

The Board of Trustees of Denton Independent School District, State of Texas, met in a Special meeting at the Denton ISD Central Services building, 1307 N. Locust St., Denton, Texas, on Tuesday, September 23, 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: O’Bara, Parham, Petito, Pierce, J. Rainey, L. Rainey, Robinson, Schulz, Smith, and Thompson

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

Pledges The Pledges to the flags were led by Reeves Elementary School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Six Denton ISD students had their artwork selected for display in the prestigious Visual Arts Advocacy exhibition at the 2025 TxEDCON—Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Convention—held September 11–14 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. The exhibition, presented by the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA), showcased artwork from 95 school districts across the state. Each year, the TAEA exhibit highlights the importance of art education for students in prekindergarten through 12th grade by featuring selected student artwork during the annual TASA | TASB Convention. Participation in the exhibit also counts toward the TAEA District of Distinction criteria, serving as one component of the 14-point rubric that recognizes outstanding visual art programs statewide.

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

Open Forum Community members that addressed the Board: Rebecca Bertoni and Megan Boyden.

Discussion of Bond Progress Update Dean Anthony and Alana Taylor, Bond Progress Committee members, presented the Board with information from the recent Bond Progress meeting held at Reeves Elementary School.

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

Discussion of
Construction
Update

Brandon Boyter, Executive Director of Construction, Planning & Growth provided the Board an overview of current active construction which includes Borman Elementary, High School #5, Hodge Elementary School, and Ryan Elementary School. Boyter also gave an overview of completed projects and future projects.

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

Discussion of
Efficiency Audit

Dr. Jeremy Thompson, Deputy Superintendent, gave the Board an overview of the efficiency audit. House Bill 3 (86th Legislature, 2019) requires school districts to undergo an efficiency audit prior to holding a voter-approval tax rate election (VATRE). The purpose of the efficiency audit is to assess the District's fiscal management, efficiency and utilization of resources, and whether the District has implemented best practices utilized by Texas school Districts.

At the June 10, 2025 board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn, Seay, and Scarborough to perform the efficiency audit. The district must post the audit results on the district website at least thirty (30) days before election day. The Board of Trustees must hold a public meeting to discuss the results before the election. The estimated cost of the efficiency audit will be approximately \$15,000.

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

Discussion of 2025
Summer Learning
Programs and
Beginning of Year
Data

Sandy Brown, Executive Director of Elementary Curriculum and Dr. Lisa Thibodeaux, Executive Director of Secondary Curriculum, provided an overview of district's 2025 summer learning programs and beginning-of-year diagnostic testing. They outlined the range of summer opportunities offered to students across grade levels and described the role of diagnostic assessments in establishing baselines for instruction at the state level.

Summer Learning Programs provide impactful summer learning opportunities that allow students to stay engaged, avoid summer loss, prepare for the coming school year, accelerate learning, and/or re-learn essential concepts and standards. The programs offered during the summer are Pre K-5 Elementary Scholar Camp, Math 8 Course Recovery, Career and College Exploration, High School Summer Credit Recovery, High School Spanish I Acceleration, and College Prep English and Math.

The beginning-of-year data was presented with the purpose of establishing a clear starting point for each student by identifying strengths, gaps, and readiness for grade-level learning and to help teachers tailor instruction, group students effectively, and set appropriate goals.

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

Discussion of Dual Language and ESL Programs Annual Update

Caleb Leath, Director of Bilingual and ESL Programs, provided an overview of the program enrollment, student performance, professional development, parent and community engagement, and focus areas for 2025-2026. Denton ISD served 7,096 emergent bilingual students in 2024-2025. The percentage of emergent bilingual student enrollment has increased by 4.29% over the past five years. At the end of the 2024-2025 school year 488 students were reclassified. The top 5 languages of emergent bilingual students other than Spanish are English, Telugu, Arabic, Vietnamese and Korean.

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

Discussion of Nomination for Denton Central Appraisal Board of Directors

President Burns announced that this item will be pulled from the agenda due to the fact that the Board did not have a current nomination for the Denton Central Appraisal Board of Directors.

Denton ISD Quarterly Growth Report

The information provided in the quarterly growth report includes the general DFW housing market data, economic indicators, and Denton ISD residential activity as of the 2nd quarter.

This item is for information only. No action is required

Intruder Detection Audit Report

Region 11 is conducting Intruder Detection Audits pursuant to updated legal requirements. To date six (6) Denton ISD schools have been reviewed. Further details if any have been provided to the Board in executive session and will be provided to the district's Safety and Security Committee in an upcoming meeting for the purpose of safety and security.

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Consent Agenda

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Lori Tays

To approve (the minutes of the August 26, 2025 and September 9, 2025 board meetings; Budget amendments as of August 31, 2025; Approval of TEA class size waiver requests; Approval of Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Appraisers for 2025-2026; HB 3372 Outside Employment Disclosure and Contract/Agreement Requests; Purchases in accordance with Board Policy CH(Local); Interlocal Agreement Between Denton ISD and the Region 5 SETX Purchasing Cooperative; Donation in accordance with Board Policy CDC(Local) to Hill Elementary School; Recurring request for proposal (RFP) Solicitations; TEA Remote Homebound Instruction Waiver; Offer from the City of Denton to purchase construction and drainage easements for the Westgate Dr. Reconstruction

Project; Lease Agreement between the Town of Cross Roads and Denton
ISD for Founders Day Event)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Nomination for
Denton Central
Appraisal Board of
Directors

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Central Appraisal Board of Directors.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:19 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:35 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm

President

Secretary