

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, February 9, 2016 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Harris, Martinez, Price, Smith and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, O'Bara, Stevenson and Zavala

Others: Brittany Tabor, *Denton Record Chronicle*; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Gonzalez School For Young Children students.

Presentations/ Recognitions The Denton Independent School District recently had three campuses named as recipients of the CREST Award, which annually recognizes the top counseling staffs in the state, by the Texas School Counselor Association. The campuses receiving awards are McNair Elementary, Harpool Middle School and Ryan High School. CREST stands for Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas and is a program that focuses on 10 areas that leave the greatest impact school counselors have on the achievements, career aspirations, personal gains and social aspects of students' lives.

Educator Spotlight features Kiaran Beck, music teacher at Borman Elementary an International Baccalaureate School. To bring the perspective of different cultures to her students, Ms. Beck uses Skype and an interactive white board to connect her students with friends from other countries. By enlisting music teachers in other countries to teach her students songs and customs, she brings relevance to her classroom. Students are becoming adept at using technology in a non-traditional setting.

The National Merit program annually recognizes students that are at-least one-quarter Hispanic or Latino and are among the top 5,000 high scoring individuals on the PSAT/NMSQT exam as National Hispanic Scholars. This year, two students from Guyer High were honored with this prestigious award. They include Carina Peltier and Anthony Rodriguez.

1st Open Forum Willie Hudspeth addressed the Board as to why the District has never had an African American head football coach. Mr. Hudspeth would like to know the criteria to be a football coach.

Kesavan Srivilliputhur a freshman at Denton High School addressed the Board regarding the disparities of foreign language credit and AP credit as it applies to a student's GPA

Alfred Sanchez feels McKinney Street is very dangerous and a very narrow walking path and witnessed a young women getting hit prior to stop light in front of RHS. Mr. Sanchez knows this road is going to be expanded but would like to see a temporary sidewalk constructed.

Mike Donnelley, Mayor of Town of Double Oak presented a plaque to the Board of Trustees as a token of appreciation.

Innovation Zone – Maker Space Dwight Goodwin, Director of Instructional Technology showcased a sample of student learning through the innovative movement of Makerspace. Makerspaces provide students with space and time to pursue their unique passions. Enhance student problem solving skills through open-ended play and creation. Create a culture of success through failure, rather than one of success instead of failure and encourage student creativity by providing varied materials with which to build, tinker and make. Makerspaces have been created through joint funding between the Library department and individual school budgets.

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

Discussion of T-Tess & T-Pess Appraisal System Gwen Perkins, Human Resource Director provided the Board with an overview of the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) and was created for teachers by teachers. This evaluation process promotes professional growth and targeted feedback which results in an improvement in practice.

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

Discussion of District Innovation Dr. Jamie Wilson, Superintendent explained that in the 2015 session, the Texas Legislature amended the Education Code to empower traditional school districts to enjoy some of the same flexibility that charter schools have. A District of Innovation can be exempt from certain requirements imposed by state law. These include: uniform start date; minimum minutes of instruction; the 90% rule; teacher contracts, benefits, and appraisals; campus decision making restrictions; certain budgeting requirements; and some student discipline laws. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has not yet proposed rules for implementing this new

legislative scheme, but expects to do so soon. There are some basic steps a district has to follow:

First, a district's most recent academic performance rating must be at least "acceptable." Districts with a rating lower than that may not be designated as Districts of Innovation.

Second, just as with charters, there are certain laws that will still apply to a District of Innovation and from which there can be no exemption. These include: curricular and graduation requirements; accountability measures, including student assessments and financial reporting; public records and open meetings laws; some purchasing and contracting requirements; and all laws applicable to charter schools. Additionally, Districts of Innovation must provide prekindergarten, special education, and bilingual education to eligible students.

Third, designation as a District of Innovation may not exceed five years, though that designation can be amended, renewed, or rescinded through specific processes. TEA can also terminate the designation if the district's academic performance or financial accountability ratings are unacceptable.

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Third Cycle
Attendance
Report

Darrell Muncy, Director of Student Support Services provided the Board with the attendance percentages for each grade level for the third grading cycle (November 9, 2015 – December 18, 2015). The total attendance average for the Denton ISD for Cycle 3 is 95.46%. The lowest total attendance average is for PK (90.84), followed by 12th grade (93.94). The highest attendance averages are in the 5th grade (96.12), followed by 6th grade (96.02). First Semester attendance for 78 days of instruction is 96.34%

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2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve (the minutes for the January 12, 2016 board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of January 31, 2016; Investment Report as of December 31, 2015; Ann Windle School For Young Children Head Start Self-Assessment and Self-Assessment Program Improvement Plan; TEA Class Size Waiver as submitted; CSP 160121 for Electrical Services be awarded to C & G Electric for one term of two (2) years; approval of declaration of surplus equipment; approval of agreement between Denton ISD and the City of Denton for the summer feeding program; approve the costs associated with new fiber infrastructure at

Braswell High School and the fiber infrastructure replacement at US 377 crossing at Acme Street, Hickory Creek at Old Alton Road, and on Naylor Road, as quoted by Henkels & McCoy, in the amount of \$274,835.46, with an amount of \$102,801.75 to be reimbursed by Denton County and approval of out of state travel for IB students from Denton HS to tour colleges in Oklahoma).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
Digital Learning
Classroom
Technology

Motion by Glenna Harris and Seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the purchase of Classroom Digital Devices and Charging Cabinets as shared in Year 1 of the Digital Learning Design Proposal at a cost of \$1,984,855 plus \$60,775 for anticipated enrollment growth. It is recommended that the purchase be from a DIR, Buyboard or other approved purchasing cooperative utilizing the Assigned Fund Balance for Technology as the funding source.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of E-
Rate RFQ
150127 for
Network
Equipment &
Installation

Motion by Jim Alexander and Seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve Netsync, be accepted as the awarded vendor with a negotiated total price of \$3,258,850.53. The District portion of \$1,686,995.80 will be funded from the General Fund – Fund Balance.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Resolution for
District of
Innovation

Motion by Charles Stafford and Seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve the Resolution for Denton ISD to initiate the process of designation as a “District of Innovation” pursuant to Texas Education Code, Chapter 12A

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum

Srinivasan Srivilliputhur, parent addressed the Board regarding a Saturday tutorial program Dallas ISD has for AP students which he is the instructor and feels this would be a great program for Denton ISD to investigate.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:09 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:26 pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:33 pm

President

Secretary