

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, October 27, 2020 at 6:01 PM.

Pursuant to the Governor Abbott's Temporary Suspension of Open Meetings Laws issued on March 16, 2020, this meeting will be conducted via videoconference, which will be audible to the Board and public and allow for two-way communication. The Board President, presiding officer of trustees were physically present at one location, a quorum will be required for the meeting on the videoconference or phone. The public may access this meeting or obtain an electronic copy of the agenda packet at <https://www.dentonisd.org/trustees>.

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

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Chadwick, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Niven, Mattingly, Pierce, Stripling, Perkins, O'Bara, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Stevenson, Valenta and Zwahr

Others: Marshall Reid, *Denton Record Chronicle*; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by staff

Presentations/ Recognitions Each year in conjunction with the Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Board Convention, the Texas Art Education Association hosts a display featuring original artwork from Texas public school children in grades PreK through 12. This fall Denton ISD had seven students from various elementary campuses that were honored. The students were from Bell, Borman, Cross Oaks, Pecan Creek, and Stephens Elementary Schools as well as Harpool and Rodriguez Middle Schools.

The Texas Association of School Psychologists (TASP) recently named Francis Chen, Denton ISD Licensed Specialist in School Psychology, Outstanding School Psychologist for the state of Texas. Mr. Chen is also a long-time member of both the TASP and the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). Mr. Chen has provided psychological services in Denton ISD for the past 16 years.

COVID-19 Update

Dr. Matt Richardson provided the Board of Trustees with a COVID-19 update. Denton County currently has 2,807 active cases, 12,507 recoveries, 5 deaths with a total 16,437 cases. Cases are trending upward and there is a 2-week delay from the point of a person being tested before it is reflected on the Denton County Health departments system. Dr. Richardson stated there is an increase in community spread and individuals need to continue to wear masks.

Susannah O'Bara reviewed the updated student numbers for Connected Learning students, F2F students and the average class size for F2F students by High School zone. The largest F2F class size averages 22 students.

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

Discussion of HB3: Additional Days School Year for 2021-2022

Susannah O'Bara, Area Superintendent provided the Board with information regarding the options provided under HB3: Additional school days for targeted campuses. HB 3 provides ½ day funding for up to 30 additional school days, beyond 180 minimum days on approved calendar. To achieve 180 days on the approved calendar, 8 additional days would be necessary. To allow for alignment in holidays and breaks throughout the year, the proposal considers an additional 19 days eligible for ADSY. Teacher contracts would allow for an additional 25 days. ADSY could provide extended services to students and increased pay to teachers at no additional cost to district.

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

Discussion of Legislative Priorities in Preparation of the 87th Legislative Session

Dr. Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent, and Deron Robinson, General Counsel reviewed what had been discussed with the Board of Trustees at previous Board meetings and continue work to outline the district legislative priorities for the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. The legislative priorities for the Denton ISD are aligned to Board goals as the Trustees advocate for our students and public education in Texas.

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

Required Testing Report

Lyneille Meza, Director of Assessment Data provided the Board with the required student testing in Denton ISD. Student assessment is required to measure learning, determine readiness for curriculum, and entry into special programs. This information keeps the Trustees well-informed of the testing requirements for students.

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

Special Education Report

Debbie Roybal, Executive Director of Special Education provided the Board of Trustees with a report of special education services and programs that are provided to 3,714 students with disabilities currently enrolled in Denton ISD during the 2020-2021 school year. The goal of the department is to provide training, coaching, leadership and guidance to ensure that students with

disabilities are educated in the least restrictive environment with supplemental aide and supports or in specialized programs to meet each student's individual needs. Training and support are provided to general special education teachers, specialized program teachers, paraprofessionals, campus administrators, support staff, and others.

For 2020 the District's special education percentage reached 11.8%. Currently, 82% of students with disabilities are learning in a general education setting with supplemental supports and services or accommodations.

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

2020-2021-1<sup>st</sup>  
Reporting Period  
Attendance  
Report

Angela Ricks, Director of Student Support Services provided the campus and district ADA percentages for the 1<sup>st</sup> Reporting Period of the 2020-2021 school year (August 26, 2020 through October 2, 2020) and to compare this data to prior years. Our current ADA for the first reporting period is 95.91%. This percentage will increase once the RAU absence code becomes active in eSchoolPlus. For this school year, monitoring attendance while students have the option for face-to-face and remote instruction has posed some challenges for the entire learning community. We have taken this first reporting period to provide education to students and parents regarding the "new" way of monitoring attendance. The truancy prevention measures used in Reporting Period 1 include, but are not limited to; automated phone calls, flyers, student and parent communications, warning letters (314), online truancy class referrals (53), counselor referrals (217), attendance contracts (20), campus consequences (702), and home visits (96). The biggest change from previous years is the increase number of counselor referrals, campus consequences and home visits.

