

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 22, 2015 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Harris, Martinez, Price, and Smith

Board Members Absent: Stafford

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

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

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

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Navo Middle School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions CrossFit of North Texas has become an avid supporter of Denton ISD, its students and its staff over the past few years. The organization promotes physical fitness and healthy lifestyles thru its workout programs and counts several district families and staff as dedicated members. CrossFit of North Texas partnered with the Denton Public School Foundation to start the Barbell Bash fundraiser in 2013. To date the Barbell Bash – a competition of aerobic and strength-training exercises – has raised more than \$15,000 for at-risk students in Denton ISD. Included in that amount is a donation of more than \$8,300 for this year, presented by representatives of CrossFit North Texas and Amy Gulley, a dyslexia therapist for the district.

Drs. David and Karen Goff, with support from Cook Children's Health Care System, recently partnered with the Denton Public School Foundation to donate more than \$4,300 to the district's department of health services to supply funds for automatic external defibrillators or AEDs.

1st Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Discussion of Career & Technical Education Annual Report Carla Ruge, Director of Career & Technology and Marcus Bourland, ATC Principal provided the Board with an overview regarding Denton ISD Career and Technical Programs, including highlights, funding, and program performance. CTE enrollment continues to increase as total enrollment increases. Career & Technology has 30 different programs; 127 CTE

Courses; 15 Clusters; 40 Certifications and Licensing and 42 College Articulated Agreements.

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

Discussion of High School Dual Credit Program

Vicky Christenson, Director of Secondary Academics provided the Board with information on the District's high school dual credit program which helps our students to earn both high school credit and college credit at the same time. Current dual credit agreements with TWU, UNT and NCTC allows the district to offer 15 dual credit courses on our high school campuses. All dual credit courses, which are aligned with Advanced Placement courses, are taught on Denton ISD campuses by district teachers. This model maximizes student participation since students do not have to travel to the colleges, guarantees teaching of the TEKS, and creates a classroom atmosphere where students feel safe and supported as they engage in more rigorous learning.

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

Discussion of Community Engagement Report

Mario Zavala, Director of Communications & Community Relations, Chris Shade, Director of School Improvement and Support, and Julie Zwahr, Coordinator of Communications provided the Board with an update and progress of the Community Engagement - "What We Value" community survey initiated by the District during the spring of the 2015-15 school year.

The survey has provided the District with unbiased feedback that will allow the District to continue to focus on our areas of strength and show us where we could stand to improve. It has also shown us where we have established data to share with our stakeholders to prove our values align with their own and shown us where we must research other ways to tabulate data to prove that our values align with their own. Most importantly the end result of this survey provided evidence that our community sees our students as more than just numbers on standardized tests.

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

Discussion of Denton Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

The Denton Central Appraisal District has requested its taxing jurisdictions to nominate up to five people to be considered for their Board of Directors. An individual that is serving on the governing body of a city, county, or school district is eligible to serve as an appraisal district's director.

The nominations must be returned to the Denton Appraisal District by October 15, 2015.

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

Annual Discipline Report	<p>David Hicks, Area Superintendent for Secondary Academics informed the Board of Trustees of the information reported to the Texas Education Agency through PEIMS regarding disciplinary actions taken during the 2014-2015 school year. TEA requires reporting of every disciplinary action that removes a student from the regular classroom or educational placement for periods of one school day or more. Typically, this includes any action involving in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, placement in a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP), or expulsion from school (JJAEP). There are also requirements for reporting specific types of behavior for analysis by the Safe and Drug Free Schools Division of TEA, which administers state and federal grant money.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
2 nd Open Forum	No one wished to speak.
Consent Agenda	<p>Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Glenna Harris</p> <p>To approve (the minutes for the September 8, 2015 Board meeting, personnel matters, leaves and absences; Approval to apply for a maximum class size exemption waiver from the Texas Education Agency as required by Texas Education Code (TEA) 25.112 as submitted; approval of the 2015-2016 Inter-Local agreement between Denton County and Denton ISD for the School Resource Officer at Harpool Middle School; approval for Harpool Middle School Band and Orchestra to travel in-state to the Director's Choice Music Festival/Schlitterbahn Water Park in Houston/Galveston, Texas, May 20-21, 2016; and approval of the Harpool Middle School Choir to travel in-state to the Alamo Showcase of Music in San Antonio, Texas, May 20-22, 2016).</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
3 rd Open Forum	No one wished to speak.
Consider Approval of Nominations for Denton Central Appraisal District Board of Directors	<p>Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Dorothy Martinez</p> <p>To approve and name Charles Stafford as the District's nomination for the Denton Central Appraisal District's Board of Directors.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:34 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:25 pm
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 9:51 pm

President

Secretary