

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, March 20, 2018 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Mia Price who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Chadwick, Martinez, Price, Smith and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Lopez, Perkins, O'Bara, Stevenson and Zavala

Others: Caitlyn Jones, *Denton Record Chronicle*; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Stephens Elementary School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Leah Cook, school nurse at Strickland Middle School was recognized as March's Educator Spotlight. Leah often finds unique ways to teach students about health and wellness and even worked with a local business to ensure that Strickland students in need have healthier outlets for food and snacks at home.

Two Denton Independent School District students, one from Ginnings and one from Stephens Elementary School will each have the opportunity to have their artwork displayed in Austin as part of the Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Capitol Celebration. Of the district's four submissions, these two were chosen as part of the top 100 and will have their artwork displayed at the State Capitol and Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum for Youth Art Month.

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

1st Open Forum Eric Grunor addressed the Board on the grading policy.

Karen Goff is a pediatrician in Denton and has three children in the DISD and addressed the Board about the grading policy

Kacie Rice a teacher in DISD addressed the Board on her assessment practices regarding the grading policy.

Lisa Morales addressed the Board on the grading policy

Tina Cartwright addressed the Board regarding the grading policy.

Discussion and
Review of 2018-
2019 Budget

Jennifer Stewart, Director of Budget reviewed the assumptions used I projections which are:

- Projected 1,000 additional students per year for 19-20 and 20-21
- Projected funding for 5% of the ADA for Gifted and Talented
- Projected growth in property values of \$1,000,000,000 for 19-20 and 20-21

Ms. Stewart showed the different scenarios using 1.4 Billion, 1.7 Billion and 2 Billion in property growth.

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

Discussion of
Assessment
Practices

Susannah O’Bara, Area Superintendent for Academic Programs provided an update to the implementation of the Districts’ assessment practices as well as information received through on-going conversations with students, teachers, parents and administrators. The Academic Leadership Team began to examine grading practices in the fall of 2012 after concerns were raised about the accuracy of grades and what they communicate to parents. Ms. O’Bara and Dr. Dan Ford, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction have met with teams of teachers from each high school and have dates set to meet with teams of middle school teachers and have met with parents as well. The proposed modifications are:

- Reformat current guidelines to support effective implementation.
- Determine criteria for demonstrating new learning to qualify for reassessment.
- Establish systems for addressing non-academic behaviors in order to enhance the development of “soft skills” in our students.

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

Discussion of
Redefining
Ready

Dr. Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent for Academic Programs provided an overview of the ***Redefining Ready!*** initiative advanced by AASA (The School Superintendents Association). This national effort is intended to reveal new research-based metrics, which more appropriately assesses our students’ college, career, and life readiness. Participating in this ***Redefining Ready!*** initiative allows the District to access an extensive body of research that supports multiple measures of readiness indicators. Most importantly, redefining ready in Denton ISD allows us to recognize the efforts and successes of each child as they strive for college readiness, career readiness, and life readiness; rather than their readiness being determined by a test score.

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

Discussion &
Review of TASB
Update 110 and
Policy CE
(Local) Annual
Operating
Budget

Update 110 focuses on updating and reorganizing several policies in the BB series of the policy manual addressing board member eligibility and qualifications, elections, and vacancies and removal from office. The policy on board elections has been divided into several codes for ease of use, and district choices about election processes are now located in BBB(LOCAL) rather than in the LEGAL policies to better match the structure of the other policies in the manual. CCA, addressing bond elections, and CPAB, addressing political advertising, were also updated as part of the elections review. In addition to these changes, Update 110 includes several other policies affected by legislation from the 85th Legislative Session that were not included in Update 109.

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

Report of
Campus
Enrollment
Capacity

Dr. Daniel Lopez, Area Superintendent for Academic Programs provided a report to the Board of Trustees on projected enrollment that guide the intra-district and inter-district transfer process. The Academic Programs department will determine and communicate the ability of each campus to accept student transfers in advance of the transfer request window

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

3rd Quarter
Attendance
Report

Dr. Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent for Academic Programs provided a report showing the attendance percentages for each grade level for the 3rd Cycle from January 4, 2018 through March 9, 2018. The total attendance average for the Denton ISD for the 3rd cycle is 94.52%.

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

Update on
District Fiber
Projects &
Internet
Providers for E-
Rate 2018

Ernie Stripling, Technology Information Officer provided the Board an update on the E-Rate submissions and fiber connectivity. The operational impact on our fiber locates and Internet is currently covered 40% by the technology budget and 60% by E-Rate. Region XI is developing long term Internet connectivity across the entire Region XI area. Denton ISD is one of 9 hub sites for this regional network. DISD will have 8 to 10 local area ISD's connected to us. Region XI is handling all the E-Rate filings for this very complex dark fiber and Internet connectivity. The additional Region XI 10gb Internet circuit to Braswell HS from Region XI will require a separate firewall and ancillary equipment. We projected the hardware as a onetime cost in the 17-18 budget for this project. We will be filing E-Rate for a 60% discount on the Internet filtering hardware equipment for this connection in this year's submission.

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

2nd Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda Mrs. Price pulled items B2-Naming of Area Superintendent and item K-Approval of Internet Equipment for Disaster Recovery at Braswell High School from the consent agenda.

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Doug Chadwick

To approve (minutes of the February 27, 2018 Board meetings; personnel matters, leaves and absences; approval of the Administrator Contracts for 2018-2019; Investment Report as of January 31, 2018; Head Start Compliance Reports for February 2018; Ann Windle School For Young Children Head Start FY18 Refunding Grant Application; approval of US Communities quote with the options chosen submitted by Virco Manufacturing in the amount of \$373,497.63 for Guyer High School Addition; approval of the interlocal agreement to join and participate in the Region 10 Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative; and approval of RFP# 1802-05 for Instructional Supplies, Services & Equipment for vendors that scored 85 points or higher, for a term of two years).

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 9:09 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:33 pm

Motion by Dorothy Martinez and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the real estate contract for the purchase of 401 North Elm Street, Denton Texas.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Jeanetta Smith

To approve the offer to purchase approximately 151 acres of real estate situated on North Bonnie Brae, Denton, Texas

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:54 pm

President

Secretary