

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, January 22, 2013 at 6:02 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, Stephens, 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 Providence Elementary school students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Co-Serv, electric company presented a check to the district for \$14,590.15.

Guyer High School's football team made history this season, winning the UIL Class 4A Division I State Championship – the school's first in athletic competition.

Seven elementary students representing three Denton Independent School District schools had their artwork displayed at the State Capitol in Austin in a special art exhibit for the Texas Association of School Boards and School Administrators conference this past fall.

The Texas Association of School Boards designates January as School Board Recognition Month. Its goal is to build awareness of the crucial role the board of trustees play in our community and other school districts across the state. This year's theme is "*Rising to New Heights*" Students from the ATC Advertising Design class presented the board with a book of appreciation and the seven elementary art students which had their artwork displayed at the Texas Association of School Boards and School Administrators conference drew a special art piece for each of the Trustees.

1st Open Forum Bob Clifton addressed the Board regarding the 2013 board elections and feels there needs to be a change. He also addressed the Board regarding a land purchase in the Lantana area.

Willie Hudspeth addressed the Board regarding not enough African American students being recognized.

Public Hearing
for AEIS Report

Dr. Jamie Wilson, Superintendent presented the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report for the 2012-13 school year. The AEIS report provides information regarding TAKS test, attendance rates, annual dropout rates, and several college readiness indicators.

The report included:

- a higher passing percentage in TAKS reading, math, writing, science, and social studies than the state average for the 10th consecutive year.
- a dropout rate lower than 1.5 percent for four consecutive school years, including a 1.4 percentage rate for 2011 - which was more than four points lower than the state average.
- an attendance rate of 96.3 percent, which was higher than the state average.
- a higher percentage of teachers with a master's degree (28.5 percent) than the state average

Teresa Taylor, Director of ESL/Bilingual department, presented the TELPAS report and Marcia Kellum, reading specialist, gave the ELI/SELI report.

Dr. Valenta, Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources, gave the NCLB report regarding the District's Highly Qualified status of DISD's teaching staff in the core academic areas. For the 2012-2013 school year, Denton ISD is reporting 100% of its teachers being Highly Qualified under the NCLB requirements.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:33 pm for public comment and closed at 7:35 pm.

Mr. David Sanchez addressed the Board regarding the District having very few Hispanic staff members.

Discussion of
Borman
International
Baccalaureate
(IB) Program

Robert Gonzalez, Borman Principal shared with the Board of Trustees the exploration process and steps Borman Elementary has taken to prepare for applying for International Baccalaureate status. The school began exploring IB options in 2011. Mr. Gonzalez said the school would submit the IB application in April. During the 2013-14 school year, an IB consultant would work with the staff to help in the implementation. Assistant Superintendent Mike Mattingly outlined the importance of Borman joining the IB schools since it also feeds into Calhoun Middle.

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

Update on
Bonding
Capacity

Bill Gumbert, Managing Director of BOSC, Inc. presented an update to the District's Bonding capacity. The District has \$76,745,000 of authorized bonds remaining to be sold from the 2007 Bond Program. The "50.0 Cent Bond Test" the District may only issue new bonds to the degree it can prove, prior to sale, its Interest & Sinking Fund ("I&S") tax rate and will not exceed 50.0 cents. The legality of the "50.0 Cent Bond Test" has been included within the School Finance Lawsuit coordinated by Thompson & Horton, LLP. During the 3-years preceding the 2007 Bond Election, the District's tax base increased by an average of \$883,614,649 per year. Since the 2007 Bond Election, the District's taxable value has increased by a total of \$850,061,585 or an annual average of \$170,012,317. Taxable valuation growth and State funding has not kept pace with the cost of needed school facilities. In year 2001/02, the District received \$2,512,001 (13.9% of its annual bond payment) of State funding assistance for the repayment of bonds and in year 2011/12, no State funding was received for bond repayments. Over a 30-year bond repayment period: The dollar reduction of State funding assistance equals \$75.4 million; and the percentage reduction in State funding assistance (from 13.9% to 0%) equals \$193.8 million.

Based upon the assumed taxable valuation growth, the District may issue the remaining \$76.745 million of bonds authorized from the 2007 Bond Program and maintain a maximum I&S tax rate of 49.0 cents.

