

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, December 12, 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: Bundgus, Burns, English, Price, Stafford and Tays

Board Members Absent: Sosa-Sanchez

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Brown, O’Bara, Parham, Pierce, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Schulz, Stevenson, Stewart, Thompson, and Wilson

Presentations & Recognitions Each year, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) honors businesses, organizations and individuals for their support and exceptional advocacy of public schools. This statewide honor, as part of “Stand Up for Texas Public Schools,” recognizes local businesses and community organizations that partner with school districts, making a difference in the lives of public-school students.

DesiRay Kernal is a graduate student and women’s basketball player at the University of North Texas. Earlier this summer, DesiRay began volunteering with the district at both of Denton ISD’s Back-to-School Fairs.

DesiRay attended both fairs at Braswell and Denton High School, lending a hand in a variety of capacities. In addition, she also visited Rivera Elementary School earlier this fall with the rest of the Mean Green women’s basketball team, playing basketball and participating in other activities with students.

The Braswell High School Wind Symphony earned the distinguished honor to perform at the 77th Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21.

An invitation to the Midwest Clinic is one of the highest honors a band or orchestra can achieve. The Braswell Wind Symphony is one of only six high school bands from across the country chosen to perform a featured concert for attendees.

The Braswell Wind Symphony is also the first band from Denton ISD that has been selected to perform at the Midwest Clinic.

The Midwest Clinic began in 1946 and features some of the top clinicians, ensembles and music educators not just in the United States, but internationally, as well. In order to be selected to perform at the clinic, ensembles must submit audio and video recordings which are then judged along with thousands of other submissions.

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

Discussion and
Review of
Secondary Course
Planning Guides

High School: Dr. Lisa Thibodeaux, Executive Director of Secondary Curriculum & Instruction provided the Board with updates that will be made and included in the 2024-2025 Denton ISD High School Course Planning Guide, pending their approval.

1. General Revisions
 - Re-arranged some categories for a more logical flow
2. General Clarifications –
 - Clarified language in “Traditional Methods for Earning Credit,” “Go Centers,” “Standard Level” courses
 - Academic Dual Credit - Add TEA courses crosswalks
 - IPC – Correct grade levels for transfer grades
 - More information on Texas College Bridge
 - CTE Programs of Study “Arrows”
3. Changes in Practice –
 - Speech Proficiency Courses: Add Strategic Learning for High School Mathematics
 - Texas First Graduation Plan
 - Repeating Courses (HB 3803)
 - Changes to CCMR and industry-based certification requirements
4. Course Changes Recommended by Course Committee –
 - AP Precalculus (add)
 - Earth and Space Science (add)
 - Practical Math ALT (add)
 - Math Models ESL (add)
 - US Government ESL (add)
 - US Economics ESL (add)
 - IB French HL (Y1 and Y2) (add)
 - IB Math Analysis and Approaches HL (Y1 and Y2) (add)
 - Academic Competitions (add)
 - Fine Arts Courses:
 - Studio Art II Honors (sunset)
 - Band Sub Non-Varsity B I-IV (add)
 - Jazz Non-Varsity B I-IV (add)
 - Art I: Art Appreciation (add)

- Technical Theatre III and IV – Advanced Costume (add)
- Dance I-IV: World Dance (Step Team) (add)
- Dance I: Dance Wellness (Dance for Athletes) (add)

CTE Courses:

- Introduction to Culinary Arts *change to* Culinary Arts (revise)
- Digital Art and Animation (add)
- AC/DC Electronics (add)
- Medical Terminology (add)
- Practicum in Animation (add)
- Practicum in Commercial Photography (add)
- Practicum in Graphic Design (add)
- Practicum in Audio/Visual Production (add)

Middle School: Dr. Lisa Thibodeaux, Executive Director of Secondary Curriculum & Instruction provided the Board with updates that will be made and included in the 2024-2025 Denton ISD Middle School Course Planning Guide, pending their approval. Some of the changes are as follows:

1. General Revisions
 - Minor edits and revisions
2. General Clarifications –
 - 8 period day in “Sample Schedule”
 - Study Hall vs. Study Skills
3. Changes in Practice –
 - Repeating Courses (HB 3803)
 - Automatic Enrollment in Advanced Math (SB 2124)
4. Course Changes Recommended by Course Committee –
 - Spanish 7 and Spanish 8 combined into Spanish I (change)
 - Omission of Spanish for Spanish Speakers courses (MS only) (sunset)
 - Dual Language Science 6-8, Dual Language Math 6-8 (add)
 - Career and College Exploration (add), replaces - Investigating Careers (Technology, Construction, Hospitality/Human Services (sunset)
 - Principles of Agriculture (add to MS, Harpool only)

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Discussion of
Annual Safety &
Security Report

Dr. Jeff Russell, Area Superintendent, and Mary Martin, Director of Safety & Security provided the Board with a review of present District security procedures. They also highlighted security precautions and reviewed enhancements that the district has implemented regarding student and staff safety. Dr. Russell and Ms. Martin also provided the Board with an update to House Bill 3 and the process and addition of the School Security Officers.

