

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, August 24, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Chadwick who announced that a quorum was present.

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

Board Members

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present:

Wilson, Niven, Mattingly, Pierce, Perkins, O'Bara, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Stevenson, and Zwahr

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

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Future Farmers of America students.

Presentations/  
Recognitions

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 who partner with districts, making a difference in the lives of local public-school students.

This past winter, Harpool Middle School sustained a significant amount of damage due to sub-freezing temperatures and subsequent flooding. Our partners at Modern Woodmen stepped in and helped "shore up" the faculty and staff. They provided funds to replace supplies, meals, and overall morale support for the Harpool team.

Mr. Jimmy Davis, W.S. Ryan Elementary School custodian was celebrated, and the focus and District spotlight was due to his extraordinary efforts. As primary custodial support serving on campus for more than a decade, Mr. Jimmy (as he is lovingly called) takes great pride in his role. Often arriving before sunrise, especially when there are special events, he shows his commitment to our students and staff by preparing each room with love, care, and a positive attitude.

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Open Forum	Several Denton ISD students addressed the Board.
Legal Update	<p data-bbox="454 300 1421 483">Deron Robinson, General Counsel provided the Board of Trustees with an update of the most recent current events impacting public education as it relates to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Robinson provided information as to Governor Abbotts’ Executive Order No. GA-38: Relating to the continued response to the COVID-19 disaster.</p> <p data-bbox="454 520 1167 556">This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
COVID Update	<p data-bbox="454 594 1445 741">Susannah O’Bara, Asst. Superintendent for Academic Programs provided the Board with the most current information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic from the Denton County Health Department and how it pertains to the public health of the county.</p> <p data-bbox="454 779 1167 814">This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Student Liaison Board of Trustees- Jump Start Program 2021	<p data-bbox="454 852 1421 1140">Dr. Lisa Thibodeaux, Director of Secondary Curriculum provided the Trustees with the format preview and purpose of the future Student Liaison workshop items. This workshop will highlight student voices from the Middle School Jump Start Summer 2021 program with an emphasis on Action Civics. Further, a Jump Start teacher will share the purpose of the Action Civics endeavor. Additionally, the workshop will give a preview of future Student Voice Workshops that will be shared over the course of the school year.</p> <p data-bbox="454 1178 1175 1213">This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Discussion and Review of TASB Policy Update 117, & Revisions to Policy CNB(Local) and Policy FEE(Local)	<p data-bbox="454 1251 1442 1507">TASB Policy Update 117 focuses on updating and reorganizing policies throughout the Board Policy Manual. Specifically, CH(Local) grants the Superintendent the authority to contract for the replacement, construction, or repair of school equipment or facilities in accordance with law, in the event of an emergency, as necessary for the health and safety of District students and staff. In CV(Local), reference is made to changes in CH(Local). DEC(Local) reflects changes to the leaves and absences policy.</p> <p data-bbox="454 1545 1442 1766">It is also being recommended that the District update CNB(Local) in order to allow other governmental entities to contract with Denton ISD for transportation services so long as the use does not conflict with school operations. Additionally, it is recommended that policy FEE(Local) be deleted. The information within this policy will be updated in the Student Handbook regarding off-campus lunch as approved by the principal.</p> <p data-bbox="454 1803 1412 1871">In addition to these local changes, Update 117 includes several other legal policies affected by legislation from the 86th Legislative Session that were</p>

not included in Update 115 and 116 and incorporates changes from the revised Administrative Code rules that impose changes effective with the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Discussion of Resolution for Additional Leave for COVID-19 Illness

Deron Robinson, General Counsel presented to the Board of Trustees, for their review and discussion, a Resolution to address the concern for employees who have personally tested positive for COVID-19 and have exhausted all other leaves. This will allow full-time employees to use up to 80 hours of paid sick leave for their own test-confirmed COVID-19 illness. For part-time employees, the District will prorate up to 80 hours of paid sick leave with a positive COVID-19 test.

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

Bond Progress Report

Kathy Lawson, Co-Chair of the Bond Progress Committee presented the Board with an overview of the Bond Progress Committee meeting from the August 18, 2021, held at Shultz Elementary school.

