

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 15, 2022, 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, Price, Sosa-Sanchez and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Niven, Mattingly, Pierce, Perkins, O’Bara, 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 McNair Elementary students.

Presentations/ Recognitions National Merit Semifinalists, Commended and AP Scholars from Braswell, Denton, Ryan, Guyer and LaGrone Academy were recognized by the Board of Trustees for their honors.

Eleven Denton ISD students have been chosen out of 1.6 million total entrants to be semi-finalists or commended scholars in the National Merit Scholarship Program for this year’s graduating class.

The College Board named Declan Ayre of Denton High, Audrey Lee, Matthew Spivey, and Sydney Wall of Guyer High to the distinguished list of National Merit Semi-Finalists.

The four join a pool of just 16,000 National Merit Semifinalists in the entire country. High school students are selected into the program based on their top scores on the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

The Class of 2023 commended scholars include Sabella Smith of Denton High: Asher Colley, Samantha Donnet, Wesley Geldersma, Mandalyn Greene, Sam Kreutzer, Carson McManus, and Brandon Rosengren of Guyer High.

The National Merit Scholarship program was founded in 1955 to identify and honor scholastically talented American youth and encourage them to fully develop their abilities.

The College Board honored 115 current Denton ISD high school students with distinctions for the 2021-2022 school year, according to their annual list of recipients who are named Advanced Placement Scholars.

The national program recognizes individuals who have demonstrated college-level achievement through exceptional scores in AP courses and on AP exams. Students are awarded based on four levels: AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, AP Scholar with Distinction and National AP Scholar.

Denton ISD is proud to announce that three of its high school music ensembles were named *Commended Winners* by The Foundation for Music Education for their outstanding performances in 2021-22. The Mark of Excellence project, sponsored by The Foundation for Music Education, seeks to recognize and award outstanding achievement in performance by high school and middle school bands, choirs and orchestras.

Kelly Fiore-Watson, an educator at Fred Moore High School took an after-school theater club and transitioned it into an on-campus opportunity to earn a fine arts credit. This class boosted her student's confidence, created teamwork and promoted self-expression. For her dedication to our students and their success, we shine this month's spotlight on her and express our gratitude.

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

1st Open Forum

Discussion of Financial Audit Report of 2021- 2022

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.

Legislative Update for the 88th Legislative Session

Dr. Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent along with campus staff representatives that participate in Leading with Legislative Impact provided information and resources to consider as we work as a District to prepare for the upcoming Legislative Session which will begin on January 10, 2023, and

end May 29, 2023. These District leaders reviewed each of the six Legislative Priorities which provided current data along with possible legislative solutions for each Priority. Staying abreast of legislative proposals and actions, while preparing for conversation and discussion with our elected officials may have significant impact to policies directly related to public education.

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

Discussion of
Proposed 2023-
2024 School
Calendar

Susannah O'Bara, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Programs and Charlene Parham, Area Superintendent presented the calendar proposal for consideration by our Board of Trustees. Current state law requires that school not begin prior to the fourth Monday in August. With acceptance of the proposed DOI plan, Denton ISD may pursue an exception to this legal requirement. Based upon current survey and feedback from EIC, Principals, City Council PTA and Executive Cabinet, the following considerations were made in developing these calendars:

- HB 2610 requirement of 75,600 instructional minutes.
- Ending the first semester prior to Winter Break.
- Equalizing the instructional days/minutes in each semester to the greatest extent possible.
- Maintaining a consistent holiday schedule with prior years and alignment of spring break with local universities.
- Potential waiver minutes of 2100 for professional development.
- Maximizing use of instructional minutes prior to state testing.
- 180 Instructional Days
- A student/staff holiday at least once per month.
- Ongoing PLC time for professional learning.

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

Discussion of
Family Engagement
Plan

The purpose of this report is to give the Board of Trustees information regarding the gathering and reporting of feedback on Family Engagement so that Denton ISD may better understand the perceptions of the families we serve

This item is for information only. No action is required

2022-2023 2nd
Reporting Period
Attendance Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with a summary of Denton ISD's ADA and Reporting period 2 update, for the 2022–2023 school year and to compare this data to previous years.

This item is for information only. No action is required

Head Start Annual
644 Financial

This report is provided to the Board of Trustees as 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.

