

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 22, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Mia Price who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Bundgus, Burns, English, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, Stafford, and Tays

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Mattingly, Pierce, O’Bara, Parham, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Schulz, 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 Sandbrock Ranch Elementary students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Guyer High School graduates Cale Golden and Audrey Lee earned the highest possible honor at the UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest this past May. Both Cale and Audrey were awarded medals as “Outstanding Performers,” meaning in addition to receiving Superior 1 ratings, they were also named the most outstanding performer in the state for their instrument. Less than 300 students statewide received the honor of Outstanding Performer. Cale’s performance earned him the distinction of Outstanding Performer on Bb clarinet. Audrey’s performance earned her the honor of Outstanding Performer on violin.

Kennedy Modica, a sixth-grade student at Crownover Middle School, was named to the Texas Choral Directors Association (TCDA) Texas Elementary Honor Choir this past spring. Kennedy was one of 78 altos selected, and less than 160 students statewide received the honor of being selected to the Texas Elementary Honor Choir. She received this recognition while a fifth-grade student at Hawk Elementary.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum The following community members addressed the Board: Charles Gifford, Melinda Preston, Andrew Evans, Debi Scaggs, and Donna Smith.

Discussion of Certified Tax Values, Tax Rate and Chapter 49

Dr. Scott Niven, Deputy Superintendent presented to the Board an overview of the Certified Values and Tax Rate and Chapter 49. At the September 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting the Board will be approving the Certified Appraisal and Tax Rate and the Tax Rate Ordinance.

With the passage of Senate Bill 2 it will establish \$12 billion in tax relief for homeowners and commercial property and for the state to place more money into education. With voter approval the Homestead exemption will increase from \$40,000 to \$100,000. Senate Bill 2 also establishes a 20% appraisal cap on non-homestead residential and commercial real property valued at less than \$5 million beginning in 2024. The more tax collections that the District receives, the less state revenue the District gets which is an inverse relationship for every school district.

Chapter 49: Local Revenue in Excess of Entitlement or also known as recapture. Chapter 49 is what used to be referred to as Robin Hood. This section of the Texas Education Code (TEC) makes provisions for certain school districts to share their local tax revenue with other school districts. These provisions are sometimes referred to as “share the wealth” or “Robin Hood” plan because recaptured funds are redistributed by the school finance system to assist with the financing of public education for all school districts.

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

Discussion of House Bill (HB) 3 Safety & Security Update

Dr. Jeff Russell, Area Superintendent presented information on HB3. The 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session included the passage of House Bill 3 (“HB 3”). HB 3 amended Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code, which now requires an armed security officer on each district campus. Currently, Denton ISD uses School Resource Officers (“SROs”) in all secondary schools and some of the elementary schools. The District has Interlocal Agreements in place with several local municipalities allowing on-duty Police Officers to be placed in schools as SROs. Denton ISD is currently working to grow the number of district armed personnel to meet the state requirements. Statewide, there is a shortage of law enforcement personnel along with public education funds to employ them.

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

Discussion of PediPlace Partnership

Dr. Charlene Parham, Area Superintendent and Nicole Goodman, Director of Health Services presented an overview of the Pedi Place Medical Clinic partnership. The Pedi Place clinic will provide care to students who currently lack access to care and allow them to return to class more quickly. Currently 12% of Denton ISD area is uninsured and has barriers to care due to transportation issues.

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

2023-2024  
Enrollment Update

Dr. Susannah O'Bara, Deputy Superintendent for Academic Programs provided the current enrollment numbers. As of today, Denton ISD has 32,618 students enrolled.

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

Denton ISD Council  
of PTAS Report

Aimee Jones, PTA Council President presented a State of the Council overview for the 2022-2023 school year and growth opportunities for 2023-2024. The purpose of the PTA is to:

- \* To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.
- \* To raise the standards of home life.
- \* To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- \* To bring into closer relation the home and the school that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- \* To develop between educators and the public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education

All Denton ISD PTAS and Denton ISD Council of PTAS are in good standing with the Texas PTA. There are 41 Denton ISD Parent Teacher Associations

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Professional Staff  
Appointments,  
Resignations &  
Employment

