

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, April 26, 2011 at 7:04 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Jim Alexander who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Harris, Price, Ramsey, Rodriguez, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present:

Braswell, Rutherford, Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Stephens, Cox and Stevenson.

Others:

Brittany Tabor, *Denton Record Chronicle*; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges:

The pledges to the flags were led by L.A. Nelson students.

Presentations/
Recognitions

There were no presentations or recognitions scheduled.

1st Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Discussion of
Energy Audit

Bob Wilkin from TDI presented information regarding Year 5 of the District's energy audit which covered July 2010 thru December 2010. TDI along with the Operations department conducted a monthly on-site analysis of utility data to identify areas of concern. They also continue to tightly manage HVAC Systems through the EMS systems. The District saved approximately \$73,970 in utility cost due to Friday closings last summer. The district also completed implementation of Intelligent Irrigation Control on twelve campuses and 20 campuses received retrofits on lighting, occupancy sensors, digital switches and improved HVAC controls. The geothermal systems installed at Cross Oaks and Gonzalez shows a reduced cost of \$.60 as compared to McNair, Blanton, Hodge and Olive Stephens.

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

Construction
Update

The District currently has approximately \$15 million accumulated from interest earnings and construction project savings from the 1999, 2002 and 2004 bonds. The bond funds can only be expended for slated bond projects. The 2007 bond includes science labs, prep rooms, secure vestibule areas and some fine arts facilities as the next priority of expenditures. Since the district is not able to sell the second phase of the 2007 bonds, it was proposed to use part of this

\$15 million for the construction of these areas at the designated campuses.

Mike Elmore with SHW reviewed the four science lab additions to the following schools:

- WS Ryan
- EP Rayzor
- Pecan Creek
- Providence

Susan Smith with Corgan Associates reviewed the Woodrow Wilson Elementary science addition and new secure entry vestibule.

Leesa Vardman with VLK Architects presented the Lee Elementary science addition, McMath band hall addition and new secure vestibule addition and Strickland orchestra hall addition.

This item is for information only. No action is required

The Board recessed at 9:00 pm and reconvened at 9:10 pm.

Update on
Stetson Report

Debbie Roybal provided an update of the 2010-2011 activities related to the Stetson Report recommendations noted in the “Evaluation of Services for Students with Disabilities”. Specific focus during this school year has been on improving communication and providing consistency related to special education procedures and program support.

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Continued
Discussion of
Budget 2011-
2012

Dr. Braswell updated the board on the latest state proposals for public school funding and gave an overview of the district’s latest budget challenges for 2011-12. At the same time, he again emphasized Denton ISD’s mission of saving as many positions as possible. The most recent funding models that the 82nd State Legislature is considering include reductions in the district’s general fund that range from \$14.3 million to \$21.2 million for 2010-11. Dr. Braswell reported “that of the 232 positions that the district projected it had to cut because of the state reduction in Public School Funding– the actual job loss notices in March went to only 88 staff members.” The number was decreased because of the staff working together with the Early Resignation Incentive Program (ERIP), resignations and retirements.

Deputy Superintendent Jamie Wilson outlined the reorganization structure that was necessitated with reductions in administrative staff.

Debbie Monschke, Executive Director of Administrative Services,

and Sally Havey, Insurance Coordinator, presented a review of the current district health insurance programs and future possibilities. Mrs. Monschke projected a three percent increase in health insurance costs for the 2011-2012 term and a current projected loss of \$1.5 million in the health insurance fund balance for this school year. In exploring other options, the district could: eliminate the In-Hospital Benefit Plan; research other health care providers to secure lower insurance benefits for the district; consider joining the TRS Active Care health benefit program, which is currently used by 1,109 school districts in Texas or If the district maintains its current self-funded plan, it would need to go out for bids for administrative services.

This item is for information only. No action is required

Discussion &
Review of Board
Goals

The Board discussed and reviewed their revisions to their board goals. This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda for approval.

This item is for information only. No action is required

Bond Progress
Report

Dr. Bill Giese presented the Board with an overview of the Bond committee meeting.

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda

Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve (minutes for the February 22, 2011; March 8, 2011; March 22, 2011; March 26, 2011 and April 14, 2011 board meetings; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Investment Report as of February 28, 2011; Investment Report as of March 31, 2011; Budget Amendments as of March 31, 2011; Data Sharing Agreement between UNT & DISD; approval of Ordinance for Declaration of Election of Unopposed Candidates and Cancellation of the May 14, 2011 Election).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
TASB Update
89-1st Reading

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve TASB Update 89 Local policies on first reading.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
Revision To
Policy GKC
(Local)
Community
Relations:
Visitors to
Schools-1st
Reading

Motion by Rudy Rodriguez and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve revisions to policy GKC (Local) Community Relations:
Visitors to Schools on first reading.

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 11:28 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:31 am

Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve in the best interests of the District and in keeping with
implementation of our program changes to approve the
Superintendent's recommendation on termination of probationary
contract employees.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and
voting.

Motion by Rudy Rodriguez and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve the release of the District's diversionary interest in the
real estate subject to TxDOT's eminent domain proceedings against
The Selwyn School.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and
voting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 am.

President

Secretary