

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, August 27, 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, O'Bara, Parham, Pierce, J. Rainey, L. Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Schulz, Stevenson, Stewart, and Thompson

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

Ryan High School's Osiel Cardenas earned one of the most prestigious honors in the country when he was selected to the National Youth Orchestra (NYO) of the United States of America earlier this summer.

Osiel was chosen through a comprehensive video audition process, and he was one of only 12 students from Texas selected. Following his audition and selection, Osiel completed a training residency at State University of New York at Purchase, with faculty made up of principal players from top professional orchestras. From there, he began touring with the orchestra, performing at Carnegie Hall and in Uruguay, Argentina, and Brazil. As part of their travel schedule, NYO musicians met and collaborated with local musicians to experience the richness of other cultures.

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

Discussion of Certified Values, Tax Rate & Chapter 49

Jennifer Stewart, Executive Director for Budget presented the certified values received from the Denton County Appraisal District. The new taxable value is \$2,048,420,759. Growth on existing value is \$989,500,137. For the District's Maintenance & Operations (M&O) TEA assigned a Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (MCR) of \$0.6169 to Denton ISD (Tier 1). Denton can add 6 golden pennies which will bring the M&O Tax Rate to \$0.6769.

Excess Local Revenue means:

Districts with local revenue that exceed the levels in Texas Education Code Chapter 48 are subject to the provisions in Texas Education Code Chapter 49. Districts with excess local revenue pay funds into the Foundation School Program for distribution to other districts. The funds that are distributed by districts with local revenue in excess of entitlement are **recaptured** by the TEA to assist with the financing of public education. If there is a possibility that a district could owe recapture at the end of the year, they are notified. Denton ISD is projected to owe \$0.

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

Discussion of 1925  
Advisory  
Committee

Dr. Susannah O'Bara explained the purpose of the *1925 Advisory Committee*, which is a newly created advisory group assembled to assist District leadership with a response to the District's current financial circumstances. This Committee is being created to understand Texas School Finance, evaluate staffing formulas and programming, analyze budgeted allocations of resources to current District programs, and offer feedback to the District's executive cabinet regarding how to prioritize reductions to budgeted expenditures and to maximize revenues in order to accomplish District budget goals. The Committee will consider the District's current financial position and funding methods to assist District leadership in developing recommendations for necessary M&O budget reductions which are both fiscally sound and strive to continue to meet the greatest needs of students and teachers as a first priority.

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

Denton Council  
PTA Annual Report

Amy Terrell, Council President and Amiee Jones, 1<sup>st</sup> VP provided the PTA Annual report. The objective of the report is to closely monitor the PTA membership numbers and how that supports family engagement at each Denton ISD campus in order to provide support and resources where needed. The analysis of Denton ISD's Council of PTAs membership numbers allows the district to ensure that all campuses have a measurement of family engagement. It also allows the district to ensure that PTA goals are in line with current and future needs of the district.

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

Athletics  
Department Annual  
Report

Dr. Chivonne Kiser, Asst. Director of Athletics provided an overview of Denton ISD's athletic programs for the 2023-2024 school year. Denton ISD offers 20 sport programs at the high school level and 8 at the middle school level. In grades 7-12 there are 8,844 students who participate. Of that there are 4,670 male athletes and 4,174 female athletes.

In 23-24 there were a total of 54 scholarships, 841 scholar athletes and 110 academic all-state students with an average GPA of 3.67 for all varsity athletes in Denton ISD. Total scholarship money was \$2,332,349.

Over the last 5 years we have tracked a decline in total concussions due to increased coaches' education and training. The Denton ISD has been at the forefront in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and recording of diagnosed concussions. The Denton ISD Concussion Oversight Team (COT) consists of a Texas Licensed Physician and eight (8) Texas licensed athletic trainers. Denton ISD has two certified licensed trainers on each high school campus that serve on the COT.

This item is for information only. No action is required

Fine Arts  
Department Annual  
Report

Denton ISD Fine Arts Priority Goal is to continue to increase the number of students entering fine arts programs and increase retention of students in secondary fine arts programs. There are 59 Fine Arts Clubs served students before or after school over the 2023-2024 school year.

