

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, September 8, 2020 at 6:01 PM.

Pursuant to the Governor Abbott's Temporary Suspension of Open Meetings Laws issued on March 16, 2020, this meeting will be conducted via videoconference, which will be audible to the Board and public and allow for two-way communication. The Board President, presiding officer of trustees were physically present at one location, a quorum will be required for the meeting on the videoconference or phone. The public may access this meeting or obtain an electronic copy of the agenda packet at <https://www.dentonisd.org/trustees>.

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

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

Board Members

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Niven, Mattingly, Pierce, Stripling, Perkins, O'Bara, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Stevenson, Valenta and Zwahr

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

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by staff

Presentations/ Recognitions: There were no presentations or recognitions scheduled.

COVID-19 Update: Dr. Richardson, Denton County Health Department provided the Board with a COVID-19 update of 10766 confirmed cases, 1660 active cases, 9001 recovered and 105 total deaths. The curve in Denton County is flattening. Dr. Richardson also showed the information the community can view on the Denton County Website by school district and then by specific school campus.

Susannah O'Bara further provided information about the student and staff reporting that will be updated each day on the Denton County Dashboard.

Julie Zwahr provided information on the Denton ISD Tech Dashboard which will reflect technology areas that may be experiencing issues.

Dr. Gwen Perkins reviewed the Hybrid calendar for secondary students.

Dr. Robert Stewart, Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources provided an overview of the Ed Covid Leave requests, resignations due to Covid and the contact tracing for Covid cases.

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

Discussion of
Technology
Access Update

Ernie Stripling, Technology Information Officer provided the Board with an update on how the technology devices and network performed the first week of school. At peak consumption only 15% of our fiber/band width capacity was used. Mr. Stripling also provided the number of Chromebook devices and Jetpacks issued to students. As of the first week of school the Technology Department has distributed 2,833 Jet Packs, 12,990 Chromebooks.

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

Employee
Benefits
Enrollment
Update

Chris Bomberger, Exec. Director of Risk Management and Child Nutrition provided the Board with an update on the 2020-2021 open enrollment of employee benefits. The enrollment for employees began on July 15th and ended on August 21st. Denton ISD has 2,704 employees selecting medical and non-medical plan options. The District had 2,230 employees choose the TRS Blue Cross Blue Shield Plan Option. 474 employees chose the TSHBP Plan Option. This year employees had the opportunity to choose a Health Savings Account through EECU Credit Union or the Flexible Spending Account.

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

Discussion of
Legislative
Priorities in
Preparation of
the 87th
Legislative
Session

Deron Robinson, General Counsel and Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent, reviewed the legislative priorities from the 86th Legislative Session and begin discussion with the Board of Trustees in consideration of outlining their legislative priorities for the 87th Legislative Session. Establishing legislative priorities for the Denton ISD allows the District to align the Board goals as we advocate for our students and public education in Texas. Staying abreast of legislative proposals and actions, while preparing for engaging discussions with our elected officials may have significant impact to policies directly impacting public education.

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

Discussion of
Naming of
Facilities

Dr. Wilson, Superintendent reviewed district process and procedures for naming or renaming school facilities. Naming of school facilities is an integral part to telling the history of Denton ISD. As a fast growth school district, we have the opportunity to recognize local heroes who made a significant contribution to our greater Denton community

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

Student
Engagement
Update

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with a summary of Denton ISD's student engagement during the first 8 days of the 2020-2021 school year. As of Day, 6, September 2, 2020, Denton ISD has a total of 29,513 total students that have demonstrated engagement. This is 13,289 elementary students and 16,224 secondary students. Of the 29,513 students 11,588 of these students have selected "Connected Learning" and engaged through either Canvas or Seesaw during these six instructional days.

As of today, September 8, 2020 Denton ISD is expecting 13,462 elementary students across all campuses of which 5,100 are Connected Learning with 8,362 to engage through face to face instruction. Secondary has a total of 16,386 with 6,587 choosing Connected Learning and 9,799 students which began face to face learning on a hybrid schedule.

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

Open Forum

The Board of Trustees were provided a written comment from the following individual:

Elisheba Evans – comment was regarding the requirement of elementary students having to wear face masks.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Doug Chadwick and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve (the minutes of the August 25, 2020 Board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; approval of the Denton ISD Asynchronous Learning Plan; approval of the contract from Teachers College Reading and Writing Project in the amount of \$200,400.00 for the Large District Partnership with the Reading and Writing Project; approval of the Denton City County Day School MOU for 20-21 school year; approve the updated Memorandum of Understanding with Fred Moore Day School, Inc. 2020-2021; approval of the Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement between the City of Denton and the Denton Independent School District whereas the City shall provide Denton ISD with one (1) Lieutenant supervisor and nine (9) certified police officers to serve as school resource officers (SROs) assigned to Denton, Guyer, and Ryan High Schools and Calhoun, Strickland, and McMath Middle Schools and approve an agreement to detach territory from Denton ISD and transfer said territory to Aubrey ISD, while annexing certain property from Aubrey ISD. This Agreement will allow the new Denton ISD Star Ranch Agricultural Science facility to be annexed into the Denton ISD territory while detaching a similar reciprocal property which Aubrey ISD will annex).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Mia Price
Approval of
Waiver Request To approve the waiver for the ability to extend the transition period at the
for Extension of beginning of the 2020-2021 school year beyond the four-week limit.
the Transition
Period for the The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Start of the 2020-
2021 School
Year

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:56 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:01 pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:23 pm

President

Secretary