

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, August 26, 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, Sosa-Sanchez, Stafford, and Wright

Board Members Absent:

Board Members Arrived Late: English and Tays

Board Members Left Early:

Board Members School Personnel Present:

Others:

Brownell, O'Bara, Parham, Petito, Pierce, J. Rainey, L. Rainey, Shulz, Smith, and Thompson

Cindy Breeding, *Denton Record-Chronicle*; citizens, staff, and students

The Pledges to the flags were led by Sam Houston Elementary School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions

Middle School art students from across Denton ISD earned top honors at the 2025 Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) Region 11 Junior Visual Arts Scholastic Event (Jr. VASE), held on May 3, 2025. The annual event celebrates outstanding student achievement in the visual arts, providing a competitive platform based on students' artistic technique, skill level, and formal interviews about their work. Denton ISD students earned a total of 43 top scores (known as Rating 4), signifying excellence in visual arts. Of those entries, eight artworks by six students were selected for the prestigious Platinum Award, which is reserved for the top 10% of Rating 4 entries across the region. The Platinum Medal represents the highest recognition available to middle school art students in Texas.

Harpool Middle School has been recognized as a 2024–2026 National PTA School of Excellence, one of only 330 PTAs and schools nationwide to earn this distinction. Two areas of focus—*Share Power* and *Collaborate with the Community*—led to initiatives such as Career Day, Longhorn Day, and Coffee Talks with the Principal, which created opportunities for families and community members to connect with the campus. This recognition underscores Harpool's success in fostering meaningful connections among families, staff, and the community—an achievement that reflects Denton ISD's commitment to supporting every student's success.

Additionally, Sam Houston Elementary has been recognized as a 2024–2026 National PTA School of Excellence, one of only 330 PTAs and schools nationwide to earn this distinction. Two focus areas—*Welcoming All Families* and *Communicating Effectively*—led to impactful initiatives. To welcome families, the campus launched its first-ever Multicultural Night. The event drew more than 200 attendees and was praised as one of the school’s most inclusive celebrations. To enhance communication, the PTA expanded Spanish-language outreach with district support and a Ready, Tech, Go! grant, while ensuring regular updates through email and principal newsletters.

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

Discussion of PTA Annual Update

Amy Terrell, Council President, and Suzanne Danhof, Aide to the President, provided the State of the PTA Council Annual Report. The objective of the report is to closely monitor the PTA membership numbers and how the Council supports family engagement at each Denton ISD campus with support and resources, as needed. There are currently 42 PTAs working with Denton ISD, and the Council received the Outstanding Council Platinum Award for the 24-25 school year. District PTA membership has increased year after year and reached a record high of 9,531 individuals. The partnership between Denton ISD and PTA gives families an opportunity to stay engaged and connected to their student’s.

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

Discussion of School Library Advisory Council (SLAC)

Lisa Stultz, Coordinator of Library Services, presented on the SLAC, a local school library advisory council, created to assist the district in ensuring that local community values are reflected in each school library catalog in the district. The district will consider recommendations of the SLAC before adding library materials to a school library catalog, removing library materials from a school library catalog following a challenge, or making changes to policies or guidelines related to a school library catalog.

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

Discussion of Career & Technology Education (CTE) Annual Update

Will Milne, CTE Coordinator, presented the annual Career and Technical Education report for the district. The CTE program is beginning to offer Career and Technical phases to each level of education: Elementary - Career Awareness; Middle School – Career Exploration; High School – Career Experiences. CTE programs of study will now begin in middle school where students choose from five Principles courses. Over 3,200 certifications were earned by students in the 2024-2025 school year, and 72 different certifications are offered by Denton ISD.

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

2025-2026 Enrollment Update Dr. Lacey Rainey, Assistant Superintendent for School Leadership & Academic Programs, provided the Board of Trustees with the current district enrollment as of August 26, 2025. The objective of the report is to closely monitor the enrollment numbers and overall growth in student population at each Denton ISD campus in order to provide support and resources where needed. The analysis of Denton ISD's enrollment data allows the district to ensure that all campuses remain in compliance with the state's class size requirements. It also allows the district to ensure that plans are developed to meet current and future needs of the district.

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

Intruder Detection Audit Report The objective of this report is to communicate the recent audits that have been performed within Denton ISD. Region 11 is conducting Intruder Detection Audits pursuant to updated legal requirements. To date Zero (0) Denton ISD schools have been reviewed. Further details if any have been provided to the Board in executive session and will be provided to the district's Safety and Security Committee in an upcoming meeting for the purpose of safety and security.

1st Open Forum No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Charles Stafford.

To approve (the Minutes of the August 12, 2025 Board meeting; Personnel Matters; Amendment to the 2025-2026 Adopted Budget; Budget Amendments as of July 31, 2025; Memorandum of Understanding Between Denton ISD and Denton County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (DCJJAEP); Annual Investment Compliance Resolution; First Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Contract between City of Denton and Denton ISD Regarding Texas Education Code Sec. 37.0814 for Armed Security Officer Training; Memorandum of Understanding Between Denton ISD and Denton State School; Approval of School Library Advisory Council (SLAC); Purchases in Accordance or with Board Policy CH(Local)-Purchasing and Acquisition; TEA Remote Homebound Instruction Waiver; Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 12 and Parental Rights; HB 3372 Outside Employment Disclosure and Contract/Agreement Request; and Approval of Draft Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services for November 4, 2025).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

2nd Open Forum Speakers included Vince Handler.

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:10 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:47 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

President

Secretary