All candidates must pass a physical, drug screen, and psychological evaluation. All candidates must meet the criteria below established in our partnership with the Denton Police Department

- Active TCOLE Peace Officer's License
- Fingerprint Check
- Clear Criminal History
- Provide last agency separation of licensee TCOLE F5
- Provide TCOLE Personal Status Report of Training and Licenses
- Pass the TCOLE Firearms Qualification

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Discussion and Review of TASB Policy Update 122 with Revisions to CKE (Local), EIF(Local), GKG(Local) Policies

Deron Robinson, General Counsel presented the TASB Policy Update 122 which encompasses changes in law from the 88th Regular Legislative Session that have an immediate effect on the governance and management of the district. Changes to local policies offered for consideration address the following topics: cybersecurity, employment of bus drivers, dyslexia and related disorders, accelerated instruction, career investigation days, opioid antagonists, threat assessments, student records, and safety and security. Update 122 includes the changes to the following local policies:

- CQB(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES - CYBERSECURITY
- CSA(LOCAL): FACILITY STANDARDS - SAFETY AND SECURITY
- EHB(LOCAL): CURRICULUM DESIGN - SPECIAL PROGRAMS
- EHBC(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS
- EHBCA(LOCAL): COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS - ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION
- FEA(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE
- FFAC(LOCAL): WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES - MEDICAL TREATMENT
- FFB(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - CRISIS INTERVENTION
- FL(LOCAL): STUDENT RECORDS

It is recommended that the following policies included in Update 122 received additional local revisions:

- DC(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES
- EIC(LOCAL): ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT – CLASS RANKING

It is further recommended that additional changes be made to the following local policies:

- CKE(LOCAL): SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT – SECURITY PERSONNEL
- DEC(LOCAL): COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS – LEAVES AND ABSENCES
- EIE(LOCAL): ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT – RETENTION AND PROMOTION
- GKG(LOCAL): COMMUNITY RELATIONS – SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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

Discussion of
Attendance
Boundary
Modifications

Due to the nature of rezoning for two new campuses, all campuses in the Braswell Zone will be impacted in some way by this proposal presently or in the future. The Fred Hill zoning proposal will positively impact the future growth forecasted for Providence Village and the Cross Oaks campuses. Due to the growth in this area, Sandbrock Ranch Elementary and Union Park Elementary are overflowing with students who are new to our district to Paloma Creek Elementary. This proposal will prevent the interruption of our current students' educational opportunities, minimize travel north and south of Highway 380 and allow for future growth.

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

Quarterly Growth
Report 3rd Quarter
2023

Rocky Gardner, Zonda Demographics presented the 3rd Quarter Growth Report. Currently Denton ISD has 32,905 students for enrollment with a projection of 362 student growth.

Rocky stated DFW area economy has a strong housing growth with unemployment rates below 5%. Once interest rates started to climb, the housing market flattened out because people just couldn't get into homes. Builders start to work off their inventory, then starts began to fall below closings. 3rd Quarter starts increased by 44% and 3rd Quarter Closings increased by 40% in the last 12 months.

Based on current trends, Denton ISD could close more than 3,200 homes by the end of 2023, the most annual closings the district has ever experienced

Denton ISD added nearly 362 students this fall as the housing market continues to have record high closings in the region.

The district has 58 active subdivisions with lots available to build on and 31 future subdivisions with lots in various stages of development. Groundwork is underway on roughly 2,540 lots across the district. The district is forecasted to enroll more than 36,800 students in 2028/29, and almost 41,600 students in 2033/34

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

Bond Progress
Report

Dr. Dean Anthony, Bond Progress Co-Chair, presented the Board with information from the recent Bond Progress meeting held at Pat Cheek Middle School.

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

Construction
Report

Brandon Boytner, Executive Director of Construction & Growth presented information regarding the renovations underway to Newton Rayzor

Elementary, Calhoun Middle School Replacement, Hill Elementary and Martinez Elementary. Brandon also gave an update on future upcoming projects that are about to start construction or are in the planning and design phases. Information on the projects is on the Denton ISD website to view.

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

Intruder Detection
Audit

Region 11 is conducting Intruder Detection Audits pursuant to updated legal requirements. To date 14 Denton ISD schools have been reviewed. Corrective actions, if any, have been completed at this time. Further details 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.

