

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, April 11, 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: Alexander, Bundgus, Burns, English, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, and Stafford

Board Members

Absent:

Arrived Late: Stafford

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Mattingly, Pierce, Perkins, O’Bara, Parham, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, 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 Newton Rayzor Elementary students.

Presentations/  
Recognitions Twenty-four LaGrone Academy students placed at the SkillsUSA state cosmetology competition. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce.

The SkillsUSA competition promotes leadership and trade excellence in a competitive situation and allows students to demonstrate basic skills in their field. The competitions begin at the local level with contests in classrooms nationwide, followed by district, state, national, and even the WorldSkills events. Of the 24 Denton ISD students who placed, twenty-two finished first.

### **Board Spotlight**

The cosmetology program at The LaGrone Academy made history recently. This school program rarely enters two dozen students in a state-wide contest, and all entries either finish first or are placed in the top three. Because of their outstanding instructors and talented students, the Board of Trustees wanted to celebrate their success.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum The following community members addressed the Board: David Moreno; Kerol Harrod; Melinda Preston; Debi Scaggs; Lenry Van Zyl.

Discussion of  
Denton ISD Virtual  
Academy

Caleb Leath, Virtual Academy Principal provided an overview of current enrollment in the Denton ISD Virtual Academy. The Virtual Academy serves grades K-8 with a current enrollment of 122 students. The normal school day from 8:15 am - 3:35 pm with a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning. The Virtual Academy offers all core subjects and honors for Middle School students. The Virtual Academy also has in-person school outings and after-school family events. The continuation of the Denton ISD Virtual Academy will allow Denton ISD to continue to provide an exemplary virtual education to students who thrive in a remote learning modality.

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Discussion of 2023-  
2024 Budget

Jennifer Stewart, Executive Director of Budget provided the Board with an overview of Basic Allotment, Local Tax Collections and State Funding and Average Daily Attendance. Jennifer reviewed several different scenarios to the Basic Allotment if the State would have provided a \$100 increase and how it would have affected Denton ISD. Jennifer also provided a history of local tax collections as compared to State funding. State funding has continued to decrease with the increase of local property tax growth. She provided the Board with the House and Senate Bills to track that will possibly provide some property tax relief to homeowners.

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

Discussion of  
Legislative Updates  
for the 88<sup>th</sup>  
Legislative Session

Deron Robinson, General Counsel provided the Board of Trustees with updates and resources regarding the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. There have been 1307 bills filed pertaining to public education. Deron reviewed the education bills and highlighted several Senate and House bills for the Board to keep track of.

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

Announcement of  
Board Continuing  
Education Hours

The Board of Trustees must annually announce the name of each board member who has completed the required continuing education, who has exceeded the required hours, and who is deficit in the required continuing education. The State Board of Education requires continuing education is divided into three Tiers.

I am pleased to inform you that all members of the Board of Trustees Jim Alexander, Amy Bundgus, Barbara Burns, Sheryl English, Mia Price, Patsy Sosa-Sanchez, and Charles Stafford– have exceeded the required hours of training in continuing education this year.

For the record, a new trustee must complete a minimum of 25 hours plus district orientation, Open Meetings Act, and Public Information Act training.

An experienced Board member must complete nine hours plus the Texas Education Code update after a legislative session as well as three hours of “Student Achievement training every two years.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum      The following community members addressed the Board, Dr. Terry Senne, Suzanne Gilbert.

Consent Agenda      Amy Bundgus requested Item H - 2023-2024 Instructional Materials Allotment & TEKS Certification to be pulled for further discussion.

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jim Alexander to approve the Consent Agenda with exception of item H-2023-2024 Instructional Materials Allotment & TEKS Certification

To approve (the minutes of the March 28, 2023, board meeting, personnel matters, leaves, absences and Teacher and Other Professional Contracts for 2023-2024; Budget Amendments as of March 31, 2023; approval of RFP #2102-03B Career and Technology Education (CTE) Supplies, Services, Equipment, and Repair; approval of RFP #2203-01B Local Retail Stores be awarded to all responding vendors on the bid tabulation; approval for the quote from ProComputing in the amount of \$377,785.00 for the purchase of ActivPanel & Extron WallVault system for Union Park Elementary; approval of the Head Start COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) and QI (Quality Improvement) grant applications for FY23; approval of the AWSYC Head Start Monthly compliance Report for March 2023 and approval for the quotes received from Dell Marketing L.P. for \$971,450.00, CDW-G for \$27,928.00, and Anixter for \$5,502.75, for the Career and Technology Education (CTE) lab desktop refresh equipment in the total amount of \$1,004,880.75).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

With the passing of the Consent Agenda the Board of School Trustees approved the hire of Kent Laster to be Braswell High School’s new head football coach and athletic coordinator. Also, LaHaria Bernard was named the Ryan Raiders’ next head boys basketball coach.

2023-2024  
Instructional  
Materials Allotment  
& TEKS  
Certification      Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Barbara Burns  
  
To approve Item H-2023-2024 Instructional Materials Allotment & TEKS Certification. Approval of TAC 66.1305 annual requirement for the certification of Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) and Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) form.

The motion passed 6 For and 1 Against.

3 <sup>rd</sup> Open Forum	The following community members addressed the Board, Donna Smith; Kristine Bray, Rebecca Berteni and Ann Jones.
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:30 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:01 pm
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 10:06 pm

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President

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Secretary