

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, October 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM

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

Board Members Present: Burns, Dunworth, English, Sosa-Sanchez, Stafford, Tays, and Wright

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Brown, O'Bara, Parham, Petito, Pierce, J. Rainey, L. Rainey, Robinson, Schulz, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Thompson

Pledges The Pledges to the flags were led by Windle School for Young Children students.

Presentations & Recognitions Denton ISD proudly celebrated three outstanding students who have been named Semifinalists in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program, an honor awarded to fewer than one percent of high school seniors nationwide. These students are among more than 16,000 Semifinalists across the country who were selected from a pool of over 1.3 million juniors who entered the 2026 competition by taking the 2024 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). As Semifinalists, they will now continue in the competition for nearly 7,000 scholarships valued at almost \$26 million.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has awarded Denton ISD an "A," Superior rating in the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). This marks the district's 23rd consecutive year earning the state's highest fiscal accountability rating, recognizing strong and transparent financial management practices.

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

Texas School FIRST Report and Public Hearing Vicki Garcia, Executive Director for Financial Operations presented the District's School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas "FIRST" Report for the year ending June 30, 2024. Denton ISD received an A-Superior Achievement Rating, which is the 23rd consecutive year the district has received the highest possible rating.

During the 77th regular session of the Texas legislature (2001), Senate Bill 218 was passed, and Governor Perry signed it into law shortly thereafter. This law requires each school district to prepare an annual financial management report within two months of the date of issuance of the final School FIRST ratings. The District received official notification of the 2024-2025 Preliminary School FIRST rating on August 8, 2025. A district has the right to appeal within 30 days after TEA's release of the preliminary rating. If a district does not file an appeal, the preliminary rating becomes a final rating 31 days after the issuance of the preliminary rating. The District did not file an appeal therefore the preliminary rating became the Final on September 8, 2025. This rating is based upon analysis of school year data for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

The reporting tool for School FIRST is the Financial Accountability Ratings Worksheet. This worksheet was developed by representatives of the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the Texas Business & Education Council (TBEC) and the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO). It is administered by the TEA and calculated on information submitted to the Agency via the PEIMS submission in January each year upon completion and approval of the annual external audit. The worksheet consists of 21 indicators broken into three categories: Critical, Solvency and Financial Competence.

President Burns opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 pm and no one wished to speak and the Hearing was closed at 6:28 pm

Open Forum

Community members that addressed the Board: Jackie deMontmollin, Greg Petolick, Mick Mattingly, and Rebecca Bertoni.

Discussion of Super Six Campus Improvement Plans 2025-2026

The Campus Improvement Planning is compiled after each district campus leadership team completes a campus comprehensive needs assessment. The purpose of this report is to share each campus improvement plan with the board to show how our goals and action steps are aligned to board goals, district goals, and campus goals. The plans are a working, living document that provides each campus a pathway for student success. This report will show each campus goal(s), action steps to reach that goal, any financial implications, persons responsible, and a timeline for achieving the goal. The CIP's will highlight the great work our district is doing to support student achievement, student engagement, and social/emotional learning. The Campus Improvement Planning process for the 2025-2026 school year supports the following Denton ISD Compass Points: Excellence In Student Outcomes, Exceptional Workplace Environment, Reciprocal Family & Community Partnerships, and Responsible Fiscal Stewardship.

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Consent Agenda	Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Sheryl English To approve (the minutes of the September 23, 2025 board meeting; personnel matters, leaves, and absences; Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Denton ISD and the City of Oak Point for School Resource Officers; Change Order Number 001 to the Contract Price for CSP#2411-09-2025 Summer Roofing Projects; Change Order Number 001 to the Contract Price for the Demolition of the Former Newton Rayzor Elementary School; Declaration of Non-Suitable Land – DCAD Parcel No. 237378; TEA Remote Homebound Instruction Waiver; HB 3372 Outside Employment Disclosure and Contract/Agreement Requests; Approval of Donation in Accordance with Board Policy CDC(Local) to Fred Moore Day Nursery School). The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
New Business	Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Charles Stafford. Consider Approval and Act Upon Adoption of an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds of the Denton Independent School District; Establishing Procedures and Delegating Authority for the Sale and Delivery of the Bonds; Levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax for the Payment of Said Bonds; and Enacting other Provisions Relating to the Subject. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:14 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:08 pm Patsy Sosa-Sanchez made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to execute and extend a contract for security camera upgrades for reasonable compensation as discussed in closed session. Motion was seconded by Buddy Dunworth. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm

President

Secretary