

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, November 13, 2018 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, Burns, Chadwick, Martinez, Price, Smith and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Lopez, Perkins, O'Bara, Stevenson and Zwahr

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

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

Presentations/ Recognitions Each year the College Board recognizes National Merit Scholars for their performance on college-level exams and, while there is no monetary gift associated with the award, their scores most often earn students course credit that helps with tuition at some of the country's most prestigious universities.

The National Merit Scholarship program identifies the country's academic elite and is based on a student's performance on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). Denton ISD has produced 42 National Merit Semi-finalist in the past 16 years.

Two members of Guyer High School's Class of 2019 has been chosen out of 1.6 million total entrants to be a semi-finalist scholar in the National Merit Scholarship Program for this year's graduating class. Seniors Gabriel Lee and Sarah Spivey join an elite pool of just 7,600 National Merit Semifinalists in the entire country.

More than 34,000 students throughout the nation are recognized for their exceptional academic promise and deemed commended scholars. The district's Class of 2018 had 21 commended scholars.

The district also had three students who received recognition as National Hispanic Scholars or National Achievement Scholars.

Ami Ware, librarian at Providence Elementary was recognized for this month's Educator Spotlight.

Two Denton ISD graduates and local restaurant owners, John Williams (Oak Street) and Corey Bobbitt (Komodo Loco), could not stand the thought of students not being able to pay off their lunch balances. The Mac'n Cheese Festival of Denton was born and became the hottest ticket in town. After posting online, the event's tickets sold out within days and \$4,500 was raised to pay-off student balances across the district.

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum

Ed Soak addressed the Board about gas wells located near some Denton ISD schools.

David Martin addressed the Board about the new Denton High School. He lives in the neighborhood west of the new Denton High School location. They would like to see a larger area between the homes and the campus.

Willie Hudspeth addressed the Board and stated that in the past 44 years there has not been an African American Head football coach. Also feels there has not been an African American or Hispanic Educator spotlighted.

Discussion of  
Financial Audit  
Report Year  
Ended June 30,  
2018

Carl Deaton from the audit firm Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn & Seay, P.C.A conducted the District's financial audit. The financial audit is required annually for each school district and is to be made on an organization-wide basis, including all fund types and account groups that are the accounting responsibility of the school district. The audit must be approved and submitted to the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas and the Division of School Financial Audits of TEA within 150 days following the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Deaton stated the report showed no errors and recommended no changes to the district's business practices.

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

Discussion of  
Denton High  
School  
Schematic

Sloan Harris, VLK Architects present the proposed schematic of the new Denton High School. The project will build upon and incorporate the many strong traditions of Denton High School while creating new learning and teaching opportunities that will lead to greater opportunities for the students supporting the district's vision. The reconstruction of Denton High School will serve 2,400 students at a new site providing next generation learning environments and alignment with the Denton ISD standard of high school campuses. The design was developed by students, parents, teachers, administrators and community leaders who participated with VLK Architects at Dr. Curtis Ramsey Professional Development Center. Working in teams, they created the conceptual framework for the design being presented.

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

Discussion of Attendance Boundary Rezoning Jeff Russell, Area Superintendent presented the proposal of the rezoning for the Union Park Elementary school. The proposal will bring equitable student ratios and reduce overcrowding for Bell, Paloma Creek and Union Park Elementary schools. The goal is to keep all elementary schools at 740 students or less and to rezone families as few times as possible.

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

Discussion of Replacement Cycle for District Technology Dwight Goodwin, Director of Instructional Technology presented the proposed replacement cycle in specific targeted areas. The goal is to have a five-year life cycle refresh plan for updating campus computer labs, libraries, PDC training units, and teacher PCs for the purpose of supporting the 4C's and enhancing the innovative learning spaces.

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

Discussion of Review of Investment Strategies Vicki Garcia, Executive Director for Administrative Service provided an overview to the Board of Trustees of the current investment strategies and presented options for investing bond funds. Approved investment instruments are T-Bills/Fed Funds, Certificates of deposit and share certificates, fully collateralized repurchase agreements, No-load money market mutual funds and no-load mutual funds, guaranteed investment contract as an investment vehicle for bond proceeds and Public funds investment pools.

Jeff Robert, Hilltop Securities presented the information on the Flexible repurchase agreements are authorized investments under Texas Government Code §2256.011 and have been in use since before the Texas Public Funds Investment Act's inception in 1987. Flex Repos" are collateralized investment agreements and they offer the ability to fully collateralize deposits @ 103% with treasury & agency securities. You can withdraw funds as needed and earn a fixed rate of return.

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

Property Tax Report 2017-2018 Mark Burroughs, from Sawko & Burroughs Attorneys provided the Board of Trustees with a property tax activity report for the Tax Year 2017-2018. The 2017-2018 collections year brought current-year delinquent collections to an all-time high of 99.60% collection. Less than one million dollars (\$959,382) of the entire 2017 adjusted levy of \$245,737,977 remains to be collected.

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

Head Start Annual 644 Financial Compliance Cathi Robbins provided the Board of Trustees 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

Report

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 \$1,335,886. The grant requires a local match of 20% or \$333,971. A total from all sources during the 2017-2018 school year for matching dollars is \$1,047,659. The award for 2017-2018 reflects a COLA (cost of living adjustment) increase over the previous year in the amount of \$13,017.

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

Legislative Update in Preparation of the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent provided the Board with additional Legislative updates from various Educational Associations.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Doug Chadwick and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the minutes of the October 23, 2018 Board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of October 31, 2018; Investment Report as of September 30, 2018; TEA Class Size Waiver as submitted; Approval of Investment Policy CDA (Local) Resolution; approval for the third extension of four available one-year extensions of the Athletic Partnership proposal with Under Armour; approval of the quote from James Wood Autopark in the amount of \$179,576.28 purchase of Operations white fleet replacement vehicles; approval of the quotes from Longhorn Bus Sales in the amount of plus a BuyBoard fee of \$800.00 for a total of \$187,684.00; approval of the quotes from Heinemann in the amount of \$157,322.03 for the Instructional Materials Allotment; approval of Architectural Services Contract for Stantec Architects for 2018 Bond Program; Architectural Services Contract for VLK Architects for the new Denton High School, Guyer High School, Ryan High School, and the Strickland Middle School projects as defined in the 2018 bond as growth and capital improvements; AWSYC Head Start 2018-2019 Monthly Compliance Reports for October 2018; and approval of the 2017-18 Head Start Program Information Report (PIR) and the 2017-18 Head Start Annual Report (End of Year)).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider  
Approval of  
Financial Audit  
for the Year  
Ending June 30,  
2018

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Barbara Burns

To approve the Financial Audit for the Year Ending June 30, 2018

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider  
Approval of  
2019-2020  
School Calendar

Motion by Dorothy Martinez and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar as amended to reflect the week of Fall Break (Thanksgiving-Nov. 28, 2019) as the week of November 25, 2019

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider  
Approval of  
Annual  
Investment  
Performance  
Report

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Dorothy Martinez

To approve the Annual Investment Performance Report as presented

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider  
Approval of  
2018 Certified  
Tax Roll

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Jeanetta Smith

To approve the 2018 Certified Tax Roll with a combined levy of \$264,060,728.97

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:48 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:32 pm

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Dorothy Martinez

To approve the possession access and use agreement with TXDOT

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:47 pm

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President

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Secretary