Elementary School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions The Board recognized Providence Elementary School and its principal Susan Bolte for receiving TEA's "Exemplary" rating for the 2006-2007 school year. To gain "Exemplary" status, a school must have received a 90 percent passage rate in all accountability areas. Plus, the SDAA II, which is a state-developed assessment for special education students, must have a 90 percent passing rate. Providence was also among the District's 13 schools to receive special recognition from TEA for its significant gains on different portions of the TAKS and/or other accountability areas. Providence received Commended Performance: Reading; Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science

Denton ISD was awarded a "Best Practice in Career and Technical Education" for Successful Practices for Student/Parent Outreach. The award was co-sponsored by the National Council of Local Administrators for Career-Technical Education (NCLA) and the National Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE). Marty Thompson, director of Career and Technical Education and dean of the LaGrone Advanced Technology Center received the award in Oklahoma City at a 2007 "Best Practices" National Conference.

1 st Open Forum	No one wished to speak
Redistricting Presentation & Discussion 2008-2009	Gene Holloway, Director of Planning & Transportation provided the Board of Trustees with information on the proposed attendance zones for the 2008-2009 school year to facilitate the August 2008 opening of Elementary #19 and Middle School #6. Review and adjust campus profiles. The main objectives will be to look at campus capacity levels, demographics, and grade level distribution.
Public Hearing for AEIS Report, PBMAS Report & TELPAS Report	Denton ISD is required by law to make this information available to the public and to hold a public hearing. Dr. Braswell, Superintendent reviewed some of the highlights of the AEIS report regarding student ethnic populations, student demographics, attendance and dropout percentages, TAKS, SAT and ACT test scores, program expenditures, staffing and salary data and District revenue sources. The PBMAS, ELI/SELI and TELPASS reports were also included in the report for the Board. The public hearing closed at 7:36 pm. No one wished to speak.
Discussion of Establishment of Debt Management & Fund Balance Policy	At the recommendation of the District's Financial Advisor, Mr. Bill Gumbert with RBC Capital Markets, advised Denton ISD to create a Debt Management Policy to establish responsibilities and guidelines for the issuance of debt obligations and to provide guidelines for the ongoing management of the District's debt portfolio. Also the District's CE (Local) policy will be revised to include a section on the District's optimum Fund Balance. This item is for information only. No action is required.
Discussion of Preliminary Financing Plan for 2007 Bond Program	Mr. Bill Gumbert, the District's Financial Advisor reviewed the preliminary timetable for the sale of bonds for the 2007 bond referendum. This item is for information only. No action is required.
Reconstitution of Bond Progress Committee	The Board discussed the reconstitution of the Bond Progress Committee by inviting the current Citizen's Advisory Committee members if they wish to participate as well as to ask the current Bond Progress Committee members if they wish to continue in this capacity.
Update from Child Care Committee	The Board received an update from Ms. Marcey Arel, Committee Chair for the District's Day Care committee. The committee is looking at providing care for children in the age ranges of 0 – 2 years

at the beginning with the ability of expansion to 6 year olds. The committee is looking at central Denton for the first facility location.

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

Bond Progress
Committee
Report

Dorothy Martinez presented, Bond Progress Committee member presented the Board with an update on the current status of the 2002 and 2004 Bond projects.

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

SWAP
Performance
Report

Mr. Bill Gumbert, with RBC Capital Markets, the District's Financial Advisor presented information to the Board regarding the performance of the 2005 and 2006 Swap Agreements. Denton ISD's outstanding swap agreements have continued to provide a lower interest cost in comparison to traditional fixed rate bonds.

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

Construction
Report

The Board was provided a CD updating them with the status of the current bond construction projects.

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

Special
Education
Program Report

Val Morgan, Director of Special Education provided the Board with information regarding Denton ISD's special education department including personnel, curricular and innovative programs, staff development, and a summary of program successes. The special education department provides services and supports for 2,357 students. These students range in age from three (3) years through 21 years. Students with disabilities account for 0.12% of the total enrollment in Denton ISD.

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to

Consent Agenda

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve (the minutes of the November 13, 2007 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Investment Report as of Oct. 31, 2007; TASB Update 81 Local Policies 2nd Reading: BDAE(LOCAL): OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS - DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF DEPOSITORY; DC(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES; DGBA(LOCAL): PERSONNEL-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS - EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES; FD(LOCAL): ADMISSIONS;FEA(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE; FEC(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE - ATTENDANCE FOR

CREDIT; FFH(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - FREEDOM FROM HARASSMENT; GKC(LOCAL): COMMUNITY RELATIONS - VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS; GKG(LOCAL): COMMUNITY RELATIONS - SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM; renewal from the TASB Risk Fund for Property Casualty Insurance for 2008; approval of four year extension to the HON Furnishings proposal 041216-F; approval of contract with Charter-Heery Builders, Ltd to be CM-at-Risk provider for all construction projects contained in the 2007 Bond Referendum; electrical line easement and right-of-way with CoServ Electric; approval of meetings list for Trustee Continuing Education Requirements and Legislative responsibilities; Budget Amendments as of Nov. 30, 2007; approval of DHS Student Council travel to attend the 2008 LEAD Conference in New Orleans, LS, February 8-10, 2008; approval of DHS Band to travel to Honolulu, Hawaii, March 26-20, 2008; approval of GHS Silverados to travel to Cozumel, Mexico on March 14-19, 2008; approval of RHS Band to travel to South Padre Island, Texas on April 17-20, 2008; approval of Calhoun Middle School Band and Orchestra to travel to Schlitterbahn Water Park Music Festival in New Braunfels, Texas, May 9-10, 2008 and amendment to Educational Purchasing Cooperative of North Texas (EPCNT) Interlocal Agreement)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of
2008-2009
School Calendar

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Curtis Ramsey
To approve the 2008-2009 school calendar as submitted.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

DCAD
Resolution for
Candidates for
Board of
Directors

Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Glenna Harris
To cast 357 votes for Mr. Charles Stafford and 316 votes for Mr. Rick Woolfolk for the candidates of Board of Directors for the Denton Central Appraisal District.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Order
Approving
Conversion of
the Interest
Rate on Denton
ISD

Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Jim Alexander
For the Board of Trustees to hereby exercises its option in Section 3.02(e) of the Bond Order to convert the interest rate on the Bonds from the Term Rate to a Semiannual Rate. The conversion date shall be February 1, 2008. The President, Vice President and Secretary of

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Unlimited Tax
School Building
Bonds, Series
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the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent and Executive Director of Budget and Finance of the District shall be and are hereby expressly authorized and directed to do and perform all acts and give all notices and execute and deliver in the name of the Issuer all certificates, instruments and other documents necessary or desirable in order to carry out the conversion of the interest rate on the Bonds in accordance with this Order, including certificates or other instruments necessary or desirable to maintain the exclusion from gross income of interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Closed Meeting

The Board recessed into closed session at 8:32

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:09 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 pm.

President

Secretary