

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, March 9, 2010 at 6:03 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 Ryan Elementary School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Dr. Richard Ownby presented the Exemplary rated Ginnings Elementary School with the Title I Distinguished Progress School by the Texas Education Agency. To achieve this honor, Ginnings had to maintain or improve its TEA accountability rating each of the past three years and meet other stringent requirements. To be named a Distinguished Progress School, Ginnings also met or exceeded its Adequate Yearly progress measures of English/Language Arts, Math and Attendance the past two years.

Denton Independent School District placed 14 students from Denton High, Ryan High and Guyer High Schools on the Texas Music Educators Association Texas All-State Choir, Band and Orchestra.

Students from Strickland Middle School and Wilson Elementary will represent the Denton Independent School District at the Organization of American Kodaly Educators national convention by performing with the organization's national choirs at March 20 at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Hall in Dallas.

Students from Ginnings, Houston and Stephens elementary school campuses have been honored by the Texas Art Education Association and are having their art work displayed at the State Capitol.

The Denton Independent School District recently received national recognition for its quality athletic program by having two players on the prestigious Parade All-American High School Football team. Ryan quarterback, Scotty Young and Guyer defensive tackle Taylor Bible became just the second and third Denton ISD players honored by the national magazine. Taylor Bible was named the Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year in Texas.

The Board recognized 91 students from its three high schools as part of a new annual program that honors student athletes for their academic success. All student-athletes must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 through the first semester of the current academic year, represent Denton ISD in a positive light and have been approved as a selection by their varsity head coach.

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Discussion of  
Legislative  
Priorities

The Board of Trustees continued their discussion of their proposed legislative priorities.

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

Update on  
Stimulus Funds

Val Morgan, Director of Special Education presented the Board with an overview of how the Federal Stimulus funds have been used within the Special Education department. The district received \$4.2 million in stimulus funds that was allocated for special education including personnel, professional development, materials and equipment, capital outlay and travel for training.

Chris Shade, Director of Federal Programs presented the Board with an overview of how the district spent 1.4 million for Title I programs. The district focused on literacy, science and best practices in working with at-risk students. There was \$697,839 spent on literacy libraries for elementary schools and \$62,520 on literacy materials at the middle school level.

Dr. Ramsey read a statement from a presentation by Dr. Barr “A growing separation between those who are educated and those who are not; between those who enjoy economic prosperity and those living in the “other America” without an adequate income, adequate housing and adequate health A growing separation between those who are educated and those who are not; Or live out their life unemployed, underemployed, or unemployable”

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

Update on Enrollment for PoPo & Lupe Gonzalez School for Young Children

Dr. Roger Rutherford, Asst. Superintendent and Sharon Cox, Director of Community Relations presented the Board with an update on the enrollment numbers for the new PoPo & Lupe Gonzalez School for Young Children as well as marketing strategies to increase awareness of the programs offered at this campus. They also presented information regarding expansion to two schools in the eastern section of the district, Paloma Creek and the new Cross Oaks Elementary School.

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

Discussion of Denton ISD Energy Management Program

Paul Address, Director Of Operations, presented a plan to integrate energy efficient programs, including monitoring water consumption and continuing with energy reduction programs and lighting retrofits to assist the District with energy conservation.

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

AWSYC Head Start- Development of Guidelines and Procedures for Policy Council Selection and Enrollment (ERSEA)

Phyllis Hollinshead, Interim Principal for Ann Windle School for Young Children updated the board on the findings from the recent evaluation that was conducted by Head Start officials. Ms. Hollinshead also informed the Board of their need to develop procedures and guidelines for enrollment and Policy Council selection.

The Board discussed the current practices being used and requested that this item be placed on their April 6, 2010 Agenda Setting meeting for continued discussion at which time the Board will finalize the procedures by which the policy group members are chosen and will finalize the recruitment, selection and enrollment priorities.

This item will also be placed on the agenda for consideration of approval.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Item B (1) Teacher and Support Staff Contract Renewals were pulled for further discussion.

Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez

To approve (minutes for the February 23, 2010 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Budget

Amendments as of February 28, 2010; Approval For Travel to a Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, Out-Of-State for Ryan High School Air Force JROTC to visit Ft. Sill Army Post in Lawton, Oklahoma, May 20-22, 2010).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider  
Approval of  
Secondary  
English  
Language Arts,  
Reading & ELPS  
Textbook  
Adoption

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Mia Price

To approve the textbooks selected for grades 6-12 English Language Arts literature, reading, and a teacher ELPS (English Language Proficiency Standards) resource book for grades 9-12.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider  
Approval of  
District Wide  
Lighting  
Retrofits and  
Smart Irrigation  
Controls

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve the proposal submitted by TD Industries in the amount of \$1,320,668.00 for lighting retrofits district wide and smart irrigation controls for Guyer High School. Funding source will be residual construction funds from completed 2007 bond projects.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider  
Approval for  
“Piloted” Pre-  
School Programs  
At Cross Oaks  
Elementary &  
Paloma Creek  
Elementary  
Schools

Motion by Rudy Rodriguez and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve the following:

Regular pre-school programs: Expanded to Cross Oaks Elementary and Paloma Creek:

- Pre-Kindergarten Program (½ day program) to be offered as a “pilot” program for 3-year-olds and also offered to 4-year-olds as outlined in March 9<sup>th</sup> report to board.

- PPCD – Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities

“Pilot” Pre-school Academy: Offered at Cross Oaks Elementary and Paloma Creek:

- Pre-School Academy – tuition based - for 3-year-olds/4-year-olds
- To offer two half-day programs and one full-day programs at Cross Oaks
- To offer half-day programs at Paloma Creek if space is available
- Extended School Day for Pre-School students of there is a demand for it at Cross Oaks Elementary and Paloma Creek.

	The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of TASB Local Policy Update 87-1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	<p>Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Charles Stafford</p> <p>To approve the adoption of TASB Policy Update 87 Local policies on first reading as submitted.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Open Forum	No one wished to speak.
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:18 pm
Open Meeting	<p>The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:19 pm</p> <p>Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Glenna Harris</p> <p>To approve item B(1) Teacher and Support Staff Contract Renewals for 2010-2011 and accept the Notice of Intent to Terminate Probationary Contract Teachers Who Have Not Met Certification Requirements</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm

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President

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Secretary