Extra-Curricular Fine Arts Clubs and Activities included: Marching Band, Drill Team, Dance Club, Step Team, Ballet Folklorico, Choir, Honor Choir, Show Choir, Instrumental Club, Drum Club, Jazz Band Club, Mariachi Club, Fiddle Club, Color Guard Club, Art Club, National Art Honors Society, Thespian Society, Theatre, Drama Club, Theatre Club, Yearbook, and Cheer.

Fine Arts programs are expected to host a number of engagement events bringing families into the campus and collaborating with the community for outside the campus events. High school Fine Arts programs engage parents in Booster clubs to support student achievement. Fine Arts events are posted for the community on the Fine Arts website through Google Calendar. Each campus posts their events at least a month in advance. Follow Fine Arts on Social Media: *Denton ISD Fine Arts* on Facebook and *@dentonisdfinearts* on Instagram.

During the Fine Arts Signing Day there were 52 seniors signed to collegiate Fine Arts programs and over \$8.8 million in Fine Arts scholarships were awarded.

Denton ISD for the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year has been named one of U.S. 2023 "Best Communities for Music Education" by the NAMM Foundation.

This item is for information only. No action is required

Legislative  
Priorities Update  
for the 89th  
Legislative Session-

Dr. Deron Robinson, General Counsel provided the Board with an update to make them aware of the Legislative Budget Board's revision to the Fiscal Size-up as of August 14, 2024. The Legislative Budget Board updated their Fiscal Size-up which changed the information I had originally provided.

Legislative Budget Board: August 14, 2024

Specifically, the slide which illustrated that the state is funding us a total of \$707,000,000 LESS in 2025 than 2016 in constant dollars was not accurate.

The actual number is **\$7 Billion less** in 2025 compared to 2016 in constant dollars.

This item is for information only. No action is required

2024-2025 Enrollment Update

Dr. Lacey Rainey, Assistant Superintendent for School Leadership & Academic Programs provided the Board of Trustees with the current district enrollment as of August 26, 2024. The objective of the report is to closely monitor the enrollment numbers and overall growth in student population at each Denton ISD campus in order to provide support and resources where needed. The analysis of Denton ISD's enrollment data allows the district to ensure that all campuses remain in compliance with the state's class size requirements. It also allows the district to ensure that plans are developed to meet current and future needs of the district.

This item is for information only. No action is required

Quarterly Investment Report- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2024

Vicki Garcia, Executive Director of Financial Operations, provided an overview of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter investment performance for the fiscal year 2024. The objective of the report is to share information in detail about the District's investment portfolio on a quarterly basis as required by the Public Funds Investment Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 2256, Subchapter A). As of June 30, 2024, the combined book value of investments for the District's General Fund, Debt Service Funds, Capital Projects Funds, and Special Revenue Funds amounts to \$1,160,849,184.

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 Zero (0) Denton ISD schools have been reviewed. 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 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak,

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve (the minutes of the August 13, 2024 Board meeting; 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 Deputy Superintendent, the Executive Director of Financial Operations, and the Director of Finance as investment officers for the District, approving the list of investment officer training providers, and approving the list of authorized brokers/dealers; approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Denton, Texas and the Denton Independent School District regarding Texas Education Code Section 37.0814 - Armed Security Officer Required (SSO) whereas City of Denton shall provide Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) mandated training to DISD Officers (SSOs) at the DPD Training Center or other designated location. DPD shall notify DISD when TCOLE mandated training is required and the deadline for that training to be completed. DPD shall provide TCOLE certified instructors for all TCOLE mandated training; approval of the Interlocal Affiliation Agreement between the City of Denton and Denton ISD for the LaGrone Academy Law Enforcement Program; approval of purchases in accordance with Board Policy CH(Local) - Purchasing and Acquisition (Lone Star Furnishings, LLC for Anita Reeves Elementary School Classroom furniture purchase); approval of responding vendors- RFP #2209-15B Food, General Grocery Items & Catering Services and RFP #2306-08B Miscellaneous Services and Supplies and approval of the City of Aubrey 24.25 SRO Budget Impact Statement).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Official Chapter 49 Notification for 2024-2025 Election of Recapture Option and Agreement

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve of the Option #3 – Purchase Attendance Credits from TEA and the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).

For the 2024-2025 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, §49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum      Community members that addressed the Board: Donna Smith & Rebecca Bertoni

Closed Meeting      The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:10 pm

Open Meeting      The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:10 pm

Adjournment:      The meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm

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President

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Secretary