

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, February 12, 2013 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, Harris, Price, Rodriguez, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Bostic, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Sargent, Hicks, 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 Evers Elementary school students.

Presentations/ Recognitions: There were no presentations

1st Open Forum: Anijah Hollins – student at Newton Rayzor read her story about The Emancipation Proclamation and spoke about the importance of Black History month

Alexia Hollins – student at Newton Rayzor also read her story and spoke about the importance of Black History month.

Willie Hudspeth- addressed the Board about the District needing more diversity.

Discussion of University of Seville Student Teaching: Dr. Jerry Thomas, Dean of Education at UNT presented information regarding this international exchange program and thanked the Board for approving this partnership with UNT and Denton ISD. Four student teachers arrived from Spain’s University of Seville. The University of Seville students will be mentored by DISD teachers at the following campuses Hawk Elementary, Denton High School, and Guyer High School.

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

Discussion and: Dr. Mike Mattingly, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Review of Hope, Engagement & Well-being Survey

along with Dr. Debra Nobles, McMath Principal and Shaun Perry, Navo Principal – gave an overview of the Hope, Engagement, and Well-Being student poll results. It is part of the district’s Gallup Poll engagement. They presented the results of the 2012 Gallup Student Poll in the following categories: Nation, State, Denton ISD, and each Denton ISD middle school. Each campus will have the opportunity to administer the Gallup Student Poll annually each fall at no cost to the school or district. Each school will determine action steps based on poll data.

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

School Finance Lawsuit/ Legislative Update

Dr. Wilson stated that Judge John Dietz announced his ruling on the Education Finance lawsuit stating the State of Texas system that is used to fund public schools is unconstitutional. Judge Dietz went on to say the state funding to Texas school districts is inadequate and allocated unequally and that local officials have no true discretion in setting their property tax rates. The decision marked the second time in a decade that the state's school finance system has been ruled unconstitutional by Texas courts. The trial, which began in October of 2012, involved more than 600 school districts that sued the state for adequate financial support.

Dr. Wilson discussed HB5 which was presented by Representative Jimmie Aycock and SB 3 introduced by Senator Dan Patrick will be two education bills the District will watch closely. House Bill 5 and Senate Bill 3 would allow more local control to allow End of Course exams to count 15 percent of a student's final grade in a course as well as cut down on the number of EOC exams needed for a student to graduate.

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

2012 STAAR and End of Course (EOC) Results

Dr. Mike Mattingly, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction presented the STAAR results from tests administered one year ago. The results for the STAAR are based on the phase-in passing standard. Eventually, the passing standard will be raised to the final (higher or more difficult) passing standard for each test.

All STAAR results in Denton ISD for “all students” in English were above the state performance. All Denton ISD EOC exams were above the state performance excepting Algebra I. Algebra I performance tied the performance at the state level.

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

Discussion of Charter Schools

Dr. Jamie Wilson, Superintendent explained the impact on the school district in relation to area charter schools. Several charter schools had recently

requested from TEA to increase their enrollments.

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

Discussion of
Employee
Benefits Online
Enrollment

The district made a change to TRS ActiveCare for medical coverage effective January 2012. Core Source was the online enrollment vendor for the self-funded plan and worked with the district and TRS/BCBS to complete the enrollment process with TRS ActiveCare for the first year. TRS ActiveCare/BCBS must be notified by February 18, 2013 as to the enrollment vendor to be used by the district. The District has interview four of the five TRS approved vendors. The Board of Trustees was provided a spreadsheet comparing the various vendors and related services.

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

Technology Plan
Review

Barry Fox, Director of Instructional Technology provided the Trustees with updated information regarding the District's long range technology plan which is currently in year 2 of the 3 year plan. The plan document is filed with Region 11 every three years and outlines the following components in regards to technology:

- Needs Assessment
- Goals & Objectives
- Budget
- Evaluation

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

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda

Motion by Rudy Rodriguez and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve (the minutes for the January 15, 2013, January 22, 2013, May 21, 2012, December 17, 2012 and December 21, 2012 board meetings; personnel matters and leaves and absences; Investment Report as of December 31, 2012; Budget Amendments as of January 31, 2013; approval of US Employee Benefits Service Group (USEBSG) for online enrollment and related services; approval of surplus equipment; approval of travel for Denton High School Orchestra to travel out-of-state to the Winter Park Music Festival in Winter Park, Colorado, April 10-14, 2013; approval of Ryan High School Interact Club to travel with Rotary to Mantuga, Nicaragua on March 9-16, 2013).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and

Approval of Call
for Election

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve of the Order of Election to be held on May 11, 2013.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and

Consider
Approval of
Borman IB
Program

Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve of Borman Elementary pursuing authorization by the International Baccalaureate Organization beginning with summer 2013.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and

3rd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:05 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:30 pm

Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the sale of approximately 3.167 acres of land to the Texas Department of Transportation for the widening of FM 720.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 pm

President

Secretary