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1st Open Forum

Community members that addressed the Board: Danielle Morris

Consent Agenda

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve (the minutes of the November 14, 2023 board meeting, personnel matters, leaves, and absences; Budget Amendments as of November 30, 2023; AWSYC Head Start Monthly Compliance Report; Dorothy Martinez Elementary Campuswide Furniture Purchase in the amount of \$772,911.64; Fred Hill Elementary Campuswide Furniture Purchase in the amount of \$772,911.64; Evers Park Elementary Campuswide Furniture Purchase in the amount of \$610,121.79; RFP #2209-15B Food, General Grocery, Catering & Services; RFP #2209-14B Fundraising Supplies & Services; CSP #2311-11 2024 Summer Roofing Project – Fred Moore Day Nursery; Interlocal Agreement between Denton ISD and the Region 10 Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative; RFP #2306-08 Miscellaneous Services and Supplies; Video Management and Archiving (VMS) Growth and Maintenance Purchase in the amount of \$943,276.18; Elementary Teachers Dell Chromebook Replacement Purchase in the amount of \$445,280.00; Cybersecurity Updates Purchase in the amount of \$5,801,903.78 distributed as follows: Netsync Network Solutions in the amount of \$1,999,520.00, Microshare, Inc. in the amount of \$3,444,165.55, and Identity Automation in the amount of \$358,218.23; Transportation Box Truck Purchase in the amount of \$550,080.00 for the purchase of four (4) Box Trucks; Change Order to the Contract Price for CSP #2303-06 2023 Summer Roofing Replacement Projects, decrease the Contract Price on this project by \$35,000.00; Change Order to the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) at Denton High School, increase the GMP on this project by \$408,374.00; approval of the 2024 Public Information Act Calendar in response to HB 3033.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of DCAD
Nomination Voting
Resolution

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Lori Tays

To Approve and award all of Denton ISD's 670 votes to Mr. Charles Stafford for the Denton County Appraisal District (DCAD) Board of Directors nomination

Consider Approval
of 2024-2025
Calendar

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Barbara Burns

To approve the 2024-2025 calendar as submitted.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Attendance
Boundary
Modifications for
2024-2025

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Amy Bundgus

To approve of proposed boundary modifications to Bell Elementary, Cross Oaks Elementary, Paloma Creek Elementary, Providence Elementary, Sandbrock Elementary, Savannah Elementary and Union Park Elementary School. This will establish the boundary modifications for Fred Hill Elementary and Dorothy Martinez Elementary. Current students will have the opportunity to remain on campus through the district process.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Evers Park
Elementary School
Renovation
Guaranteed
Maximum Price
(GMP) and Total
Probable Cost

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve of the Total Probable Cost including the Guaranteed Maximum Price submitted by Balfour Construction company in the amount of \$ 14,613,925.00 for a Total Probable Cost of \$ 16,263,018.00 for the renovation and mechanical upgrades to Evers Park Elementary School

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Facility
Upgrades at
Alexander
Elementary,
Blanton
Elementary, Nelson
Elementary, and
Strickland Middle
School Guaranteed
Maximum Price

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve of the Total Probable Cost including the Guaranteed Maximum Price submitted by Joeris General Contractors in the amount of \$10,163,177.00 for a Total Probable Cost of \$ 11,376,319.00 for the for the summer 2024 facility upgrades.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

(GMP) and Total
Probable Cost

Consider Approval
of Braswell High
School
Multipurpose
Facility and
Athletic
Modification
Guaranteed
Maximum Price
(GMP) and Total
Probable Cost

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Lori Tays

To approve of the Total Probable Cost including the Guaranteed Maximum Price submitted by Balfour Construction company in the amount of \$ 25,449,845.00 for a Total Probable Cost of \$ 27,817,085.00 for the construction of the Braswell High School Multipurpose Facility and athletic modifications.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Denton High
School
Multipurpose
Facility Guaranteed
Maximum Price
(GMP) and Total
Probable Cost

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve of the Total Probable Cost including the Guaranteed Maximum Price submitted by BWC Construction Company in the amount of \$ 19,976,362.00 for a Total Probable Cost of \$ 21,887,826.00 for the construction of the Denton High School Multipurpose Facility.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Anita Reeves
Elementary School
Guaranteed
Maximum Price
(GMP) and Total
Probable Cost

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve of the Total Probable Cost including the Guaranteed Maximum Price submitted by Balfour Construction company in the amount of \$52,512,680.00 for a Total Probable Cost of \$ 57,852,744.00 for the construction of Anita McGuire Reeves Elementary School

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

2nd Open Forum

Community members that addressed the Board: Donna Smith, Dr. Terry Senne

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:38 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:25 pm

Motion by Amy Bundgus and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve the MOU with the Town of Cross Roads pertaining to the development of property and High School No. 5 as presented by the Superintendent in closed session.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:38

President

Secretary