

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 24, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Bundgus, Burns, English, Price, Stafford, and Tays

Board Members Absent:

Sosa-Sanchez

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present:

Brown, Henson, O'Bara, Parham, Pierce, J. Rainey, L. Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Schulz, Stewart, and Thompson

Others:

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

Pledges

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

Presentations/
Recognitions

Four Denton ISD elementary schools have been recognized as Professional Learning Community (PLC) Model School by Solution Tree, recognizing the campus' sustained success in raising student achievement. The 4 campuses are: Blanton, E.P. Rayzor, McNair, and Savannah.

Earlier this summer, PMC Barbershop provided free haircuts to students at both of Denton ISD's Back-to-School Fairs. These Back-to-School Fairs provided school supplies and other resources – including haircuts – to more than 4,000 students, helping them p

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The TexTESOL V (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Teacher of the Year is an annual award given to an exemplary English

Language Teacher from the North Texas area. This past spring, Denton High teacher Seth Ross was one of only three recipients of the TexTESOL V Teacher of the Year award. Mr. Ross has been a teacher for 24 years. The last 10 years he has been at Denton High School.

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

Summer Learning Programs Report

Sandy Brown, Ex-Director of Elementary Curriculum and Dr. Lisa Thibodeaux, Ex-Director of Secondary Curriculum provided an overview of the Denton ISD instructional program opportunities offered during Summer 2024.

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 Elementary Scholar Camp, Elementary Jump Start, Middle School Jump Start 7-8, Math 8 Course Recovery, High School Algebra 1 Jump Start, HS Summer Credit Recovery, ESL High School Summer Credit Recovery, Bilingual/ESL Pre-K Summer School. 2,900+ students received accelerated instruction, maintained skills, and/or retrieved credit through successful attendance at the summer instructional. In comparison in academic achievement in math and reading between the end of the previous school year and the start of the new year for students who attended Scholar Camp as compared to their “statistical twin” who did not attend Scholar Camp showed a 224% gain for attendees in mathematics and reading had a 113% gain in the 0-50th percentile and no gain in the 51st-99th percentile. Of the 156 eligible students in the Math 8 Recovery Program, 83 successfully completed 73 required high school elective. The HS Credit Recovery program showed a 40 % cost savings in personnel vs. repeating the full course.

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Dual Language and ESL Programs Annual Report

Caleb Leath, Director of Bilingual and ESL Programs presented the annual report. This report consists of Bilingual/ESL program data from the 2023-2024 school year. Denton ISD continues to serve 6139 emergent bilingual students. The 5-year average growth of emergent bilingual students averages to 310 per year. At the end of the 2023-2024 school year 559 students were reclassified. The top 5 languages of emergent bilingual students other than Spanish are English, Telugu, Arabic, Vietnamese and Korean and 56 other languages. The Homework Help Hotline in collaboration with UNT and TWU had 2289 sessions helping students. Sixty-four teachers attended either the Bilingual or ESL certification professional development. Thirty-two teachers were successful in passing either the ESL Supplemental or Bilingual certification.

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

Discussion of
Nomination for
Denton Central
Appraisal Board of
Directors

The Denton Central Appraisal District (DCAD) has requested its taxing jurisdictions to nominate by Resolution up to five people to be considered for their Board of Directors. The Resolution must include the name and address of each candidate nominated. To be eligible to serve on the board, an individual must be a resident of the district (Denton County) and must have resided in the district for at least two years immediately preceding the date they take office. According to Section 6.03 of the Property Tax Code, it is the chief appraiser's responsibility to initiate this process. The chief appraiser does not have the authority, or duty to investigate, or judge, the qualifications of the nominees. The nominations must be returned to the Denton Appraisal District by October 15, 2024

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

Bond Progress
Report

Susan McGuire-Cooksey, Bond Progress Committee member, presented the Board with information from the recent Bond Progress meeting held at Calhoun Middle School.

This item is for information only. No action is required

Construction
Report

Brandon Boyter, Executive Director of Construction, Planning & Growth provided the Board an overview of current active construction which includes Hill Elementary; Reeves Elementary; Multipurpose Centers for Denton High, Guyer & Braswell; Track & Field for Crownover Middle Schol, Myers Middle School & Rodriguez Middle School. Boyter also gave an overview of completed projects and future projects.

This item is for information only. No action is required

Denton ISD
Quarterly Growth
Report

Rocky Gardner, Zonda Education presented the 2nd quarter demographic report to the Board of Trustees. The district has 55 actively building subdivisions. Within DISD there are 21 future subdivisions in various stages of planning. Of these, groundwork is underway on more that 2,500 lots within 14 subdivisions. During the 2nd quarter, 225 of those lots were delivered. Denton ISD is forecasted to enroll more than 36,600 students by 2028/29 and more than 41,400 students by 2033/2034.

Multi-Family overview – There are more than 5,000 multi-family units under construction across the district. Within Denton ISD there are more than 6,800 future multifamily units in various stages of planning across the district.