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

Denton ISD Quarterly Growth Report-2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Bob Templeton, Zonda Education, (formerly Templeton Demographics) provide the Denton ISD Board of Trustees with a general summary of the DFW housing market, economic indicators, Denton I.S.D. residential activity and enrollment projections as of the 2nd Quarter 2021 and its impact to the overall growth of the Denton ISD. The unemployment rates peaked at the beginning of COVID and will likely stay at 6% with the uptick of the Delta variant of COVID.

Existing home sales and new home sales are strong with the median home price at \$327,000+ with record highs throughout the state. Historically low interest rates and pent-up demand have resulted in a fast recovery for the housing market. Union Park

There are currently 1,884 units under construction in the district within Denton ISD there are roughly 5,639 future multi-family units in the planning stages and roughly 941 units have been completed in the last 12 months.

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

Construction Report

Garry Ryan, Executive Manager of Construction, spoke on the construction progress and reviewed several of the major construction projects such as Strickland Middle School, Shultz Elementary, Ryan High School, Guyer High School and Denton High School. Of the 109 construction projects, 69 are either completed, on way to completion, or underway.

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

Summer Programs Report

Dr. Mike Mattingly, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction provided the Trustees with a report to give an overview of the nine Denton ISD instructional program opportunities that were offered during the 2021 summer months. The report provided description on each program including the focus, subject and/or grade level; details such as dates and locations of programs; and numbers of students participating.

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

10 Day Enrollment

Angelia Ricks, Director of Student Support Services provided the Board of Trustees with a summary of Denton ISD's enrollment count for the 2021–2022 school year as of the 9<sup>th</sup> day of school. The objective is to closely monitor the enrollment numbers and overall growth in student population at each Denton ISD campus and 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 state class size requirements. It also allows the district to ensure that plans are developed to meet current and future needs of the district.

Denton ISD's 2022 school year 5-day count was 30,799. This represents an increase of 1,354 students when compared to last year's 5-day count which was 29,445

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2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve (the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Investment Report as of July 31, 2021; For the 2021-2022 school year, Denton ISD 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 or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding); approval of the MOU with US Aviation Academy for Aviation Grounds course at the ATC; approval of the Region 11 Master Interlocal Agreement for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$250,567.85; approval of the quote from Zaner-Bloser Inc. in the

amount of \$208,406.91 for instructional resources to be utilized by both elementary teachers and tutors contingent upon receipt of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) notice of grant award (NOGA); approval of the Interlocal agreement draft with the City of Oak Point-Martop Road and final negotiations to be completed by Dr. Niven and General Counsel; and approval of the Denton County JJAEP agreement between the Denton Independent School District and The Denton County Juvenile Board, WHEREAS, the Denton County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program acting as the agent for the DCJB continues to educate our students at a separate setting in order for Denton ISD to fulfill their primary mission of education Texas youth).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of TASB Delegate Assembly Nomination & Alternate

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by

To approve Sheryl English as the TASB Delegate and Patsy Sosa-Sanchez as the Alternate

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of TASB Update 117 Local Policies, CH(Local), CV(Local), DEC(Local) & Revisions to CNB(Local) & Deletion of Policy REE(Local)

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve TASB Update 117 Local Policies, CH(Local), CV(Local), DEC(Local) & Revisions to CNB(Local) & Deletion of Policy FEE(Local) on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of the Resolution for Additional Leave for COVID-19 Illness

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve the Resolution that allows full-time employees to use up to 80 hours of paid sick leave for their own test-confirmed COVID-19 illness. For part-time employees, the District will prorate up to 80 hours of paid sick leave with a positive COVID-19 test.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

The Board took a short recess at 9:12 pm

The Board reconvened at 9:20 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Open Forum      Several community members addressed the Board regarding COVID-19 and masks.

Closed Meeting      The Board convened into Closed Session at 10:25 pm

Open Meeting      The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:50 pm

Adjournment:      The meeting adjourned at 12:02 am

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President

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Secretary