To expedite the hiring of personnel during the Spring and Summer the Board of Trustees gave Dr. Wilson the authority to hire any contractual personnel including classroom teachers and administrators. The Board was provided with a list of those approved transactions. This enrollment data allows the district to ensure that all campuses remain in compliance with state class size requirements.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum

The following community members addressed the Board: Suzanne Gilbert, Dr. Terry Senne, Payton Inge, Mary Knox, Linda Piatt, Jill Breathitt, Lynn Estes, Jane Anne Sellars, Becky Berteni, Sharon Butler, Sara Marotto, Miriam Blum, Terry Gooel, Christine Elling, Lenry Van Zyl, Evelyn Brooks, Deborah Avellano, and Glenn Harris

Consent Agenda

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve (the minutes for the August 8, 2023 board meeting; approve the TASB Update 120, 121 and CDA(LOCAL) with the exception of DEA (Local) and CKE (Local); Approval of the Head Start AWSFYC Monthly Compliance Reports for May 2023; Denton City County Day School MOU for the 2023-2024 school year; Budget Amendments as of July 31, 2023; 2023-2024 T-TESS certified appraisers; Region XI Master Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$278,322.53; approval of RFP #2203-01C Local Retail Stores be awarded to all responding vendors as listed on the bid tabulation; approval of RFP #2306-08 Miscellaneous Services and Supplies be awarded to all responding vendors as listed on the bid tabulation; approval of the DATCU and Denton ISD Sponsorship Agreement; approval of the continuation of Student Accident Insurance through Student Insurance Plans for 2023-2024 school year be continued for the blanket and catastrophic coverage, with the addition of “All School Day” coverage to the blanket portion through Student Insurance Plans with an annual premium of \$150,904 for the term August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024; approval to increase the GMP on the Calhoun Renovation in the amount of \$621,277.00, for the increased cost of the track replacement as well as \$468,481.48 for other construction related items. This will increase the Total Probable Cost of Construction by a total of \$1,089,758.48; approval of Change Order to decrease the Guaranteed Maximum Price GMP by the amount of \$1,285,449.00; approval of an Interlocal cooperation agreement between the Denton ISD (Joe Dale Sparks) and the Juvenile Board of Denton County; approval of the Memorandum of Understanding agreement pursuant to Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code (“TEC”) by and between the Independent School Districts (“ISDs”), which includes Denton ISD and the Denton County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (“DCJJAEP”) as the agent for the Juvenile Board of Denton County, Texas (“DCJB”), of the Denton County, Texas and approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for school resource investigator (SRO) between Denton County and the Denton Independent School District whereas the County provides the District with one (1) certified police officer to serve as school resource officer (SRO) assigned to Harpool Middle School).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval  
of PediPlace  
Partnership

Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve the Memorandum of Understanding with PediPlace with final approval by Denton ISD General Council.

The motion passed with 6 Board members for and Amy Bundgus against.

Consider Approval  
of Annual

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Charles Stafford

Investment Compliance Resolution  
To approve the Investment Compliance Resolution of the Board of Trustees acknowledging the review of the investment policy as required by the Public Funds Investment Act, naming the Superintendent, the Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services, the Executive Director of Financial Operations, and the Director of Finance as investment officers for the District, approving the list of investment officer training providers, and approving the list of authorized brokers/dealers.

The motion passed with 6 Board members for and Amy Bundgus abstaining

Consider Approval of Chapter 49 Agreement  
Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve Option #3 – Purchase Attendance Credits from TEA and the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).

“For the 2023-2024 school year, we 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 (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).”

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of House Bill (HB) 3 Resolution  
Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve approval of the resolution to declare good cause exception for the House Bill 3 armed security officer requirement in accordance with Sections 37.0814(d) and (e) of the Texas Education Code.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Adoption of Policy CKE (LOCAL) Safety Program/Risk Management: Security Personnel Upon 1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Sheryl English  
To approve an emergency approval of the CKE (LOCAL) policy revision upon first reading as allowed by BF (LOCAL)  
The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Policy DH (LOCAL) Employee  
Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Barbara Burns

Standards of  
Conduct Upon 1<sup>st</sup>  
Reading

To approve an emergency approval of the DH (LOCAL) policy revision upon first reading as allowed by BF (LOCAL)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Open Forum

The following community members addressed the Board: Steven Breathitt, William Menius, and Dorothy Kuhn.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:05 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:57 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 pm

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President

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Secretary