This item is for information only. No action is required

Career &
Technology
Education (CTE)
Annual Report

Carla Ruge-Fritz, Director of Career & Technology, Will Milne, Career & Technology Coordinator and Marcus Bourland, LaGrone Academy Principal presented an overview regarding Denton ISD Career and Technical Programs CTE has 14,430 students who are involved in a CTE program. LaGrone Academy has 216 full-time students with 2300 students part-time and full-time combined who are enrolled. Of the 216 full-time students, 19 of them are out of district students. LaGrone had 3,334 certifications in 2023-2024 which is almost 300 more than the previous school year. Of those certifications, 2,698 are CCMR (College career Military Readiness) eligible.

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 4 (four) 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.

This item is for information only. No action is required

Professional Staff
Appointments,
Resignations and
Employment

To expedite the hiring of personnel during the Spring and Summer the Board of Trustees gave the Superintendent 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.

1st Open Forum

Community member that addressed the Board: Dr. Terry Senne retracted her original request to speak. No one else wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve (the minutes of the August 27, 2024, Board meeting; amendment to the 2024-2025 adopted budget due to beginning in tax year 2021, SB2 (87th Legislature) requires all taxing units to include the tax rate calculation forms as an appendix to the budget. Denton ISD adopted the fiscal year 2025 budget prior to the start of tax year 2024. Therefore, an amendment to the budget is required for compliance; 2024-2025 Budget Amendment #3; Total Probable Cost including the Change Order of to the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Ryan High School Multipurpose Building, Black Box Theater and Fine Arts Renovations Project. Joeris General Contractors submitted a Change Order to GMP in the amount of \$36,051,118. The approval of this Change Order will create an overall GMP for the Ryan Project of \$37,000,363 and a combined total probable cost of \$40,449,366; Change Order Number 001 to decrease the contract price by the amount of \$20,000.00 for CSP# 2311-11 2024 Summer Roofing Project- Fred Moore Day Nursery; TEA Class Size Waiver as presented; Ann Windle School for

Young Children, (AWSYC) August Head Start compliance report and Monthly Program Information Report, Enrollment and Attendance, Meal Count/Volunteer Hours and Financials; Purchases in accordance with Board Policy CH(Local)-Purchasing and Acquisition; approval to renew the award of RFP #2308-CNS0241 Child Nutrition Small-wares for one additional year; approval of the college preparatory courses memorandum of understanding between North Central Texas College and Denton ISD; 2024 – 2025 Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) certified appraisers; resolution to approve the land swap agreement between the City of Denton and the Denton Independent School District for the building of a new Borman Elementary School campus facility; approval of the PreDevelopment and Professional Services Agreement and Interlocal Agreement for the Acquisition and Development of Property for the Construction of a High School and Career and Technical Education Center with the Town of Cross Roads as presented; approval of a joint termination letter which will effectively terminate the current MOU and Subcontract for Childcare Services for the Fred Moore Day Nursery School (FMDNS); approval of quote from American Communications in the amount of \$2,299,746.35 for the purchase of a district radio communication system.)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Certification of Appraisal Roll, Collection Rate and Voter Approval Roll

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Mia Price

To approve the 2024 Certified Appraisal Roll, tax collection rate at 100%, and confirm the voter approval tax rate of \$1.1569.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Tax Rate Ordinance

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.1569, which is effectively an 11.46% percent increase in the tax rate.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Nomination for Denton Central Appraisal Board of Directors

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Sheryl English

To nominate Charles Stafford for the Denton Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Total Probable Cost and

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Lori Tays

To approve the Total Probable Cost including the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the construction of High School #5 with an overall GMP for the

Guaranteed Maximum Price for High School #5	High School #5 Project of \$304,997,194 and a Total Probable Cost of \$336,372,956, as submitted by CORE Construction. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of Total Probable Cost and Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Former Newton Rayzor Demolition Project	Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford To approve the Total Probable Cost including the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the demolition of the building at the old Newton Rayzor campus. Board approval will create an overall GMP for the demolition project of \$890,711 and a total probable cost of \$1,085,711, as submitted by BWC Education Group. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of the Total Probable Cost and Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Former Calhoun Middle School East Building Demolition Project	Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Charles Stafford To approve the Total Probable Cost including the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the demolition of the east building at the old Calhoun campus. BWC Education Group submitted a GMP in the amount of \$398,266 for a Total Probable Cost of \$528,266. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of Total Probable Cost and Change Order to the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Relocation of the Current Transportation West Facility Project	Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Lori Tays To approve the Total Probable Cost and Change Order to Guaranteed Maximum Price to include the relocation of the current Transportation West Facility. Joeris General Contractors submitted a GMP in the amount of \$14,267,257 for a Total Probable Cost of \$15,862,641. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
2 nd Open Forum	DISD Staff that addressed the Board: Christine Elling; Community members that addressed the Board: Rebecca Bertoni
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:13 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:51 pm Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve the Resolution approving the sale of approximately 16.6 acres of Denton ISD property located in the Middle School #9 Plat located on or near Denton Way.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Lori Tays

To approve the purchase of the commercial building on approximately 3.0 acres of land located on Mosely Road in Cross Roads, as discussed in closed session, and authorize the Superintendent to sign all necessary documents and take any other action necessary for closing this purchase.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Lori Tays

To approve the Tenants in Common Agreement with the Town of Cross Roads pertaining to the development

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm

President

Secretary