

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, March 28, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Mia Price who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Bundgus, Burns, English, and Price

Board Members Absent: Sosa-Sanchez, Stafford
Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Mattingly, Pierce, Perkins, O’Bara, Parham, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Stevenson, and Zwahr
Others: Cindy Breeding, *Denton Record Chronicle*; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Alexander Elementary students.

Presentations/ Recognitions: Fifteen Denton ISD students from Braswell HS, Guyer HS and Ryan HS qualified for state in the Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) – an annual competition with nearly 35,000 entries. Academically eligible high school students in grades 9-12 can participate in VASE. Students create artwork, write about their creative processes and understanding of visual art and articulate information about their artwork during an interview with a VASE juror, who evaluates their work using a standards-based rubric. To qualify for state, students must attend a regional event and have their original artwork with them at the event.

Ryan High School social studies teacher Amanda Ledwon has been named the 2023 International Educator of the Year by the World Affairs Council (WAC) of Dallas-Fort Worth.

A veteran educator with more than 20 years of experience, Ms. Ledwon has taught social studies at Ryan High School since 2019. She has been associated with the WAC for over seven years. The WAC works directly with high school and university educators who are devoted to enriching their students’ knowledge of world affairs while expanding their international learning opportunities. These teachers and administrators demonstrate leadership by exceeding their typical responsibilities.

Each year the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) honors businesses and organizations for their support and exceptional advocacy of local schools. This state-wide honor, as part of “Stand Up for Texas Public Schools,” recognizes local businesses and community organizations that partner with districts, making a difference in the lives of local public-school

students. The Denton Noon Kiwanis Club has served the children of our community for more than 100 years. Through a valuable partnership with our campus nurses, the Kiwanis Club provides healthcare services to children in our community through a non-profit clinic solely supported by the fundraising efforts of the noon Kiwanis.

1st Open Forum The following community members addressed the Board: Lenry Von Zyl; Dr. Terry Senne; Jeffery Stewart; Ann Jones; Lori Tays;

Discussion of 2023-2024 Budget Jennifer Stewart, Executive Director of Budget provided the Board with an update to the 2022-2023 Debt Service budget. In the budget planning process 13% was used as the estimated increase in property value growth with an estimated tax collection budget of \$125,686,525 and would provide the District with an additional bond principal payment of \$26,236,280. After the District received its certified values which were 17.7% higher and thus increased Denton ISD's tax collection budget to \$130,648,267 and provided the District with a \$31 million-dollar additional bond principal payment. So, by making this additional bond principal payment this provided a \$19,510,000 million dollar interest savings to our taxpayers. Having the opportunity to make this additional payment creates more bond capacity for the District. Ms. Stewart also reviewed what Senate and House Bills that may affect the District's Debt Service budget.

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

Discussion of Legislative Updates for the 88th Legislative Session Deron Robinson, General Counsel provided the Board of Trustees with updates and resources regarding the 88th Legislative Session. There have been 1307 bills filed pertaining to public education. Deron reviewed the education bills and highlighted several Senate and House bills for the Board to keep track of.

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

Discussion of Human Resources Employee Engagement Update Emily McLarty, Director of Employee Engagement provided the Board of Trustees with an update to the Gallup k-12 Staff Engagement Survey. The role of leadership is to create conditions for our teachers and staff to be engaged, involved, connected, heard, recognized, affirmed, and grow. Gallup research indicates that highly engaged teachers have significantly higher attendance rates. Improvement in Denton ISD from 2021-22 school year which was in the 84-87% range to this school year where we are consistently in the 94% range. Denton ISD ranks fifth in lowest teacher turnover rates in the north Texas region.

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

Utility Management Report July 2022-December 2022 Brian Hoke from TD Industries The Purpose of this Report is to inform the Board of Trustees of utility management processes in all Denton ISD's facilities from July 2022 – December 2022. This report includes the following:

- 1) Total consumption and cost comparison.
- 2) Analysis by utility type.
- 3) Percentage change of energy use.

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

International
Baccalaureate (IB)
Report

This report will give the Board an update on the current DP, MYP, and PYP activities at Denton High School, Calhoun Middle School, Borman Elementary, and Newton Rayzor Elementary. The presentation will focus on how the Primary and Middle Year Programmes encourage students to become active, lifelong learners, and to think creatively and critically. The Diploma Programme prepares students for the university experience. The IB Coordinators from Newton Rayzor Elementary, Borman Elementary, Calhoun Middle School and Denton High provided an overview of their campus programs.

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

Intruder Detection
Audit Report
Update

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the recent Intruder Detection Audits conducted by the Texas School Safety Center. Four campuses have been reviewed and all corrective actions, if any, have been completed at this time. To date 24 Denton ISD schools have been reviewed. Corrective actions, if any, have been completed at this time.

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

2nd Open Forum

The following community members addressed the Board; Jeannie Howell, Debi Scaggs, Mary Kuhfeldt, Carolyn Rachaner, Suzanne Gilbert

Consent Agenda

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve (the minutes of the February 28, 2023, board meeting, personnel matters, leaves, absences and Administrator Contracts for 2023-2024; Investment Report as of February 28, 2023; Budget Amendments as of February 28, 2023; RFQ #2302-05 Construction Related Professional Services be awarded to all responding vendors that submitted a complete RFQ response and qualifications met the RFQ established criteria for a period from date of award through March 31, 2024, with an option to extend for four (4) one-year periods; RFP #2303-01 Instructional Supplies, Software, Equipment and Services be awarded to all vendors as submitted; that RFP #2303-02 Athletic Supplies, Equipment and Services be awarded to all responding vendors that submitted a complete RFP response and met the scope of the RFP for a period from date of award through March 31, 2024, with an option to auto-renew for four (4) one-year extensions; approval of the quotes from Netsync Network Solutions in the amount of \$1,956,475 for the purchase of equipment for phase two of the network infrastructure additions & refresh project; approval of the quotes from Netsync Network Solutions in the amount of \$228,653.11 for the purchase of technology equipment for Guyer High School; requests approval of the quotes from Netsync Network Solutions in the amount of \$254,185.60 for the purchase of technology

equipment for Braswell High School; approval of the quotes from Dell in the amount of \$802,328.06 for Pat Cheek Middle School end-user technology equipment; approval of the quotes from Dell in the amount of \$802,328.06 for Pat Cheek Middle School end-user technology equipment; approval of the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between Denton County and Denton Independent School District for the May 6, 2023 Trustee and Bond elections; approval of the monthly Head Start compliance reports for February 2023; approval of the Head Start refunding grant application for FY23, including the Self -Assessment Improvement Plan, Strategic Plan, and the Training and Technical Assistance Plan; approval of the AWSYC Community MOUs as listed: Cumberland Presbyterian Children’s Home, Inc., Faith Tabernacle Church, Friends of the Family, Interfaith Ministries, Kiwanis Club Children’s Clinic

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Partnership with
PediPlace
Memorandum of
Understanding

Dr. Wilson pulled this item for further discussion.

3rd Open Forum

The following community members addressed the Board; Rebecca Bertoni, Kristine Bray, Alonzo Tutsan, Charlie Stenson

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:05 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:13 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 pm

President

Secretary