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

Head Start  
Annual 644  
Financial  
Compliance  
Report

This report is provided to the Board of Trustees as a summary of the Ann Windle School for Young Children (AWSYC) Head Start Administrative Requirements and Standards from section 644 of the Head Start Act. Annually, each Head Start Agency must report the following information from the most recently concluded fiscal year:

- The total amount of public and private funds received and the amount from each source.
- An explanation of budgetary expenditures and proposed budget for the fiscal year.
- The results of the most recent review of the financial audit.

AWSYC is funded by a Federal Grant in the amount of \$1,393,945. The award for 2019-2020 reflects a COLA (cost of living adjustment) increase over the previous year in the amount of \$23,876. The grant requires a local match of 20% or \$348,486. A total from all sources during the 2019-2020 school year for matching dollars is \$991,122. The decrease in match was due to the impact of Covid-19.

As a result of AWSYC designation as a Head Start Program, Denton ISD was able to serve 193 students in a full day Head Start program implemented by 11 highly qualified/certified, degreed teachers.

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

Open Forum No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda Motion by Doug Chadwick and seconded Jim Alexander by

To approve (the minutes of the October 13, 2020, 2020 Board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Investment Report as of September 30, 2020; Budget Amendments as of September 30, 2020; approval of RFP #2009-14 Propane Fuel and Services be awarded to Northwest Propane Gas Company for a term of three (3) years from date of award through October 31, 2023 with the option to auto-renew for two (2) one-year extensions; approval of CSP #161012 Bulk Fuel-Unleaded & Bio Diesel award be extended for the final renewal term of one-year (1) beginning December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021; approval of Resolution of the Board of Trustees acknowledging the review of the Investment Policy as required by the Public Funds Investment Act, naming the Superintendent, the Chief Financial Officer, the Executive Director of Financial Operations, and the Director of Finance as Investment Officers for the District; approval of the quote from C&C Distributing Co Inc dba J&S Equipment Co in the amount of \$177,207.00 for the library furniture at Strickland Middle School; approval of the quotes from Lea Park & Play, Inc. in the amount of \$967,158.50 for the playground replacement projects at Cross Oaks Elementary Pre-K, Hodge Elementary, Providence Elementary, W.S. Ryan Elementary, Windle School for Young Children and Ginnings Elementary; approval of the quote from Lea Park & Play, Inc. in the amount of \$138,493.00 for the playground fall surface upgrade project at Union Park Elementary; approval of the quotes from Lea Park & Play, Inc. in the amount of \$240,418.00 for the playground project at Wilson Elementary; approval of the quotes from Steps to Literacy in the amount of \$189,851.25 for Spanish classroom libraries. While the actual amount of the purchase is dependent on the number of the students & classes, we have an open quote not to exceed \$300,000.00; approval of the acknowledgement of the received Head Start COVID-19 One Time Grant; approval of the AWSYC Head Start Compliance Reports for March, April, May, June August & September 2020 and approval of the class size waiver request to be submitted for consideration to the Texas Education Agency for Bell, Cross Oaks, Ginnings, Newton Rayzor, Olive Stephens, Paloma Creek, Providence, Savannah, Union Park and Wilson Elementary Schools).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Guaranteed Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Charles Stafford

Maximum Price for Middle School #9 To approve of the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$ 59,901,958 submitted by Northstar Builders for the construction of Middle School #9, plus additional owner costs of \$526,504 for a total construction cost of \$60,428,462. This project will be funded from the 2018 Bond Authorization.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Elementary Boundary Modifications

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Doug Chadwick

To approve to adjust the attendance boundaries of Pecan Creek and Stephens elementary campuses to accommodate projected enrollment impacted by new developments coming online this fall and within the current boundary of Pecan Creek.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Legislative Priorities in Preparation of the 87th Legislative Session

This item will be moved to the November 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Consider Approval of New Denton High School Wastewater Cost Participation Agreement Between the City of Denton and Denton ISD

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve of the Wastewater Cost Participation Agreement Between the City of Denton and Denton ISD subject to final approval to form by the Denton ISD General Counsel. This project will be funded from the 2018 Bond Authorization funds for Denton High and the City of Denton.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:11pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:11 pm

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To authorize Superintendent Jamie Wilson to execute a contract for the purchase of approximately 18 acres of real estate necessary for the construction of Middle School number 9, provided that the purchase price is reasonable and within the current budget for Middle School number 9.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Charles Stafford

To authorize Superintendent Jamie Wilson to execute a contract for the purchase of approximately 14.7 acres of real estate necessary for the construction of a future elementary school site on Riney Road, and to exchange the District's 2.7331 acres of surplus land on University along with reasonable compensation as discussed in closed session.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm

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President

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Secretary