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

Discussion of
Energy
Conservation
Measures

Paul Andress, Executive Director of Operations presented information regarding energy conservation measures the District would like to expand on. The following are a few items the District would like to work towards replacing:
Exterior Lighting Fixture Retrofit; Heating Boiler and Hot Water Heater Replacement; Intelligent Irrigation Controls; HVAC System Retrofit; Enhanced Freeze Protection. The annual savings would be \$199,510 with a cost of \$2,130,185 and would payback with 7.2 years. Utility conservation programs have allowed the district to keep an almost flat total utility budget over the last six years even with enormous growth.

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

Safety and
Security Update

Bill Knight, Environmental Safety Manager for the District presented an overview of the District's Emergency Management Response program as it relates to the State's mandated security audits and how it relates to safety and security in all of the District's facilities. Some of the heightened safety measures implemented by Denton ISD include: card access systems at all campuses, more camera coverage at each building, increased secured entrances, higher emphasis on lockdown drills, increased interaction with local law enforcement officials and improved campus visitor procedures.

	This item is for information only. No action is required.
Discussion of Budget Process	Debbie Monschke, Asst. Superintendent of Administrative Services presented an overview of the 2013-2014 Budget planning calendar.
	This item is for information only. No action is required.
Update on Instructional Materials Allotment	Darrell Muncy, Director of Student Services presented an overview of the District's Instruction Materials Allotment.
	This item is for information only. No action is required.
Bond Progress Report	Janet Shelton Bond Committee Co-Chair presented the Board with an update of the last Bond Progress Committee meeting.
	This item is for information only. No action is required.
Construction Report	The Board received a report of the current construction projects.
	This item is for information only. No action is required.
Attendance Report	Darrell Muncy, Director of Student Services presented the Board with the Attendance report showing the attendance percentages for each grade level for the third grading cycle (November 5, 2012 – December 21, 2012). The total attendance average for the Denton ISD for Cycle 3 is 95.79%.
	This item is for information only. No action is required.
Head Start Self-Assessment Report	Each Head Start Program is required to develop a comprehensive process for Self-Assessment that addresses all of the management systems and service areas that are part of every well-run Head Start program.
	This item is for information only. No action is required.
Review of High School Course Catalog	Vicky Christenson provided the Trustees with a draft copy of the 2013-2014 High School Course Catalog. The course catalog is comprised of all of the high school course offerings, graduation requirements, testing information, GPA guidelines and information, and college information, and also serves as a planning guide. The changes made to this new catalog were for purposes of continuing to update the new STAAR state assessment requirements, deleting courses no longer offered, adding new courses already approved by the Board, reflecting any Board approved changes, and for text editing.
	This item is for information only. No action is required.

2nd Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez

To approve (the minutes for the December 12, 2012 board meeting; personnel matters and leaves and absences; Investment Report as of November 30, 2012; Budget Amendments as of December 31, 2012; Approval of TASB Update 95 local policies on 2nd reading; approval of SHAC representative; approval of MOU Between Denton ISD and UNT Office of International Student & Scholar Services; approval of Projector Proposal #121211 submitted by Pathway Communications for purchase and mount data projectors at 3 secondary schools including Guyer, Crownover and Navo total of \$329,218.29; approval of travel for Strickland Middle School Band to travel to the Music Festival Competition in San Antonio, Texas, May 3-5, 2013; approval of travel for Ryan High School AFJROTC to travel to Fort Hood/Killeen, TX; Lackland AFB, Randolph AFB, and Ft. Sam Houston / San Antonio, TX; and Camp Mabry/ Austin, TX on March 28-30, 2013; approval of travel for Denton HS Jazz Band to travel to the Texas Tech Jazz Festival in Lubbock, Texas, April 19-21, 2013; approval of travel for Crownover Middle School Jazz Band, Choir, and Orchestra to travel to the Alamo Showcase of Music in San Antonio, Texas, May 3-5, 2013; approval of travel for by Ryan High School Strutters Drill Team to travel to Cypress and Houston, Texas February 28 – March 3, 2013, for the Showtime, International Dance/Drill Team Competition; and approval of the monthly Ann Windle School For Young Children Head Start compliance reports including finance, attendance, nutrition, and volunteers).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 10:14 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:20 pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:40 pm

President

Secretary