

The Board of Trustees of Denton Independent School District, State of Texas, met in a special meeting at the Denton ISD Central Services building, 1307 N. Locust St., Denton, Texas, on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 6:05 PM. The meeting was called to order by vice-president Virginia Gallian who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Gallian, Harris, Price, Ramsey, and Smith

Board Members Absent: Stafford

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Braswell, Rutherford, Wilson, Stripling, Monschke, Stephens, Cox and Stevenson.

Others: Amy Thompson, *Denton Record Chronicle*; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Crownover Middle School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions The late Mildred McCauley Hawk was an extremely well-known Denton resident and literacy advocate, whose mission was to help others - especially young people. During the 1999-2000 school year, she established the Hawkeye Reading Contest for third-grade students. It greatly helped the Denton ISD Keys to Literacy program. Prior to her death in 2004, Mrs. Hawk donated \$50,000 to the Denton Public School Foundation to provide adequate funds to make this important literacy program an annual event. The third-grade students with the most Accelerated Reader or Reading Counts points during the established dates placed in the contest. Each winning student is given the following monetary award:

- 1st place award of \$25 and a 1st place ribbon
- 2nd place award of \$15 and a 2nd place ribbon
- 3rd place award of \$10 and a 3rd place ribbon

The district winners will receive: First place: \$125, Second place: \$75
Third place \$50

The District winners are: 3rd Place – Lee Elementary, Sarai Quiroz,
2nd Place – Priscila Maldonado, and 1st Place – Logan McDaniel.

1st Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Comparison of Denton ISD & TRS ActiveCare Health Plans

Debbie Monschke, Exec. Director of Finance presented the Board with information and a summation of the meetings held with District employees. The meetings gave District staff the opportunity to compare and select the medical plan options between TRS and Denton ISD's current healthcare plan. A total of 237 employees attended meetings of which 166 employees voted their preference to have the District keep their current self-funded health plan. 61 employees voted their preference to have the District switch to TRS ActiveCare.

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

Continued Discussion of 2008-2009 School Calendar

The Board was presented an amended 2008-2009 school calendar that would reflect the fall semester ending prior to winter break.

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

Discussion of District Goals

The Board presented a draft version of the District Goals for 2007-2008. The Board would like to have the draft District goals placed on their webpage in order to receive public comment.

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

Swap Report

In order to reduce Denton Independent School District's interest cost as compared to the interest cost on traditional fixed rate bonds, the District entered into swap agreements (the "2005 Swap Agreements" and "2006 Swap Agreement") to "synthetically fix" the variable rate of interest on its Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2005-A and Series 2006-B. The District's outstanding swap agreements have continued to provide a lower interest cost in comparison to traditional fixed rate bonds.

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

Board Continuing Education Hours Announcement

The Board of Trustees must annually announce the name of each board member who has completed the required continuing education, who has exceeded the required hours, and who is deficit in the required continuing education. The State Board of Education required continuing education is divided into three Tiers.

Tier I pertains to Local Orientation for new members only and, for all trustees, an orientation to the Texas Education Code. Dr. Glenna Harris as a new member completed *The Texas Education Code Training*.

Tier II pertains to the required team-building session with the Board

and Superintendent and *was completed on October 13, 2007.*

Tier III pertains to additional continuing credit hours, based on assessed needs and the Framework for Governance Leadership. All members of the 2007-2008 Board of Trustees – President Charles Stafford, Vice-President Virginia Gallian, Secretary, Dr. Jeanetta Smith and trustees Dr. Jim Alexander, Dr. Glenna Harris, Mia Price, and Dr. Curtis Ramsey have exceeded the required hours of training in continuing education this year.

For the record, a new trustee must complete a minimum of 16 hours plus district orientation, Open Meetings Act, and Public Information Act training. An experienced Board member must complete eight hours plus the Texas Education Code update after a legislative session.

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

Update on
Extended School
Day Program

Steve Johnson, Director of Community/Adult Education provided the Board with an update on the Extended School Day program for the 2007-2008 school year. The report provided information on program enrollment, registration, scholarships and space availability at campuses.

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

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda

Mia Price requested the minutes be pulled for further discussion.

Motion made by Mia Price and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve (personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; administrator and support staff contract renewals; Budget Amendments as of January 31, 2008; Investment Report as of December 31, 2007; approval of the Adams Exterminating contract for one year beginning March 1, 2008 and ending February 28, 2009; approval of the 2008-2009 Commodity Processing awarded to Advance for Beef, King's Delight for Chicken, Schreiber for Barrell Cheese, Con-Agra for Mozzarella Cheese and Jenni-O for Turkey; and approval of TDI Industries proposal in the amount of \$600,950.00 for the installation of card access and EMS controls for schools identified in the 2007 bond package)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve the minutes of the January 22, 2008 board meeting as corrected.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Call for May
Election

Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve the Order of Election electing to the Board of Trustees of the Denton Independent School District two (2) Trustees for a full three (3) year term; one (1) Trustee for each position; each position designated as Place 6 and Place 7.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of
Amended 2008-
2009 School
Calendar

Glenna Harris and seconded by Mia Price

To approve the 2008-2009 Amended School Calendar, Option 1.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Class Size
Waiver for EP
Rayzor

Jim Alexander and seconded Glenna Harris

To approve the TEA Maximum Class Size Waiver Request for one (1) second grade section at Eugenia Porter Rayzor Elementary.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum

Laura Isbell addressed the Board regarding the registration process for the Extended School Day program. She has a concern with the current enrollment procedures and feels it needs to be revised.

Closed Meeting

The Board adjourned into closed session at 8:37 pm.

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:35 pm.
Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve an easement to the Barnett Gathering L.P. as provided in the Right-Of-Way easement agreement for \$18,084.20.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

President

Secretary