Compliance Report
2021-2022

Annually, each Head Start Agency must report the following information 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 \$1,494,155. The award for 2021-2022 reflects a COLA (cost of living adjustment) increase over the previous year in the amount of \$17,754. The grant requires a local match of 20% or \$369,100. A total from all sources during the 2021-2022 school year for matching dollars is \$625,815. There are two additional Covid 19 Supplemental funding awards totaling \$289,012 and with a remaining balance of \$249,379 to be spent in FY23. As a result of AWSYC designation as a Head Start Program, Denton ISD was able to serve 193 students in a full day Head Start program implemented by 11 highly qualified/certified, degreed teachers.

This item is for information only. No action is required

Denton ISD Utility
Management
Report July 2021-
2022

The Purpose of this Report is to inform the Board of Trustees of utility management processes in all Denton ISD's facilities from July 2021 – June 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

Annual Investment
Performance Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of Trustees of the annual investment earnings and performance of the District's investments for fiscal year 2021-2022. The report provides information on the District's investments for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the comparison of District's investment yield with selected benchmarks. The District will continue to invest funds in the investment pools as well as other approved investment instruments as opportunities arise all the while preserving and safeguarding principal, maintaining liquidity, and earning interest on funds for upcoming District needs.

This item is for information only. No action is required

2nd Open Forum

No one wish

Consent Agenda

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Barbara Burns

To approve (the minutes of the November 1, 2022, board meeting, personnel matters, leaves, and absences; Budget Amendments as of October 31, 2022; Annual Investment Compliance Resolution; approval of RFP #2210-17 Construction Management @ Risk Contractor Pool—Future Bond Projects be awarded to BWC Education Group, LLC, Balfour Beatty, CORE Construction, Crossland Construction Co., Inc., Joeris General Contractors, Lee Lewis Construction, Inc., Northstar Builders Group, and Steele & Freeman, Inc.; Head Start Monthly Compliance Reports for August and September 2022; approval of the ChiroMed & Wellness MOU with Ann Windle School for Young Children Head Start; approval of the quote from Hellas Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$647,725.00 for the proposed Denton Guyer on campus stadium field renovation; approval for the quote received for the Technology ActivPanel Inventory purchase in the amount of \$159,620.00 from ProComputing Services; approval of the quote from Lone Star Furnishings in the amount of \$770,324.20 for the classroom furniture at Cheek Middle School; approval of Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement between the City of Aubrey and the Denton Independent School District whereas City of Aubrey shall provide Denton ISD with two (2) certified police officers to serve as school resource officers (SROs) assigned to Providence Elementary School & Sandbrock Ranch Elementary School; approval of the following two amendments to the District DOI plan.

- Texas Education Code §45.205 and BDAE(LEGAL) applies to depository contracts. Under the law, a depository contract shall serve for a term of two years and until its successor is selected and has qualified. A district and its depository bank may agree to extend the contract for three additional two-year terms. The contract may be modified for each two-year extension if both parties mutually agree to the terms. The contract term and any extension must coincide with the district's fiscal year. Exemption from this requirement will allow the District to maintain satisfactory working relationships with its depository bank without the need to re-bid for the work at the exact timelines required by law. If the District is satisfied with the service of the depository bank and is getting good rates, requiring the District to re-bid the contract is a waste of resources that can be avoided
- Texas Education Code §21.102(b), §21.211(b), and DCA(LEGAL) applies to Certified employee contract rights. By exempting the District from this law, the District will have the flexibility of hiring a probationary teacher for a second year to provide for more growth and coaching when the teacher is hired under the 5 of 8 rule. The District will also have the flexibility to suspend an employee without pay when under an allegation that is covered in Educator Code of

Conduct. Any decisions made regarding suspension without pay would be open to appeal through the grievance process).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Financial Audit

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2022

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of 2022 Certified
Tax Roll

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve the 2022 Certified Tax Roll with a combined levy of \$362,342,924.02

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Middle School
Attendance
Boundaries

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve Plan 1 (one) attendance boundary modification to Rodriguez and Navo Middle School to efficiently establish a boundary for Cheek Middle School.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:52 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:18 pm

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Barbara Burns

To approve the Resolution authorizing Dr. Jamie Wilson to consider all bids for sale or exchange of real estate situated on FM720, Noles Road, and Denton Way, to approve the bids suiting the best interest of the Denton ISD, and authorizing Dr. Wilson to execute any and all necessary documents for the closing of the sale or exchange of such real estate.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:40 pm

President

Secretary