

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, April 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Mia Price who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members            Burns, English, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, Stafford, and Tays

Present:

Board Members            Bundgus

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel        Brown, O’Bara, Parham, Pierce, J. Rainey, L. Rainey, Robinson, Russell,  
Present:                    Schulz, Stevenson, Stewart, Thompson, and Wilson

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

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

Presentations/  
Recognitions            Each year, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) honors businesses and organizations for their support and exceptional advocacy of public schools. This statewide honor, as part of “Stand Up for Texas Public Schools,” recognizes local businesses, community organizations and individuals that partner with school districts, making a difference in the lives of public-school students. The New Pi Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. has been incredibly active throughout Denton ISD, volunteering their time and resources to support students and staff. Sigma Gamma Rho volunteered at Denton ISD’s Back to School Fairs in 2023 and has also donated school supplies to Rodriguez Middle School and Ann Windle School for Young Children. In addition, Sigma Gamma Rho is also passionate about mentorship. Sigma Gamma Rho has made a profound impact on students at Ann Windle by taking time to read to them on multiple occasions during class.

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

Discussion of Child    Chris Bomberger, Executive Director of Risk Management along with Liz  
Nutrition                Rafferty, Director of Child Nutrition presented to the Board of Trustees, for  
Community            their review and discussion, the potential to move 10 Denton ISD schools  
Eligibility              into Community Eligibility Provision. The program is offered by United  
Provision               States Department of Agriculture through Texas Department of Agriculture.  
This program would allow Child Nutrition to provide free breakfast and  
lunch options to all students enrolled at the ten schools regardless of family

financial position. These ten school sites will no longer be responsible for unpaid meal debt and the ongoing collection throughout the school year. There is potential for households' savings with the implementation of this program.

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

Discussion of  
Budget 2024-2025

Dr. Jeremy Thompson, Deputy Superintendent presented the following items to the Board of Trustees

- 2023-2024 Average Daily Attendance
- Review of Property Values
- Review of 2023-2024 Revenue
- 2024-2025 Revenue Assumptions
- 2024-2025 Projected Revenue

Discussion of  
Board Operating  
Procedures

Each year, the Board of Trustees selects a committee of three members to review the Board Operating Procedures in order to keep them up to date and reflective of the responsibilities of the members of the Board. The purpose of the report is to review the proposed revisions to the Board Operating Procedures as recommended by the committee. The Trustees working on the revisions to the Board Operating Procedures were Amy Bundgus, Barbara Burns and Lori Tays.

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

Denton Utility  
Management Audit  
Report

Paul Andress, Executive Director of Operations along with Brandon Hoke with TDI presented the Board of Trustees the utility management processes in all Denton ISD's facilities from July 2023 – December 2023.

This audit includes the following:

- 1) Total consumption and cost comparison.
- 2) Analysis by utility type.
- 3) Percentage change of energy use.

Paul stated DME will be increasing the electricity costs by 25% which equates to about \$875,000.00 for a year.

The district's square footage will be increasing in 2024 with the opening of new campuses thus the utility/usage cost will increase.

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

2023-2024 5<sup>th</sup>  
Reporting Period  
Attendance Report

Lesli Guajardo provided the Board with 5<sup>th</sup> reporting period attendance report. The report provides campus and district ADA percentages for the 5<sup>th</sup> reporting period (RP 5) of the 2023-2024 school year (February 20 – April 12, 2024) and compares this data to prior years. There were 32 instructional

days in the 5<sup>th</sup> reporting period. The district ADA% for 2023-2024 reporting period 5 is 94.32%.

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 38 Denton ISD schools have been reviewed. Corrective actions, if any, have been completed at this time. Further details 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.

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

Professional Staff  
Appointments,  
Resignations &  
Employment

To expedite the hiring of personnel during the Spring and Summer the Board of Trustees gave Dr. Wilson the authority to hire any contractual personnel including classroom teachers and administrators. The Board was provided with a list of those approved transactions.

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

2024-2025 Salary  
Recommendations

Jason Rainey, Interim Assistant Superintendent provided the Board of Trustees with information regarding the new teacher hiring schedule for Denton ISD teachers and librarians for the 2024-2025 school year. As Denton ISD has received no state funding increase in the per pupil allotment, this proposed recommendation includes: no pay increase for employees, and an adjustment to decrease the starting pay from \$59,340 to \$59,000 for beginning teachers.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To Approve (the minutes from the April 9, 2024, board meeting; personnel matters, leaves, and absences; AWSFYC Head Start monthly compliance reports for February and March; the firm of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn, Seay and Scarborough for the 2023-2024 fiscal year audit; K-12 science and CTE instructional materials selected through the adoption process; USDA program Community Eligibility Provision be implemented for the academic year 2024-2025 which comes with an annual renewal for 4 one-year periods; RFP #2203-01C Local Retail Stores; RFP #2209-14B Fundraising Supplies and Services; RFP #2209-15B Food, General Grocery Items & Catering Services; Budget Amendment as of April 15, 2024; Total Probable Cost including the Guaranteed Maximum Price submitted by BWC in the amount of \$7,853,930.00 for a Total Probable Cost of \$8,653,166.00 for Phase 1 of the Guyer High School Project; Cost of professional services in the amount

of \$269,500.00 for geotechnical engineering in the design of High School #5; Interlocal agreement between the City of Denton and Denton ISD for the joint use of select facilities and transportation services; Change Order Number 002 to decrease the GMP by the amount of \$1,116,959.00).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval  
of Revised Board  
Operating  
Procedures

Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve the Board Operating Procedures with the requested revisions.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum

The following community members addressed the Board: Rebecca Bertoni, Gina Day, and Donna Smith.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:30 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:28 pm

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Lori Tays

To approve the termination of the probationary teaching contract of Alisa Jones at the end of the contract term in the best interest of the district.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm

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President

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Secretary