

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, November 11, 2008 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Charles Stafford who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Harris, Price, Ramsey, Rodriguez, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Braswell, Rutherford, Wilson, Stripling, Monschke, Stephens, 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 staff Denton High School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Denton ISD had six seniors, who have been honored for their high scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), an assessment taken last year by high school juniors nationwide. They were among the 1.2 million students from 20,000 high schools who entered the 2009 Merit Program.

Two seniors Daniel Pickett & Sophia Tanner have been named National Merit Semifinalists. They are among an elite group of only 1,600 semifinalists throughout the United States who were named in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program. These national semifinalists are now eligible to compete for 8,000 Merit Scholarship Awards, which totals more than \$30 million in scholarships.

Denton ISD had three commended scholars, Gina Bishop, David Heyen, Teodoro Soares from Guyer High and Mary Strange from Ryan High. To be named a commended scholar, the students had to place in the top five percent nationwide on the PSAT test. Teodoro Soares was also named a National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar Finalist.

The College Board recently announced that 98 Denton ISD students were recognized for their exceptional achievement on Advanced

Placement courses and exams. The College Board recognizes high school students, who have distinguished themselves academically, by announcing AP Scholar award recipients.

Artwork from six Denton Independent School District students was recently showcased by the Texas Art Education Association at the Texas Association of School Boards exhibit in Dallas. The exhibit showcased kindergarten through 12th-grade art from across Texas.

1 <sup>st</sup> Open Forum	No one wished to speak.
Report from Investment Pools	<p>The Board of Trustees received information as to the impact of the changes in the current financial market on the district's investments in the various investment pools. The District currently invests in the following investment pools:</p> <p><b>TexPool</b> – a government pool investing primarily in a portfolio of short-term U. S. Treasury and government agency securities, including repurchase agreements collateralized by U. S. Treasury and government agency securities. TexPool does not invest in any corporate securities or commercial paper.</p> <p><b>TexSTAR</b> – a local government investment pool created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act specifically tailored to meet Texas state and local government investment objectives of preservation of principal, daily liquidity and competitive yield. TexSTAR does not invest in derivatives, which include instruments which have embedded features that alter their character or income stream or allow holders to hedge or speculate on a market or spreads between markets that are external to the issuer or are not correlated on a one-on-one basis to the associated index or market, commercial paper or certificates of deposit.</p> <p><b>First Public</b> – Lone Star Investment Pool – Liquidity Plus Fund – designed with the objectives of safety of principal, daily liquidity, and the highest possible rate of return. It invests only in securities issued or backed by the U. S. Government or its agencies and instrumentalities.</p>
Presentation of Audit Report	<p>Carl Deaton of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn &amp; Seay, presented DISD's Audit report for the year ending June 30, 2008.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
2009-2010 School Calendar	<p>The Board was presented a "draft" of the 2009-2010 school calendar. The calendar is based on 180 days of instruction, 187 teacher contract days, three staff development waiver days, and seven teacher in-service days.</p>

	This item is for information only. No action is required.
Investment Policy Review CDA(Local) Other Revenues: Investments	The Board reviewed suggested revisions to policy CDA(Local) and is required to review the District's investment policy on an annual basis. This policy will be placed on the December 9 agenda for first reading.  This item is for information only. No action is required.
Continued Discussion of Pre-K Facility Design	The Board continued their discussion of the design plans for the Pre-K facility including overall space arrangement, classroom pod design/groupings and the use of library services.  This item is for information only. No action is required.
New Secondary Courses 2009- 2010	The Board reviewed the changes to the high school course offerings for the 2009-2010 school year. Once the campuses initiated a request for the addition or deletion of a course, the Director of the Secondary Curriculum Department works directly with all campus principals, associate principals, the Academic Leadership Team (department chairs in the four core content areas), and other Directors and program specialists to evaluate the requests.  This item is for information only. No action is required.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Growth Report	The Board of Trustees was presented information concerning the general DFW housing market, the economic indicators and Denton I.S.D. residential activity for the 3rd Quarter 2008. The report also identifies high growth areas and the potential impact on the district.  This item is for information only. No action is required.
Security Audit Report	Theresa Grant presented the Board with information regarding the security audits that have taken place on the elementary and secondary campuses. Informing the Board of Trustees of the audit process and outcomes is a requirement of Senate Bill 11. Ms. Grant also offered district-wide recommendations for addressing concerns noted from the audits.  This item is for information only. No action is required.
Annual Investment Report	Debbie Monschke presented the Board with information regarding the annual review of investments for the district. The report included comparison data of Investment Pools, interest rates and investment earnings by type and by fund.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Jeanetta Smith

To approve (minutes for the October 21, 2008 board meeting and the revised minutes of the July 29, 2008 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of October 31, 2008; Policy revisions to FFAC (Local) Wellness and Health Services: Medical Treatment; and deletion of FFAB (Local) Wellness and Health Services: Immunizations on 2nd reading; approval of the providers of investment officer training as follows: Texas Association of School Business Officials; University of North Texas Center for Public Management; Government Treasurers Organization of Texas; Texas Association of School Boards – Lone Star Investment Pool; Texpool; TexSTAR; First Public/LoneStar; First Southwest Asset Management, Inc.; Region XI Education Service Center; and Patterson & Associates; approval of the disposal of outdated computer hardware submitted by Round 2, in the amount of \$11,664.00; approval of the Pride Appraiser List for 2008-2009)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Naming of Employee Motion by Rudy Rodriguez and seconded by Jeanetta Smith

Childcare Center To approve naming the new DISD Child Development Center the “Virginia Gallian Child Development Center”.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of Audit Report Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve the Audit Report as submitted.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of 2008 Certified Tax Roll Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve the 2008 Certified Tax Roll with net taxable value of \$8,832,995,179, and beginning levy of \$131,671,428.29.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and

voting.

Approval of Schematic Design Concept for Pre-K Facility Design

Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve schematic design with the addition of the geo-thermal system for the new Pre-K Facility.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of New Secondary Courses 2009-2010

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve the new secondary courses for 2009-2010 as submitted.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Open Forum

Stephen Souris a district parent addressed the board regarding the security procedures at McMath Middle School.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:20 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:07 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 pm

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President

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Secretary