

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, November 13, 2007 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Charles Stafford who announced that a quorum was present.

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

Board Members Absent:

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 McNair Elementary School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Denton ISD recognized 12 seniors who have been honored for their high scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), an assessment taken by high school juniors nationwide. One senior from Denton High, Taerim Kim, has been named National Merit Semifinalist. He is among an elite group of only 1,600 semifinalists throughout the United States who were named in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program.

In addition to the semifinalist, Denton ISD had eight commended scholars. There were three commended scholars from Denton High, Benjamin Hokamp, Joseph Tucker, and Theodore Yan. There were two commended students from Guyer High, Mary Lockwood, and Callie Windle. There were three students from Ryan High who received letters of commendation, Stephanie Moor, Sarah Simington, and Melanie Welch.

The district also had two students from Ryan High School who were named to the National Achievement Scholarship Program. They were Brittany Miles, who graduated early last year, and Ebonie Simpson.

From Ryan High, Chance M. Maggard was named as National

Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar Finalist.

The District recognized six elementary schools and one middle school that were named "Recognized." To achieve "Recognized" standing, a school must receive 75 percent passing rates on all TAKS areas or 70 percent passing rate with required improvements, 70 percent SDAA II passage rate, and a .7 percent or less dropout rate in seventh and eighth grades. The seven schools named "Recognized" include: E.P. Rayzor Elementary School, Hawk Elementary School, Houston Elementary School, McNair Elementary School, Ryan Elementary School, Wilson Elementary School, and McMath Middle School.

Public Hearing
on Freeport
Exemption

In the 2007 session, the Texas Legislature passed HB 621. This bill exempts goods, (from being taxed) principally inventory, that are stored in a location that is not owned by the owner of the goods and are transferred from that location to another location within 175 days. Denton ISD must hold a public hearing on the question of whether to tax the goods or let them become exempt. These goods will become exempt in 2008 if no action is taken by the Board of Trustees prior to the end of 2007.

The public hearing opened at 6:27 pm and closed at 6:28.

No public comment was made.

1st Open Forum

Maggie Dodd addressed the Board regarding TASB Update 81, specifically addressing exhibits to DGBA (Local).

Discussion of
Annual Financial
Report for the
Year Ending
June 30, 2007

Carl Deaton, with Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn & Seay, Certified Public Accountants presented information to the Board regarding the Annual Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 2007.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

This item is for information only.

Discussion of
Amending of
2007-2008
School Calendar

A recent change by the Texas Education Agency was made to move all testing from February to March 2008, thus eliminating the need to have the staff development day prior to a week of testing. Moving the staff development day to February would allow our students to be dismissed in observance of President's Day on February, 28, 2008.

Discussion of
2008-2009
School Calendar

Dr. Roger Rutherford presented the Trustees with a proposed school calendar for the 2008-2009 school year. This option has a start date of August 26, 2008 and the last day of school scheduled for June 4, 2009.

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

Discussion of
Math Program
Report

Dr. Mike Mattingly, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum presented information regarding the District's mathematics performance.

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

Discipline
Report

Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent, presented information regarding the disciplinary actions taken during the 2006-2007 school year. TEA requires reporting of every disciplinary action that removes a student from the regular classroom or education placement for periods of one school day or more. Typically, this includes any action involving in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, placement in a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP), or expulsion from school. There are also requirements for reporting specific types of behavior for analysis by the Safe and Drug Free Schools Division of TEA, which administers state and federal grant money. This data has been compared with the previous five years and will be the basis for future efforts to improve discipline within our schools.

The most commonly used disciplinary action resulting in removal of students from the regular educational placement was In-school suspension. There were 4,410 incidences of students being placed in ISS for one or more school days, out-of-school suspension was utilized 1,760 times, 357 students were placed in DAEP and 5 students were expelled to JJAEP.

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

Residential
Facility
Monitoring
Report

TEA requires that districts maintain an online report known as Residential Facility (RF) Tracker. This RF tracker report requires input of all residential students' demographic information, the input of enrollment and withdrawal dates, input of teacher's demographics (this includes all general education and special education teachers-including their highly qualified status-who work with this identified target group, as well as information related to service providers (employee/contract)).

The purpose of the monitoring visit (April 2007) is to satisfy a complaint brought against the TEA. TEA conducted a random visit during the week of April 24, 2007. This visit included focus

meetings with administrators, service providers, facility staff, and parents/surrogate parents as well as a review of students' eligibility folders.

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

2nd Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Mia Price

To approve (the minutes of the October 9, 2007 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Investment Report as of September 30, 2007; Budget Amendments as of October 31, 2007; approval of the propane fuel bid submitted by Northwest Propane for one term of two years; approval of the 2007 Certified Tax Roll in the amount of \$; approval of Denton High and Guyer High School Latin Clubs to travel out-of-state to visit Italy and Greece on March 13-21, 2008; approval of the DHS Choir to travel out-of-state to the Winter Park Music Festival in Winter Park, Colorado, April 2-6, 2008; approval of the Strickland Middle School Choir to travel in-state to the Director's Choice Choral Festival in San Antonio, Tx, May 16-18, 2008; approval of the Strickland Middle School Band to travel in-state to the Director's Choice Music Festival in San Antonio, TX May 9-11, 2008; approval of the District to "opt out" of HIPAA on all benefit plans; approval of the Interlocal Agreement for Fiber Maintenance with Denton County; DCAD; and approval of the District Textbook Selection Committee as submitted).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2007 Motion by Virginia Gallian and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve the Financial Audit for the year ending June 30, 2007.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

TASB Local Policy Update 81-1st Reading Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve on first reading the adoption of TASB Local Policy Update 81as submitted.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Amending of 2007-2008 School Calendar	<p>Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Curtis Ramsey</p> <p>To approve the revisions to the 2007-2008 School Calendar changing the staff development day from February 11, 2008 to February 18, 2008.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Approval of Elementary & Secondary Campus Improvement Plans	<p>Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Virginia Gallian</p> <p>To approve the Elementary and Secondary Campus Improvement Plans</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Freeport Exemption Resolution	<p>Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Glenna Harris</p> <p>To approve the Freeport Exemption Resolution for Denton ISD to continue to tax goods-in transit.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
3 rd Open Forum	No one wished to speak.
Closed Meeting	The board recessed into closed session 8:34 pm
Open Meeting	<p>The Board reconvened into open session at 9:48 pm</p> <p>Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Glenna Harris</p> <p>To approve the Hwy. 380 utility easement requested by the City of Denton.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

President

Secretary