

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, June 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Chadwick, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, Smith and Stafford

Board Members Absent: Sosa-Sanchez

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Niven, Mattingly, Pierce, Perkins, O'Bara, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Stevenson, Valenta and Zwahr

Others: Marshall Reid, *Denton Record Chronicle*; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by staff.

Presentations/ Recognitions Guyer High School's Brynn Brown posted state records of 4:41.29 in the 1600-meter and 9:58.77 in the 3200-meter events earning her two 6A UIL State Championship Titles for the 2021 Track Season. Brynn is also the current UIL Class 6A State Cross Country Champion. Brynn will attend The University of North Carolina next fall on scholarship.

Ryan High School's Jackson Parrish posted a time of 1:52.27 in the 800-meter race earning him the 5A UIL State Championship Title for the 2021 Track Season. Jackson will attend Oklahoma's East Central University in the fall on scholarship.

Oath of Office

Closed Session The Board convened into 6:28 pm

Open Session The Board reconvened at 7:07 pm

Election of Board Officers Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Barbara Burns

To approve Doug Chadwick as President and Mia Price as Vice President and Charles Stafford as Secretary

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve Kim Stevenson as the recording secretary

1st Open Forum No one requested to address the Board

Budget Hearing for 2021-2022 Budget Hearing was called to order 7:10 pm

Jennifer Stewart reviewed the tax rates, General Fund, Debt Service, and Child Nutrition.

The total M & O tax rate is \$0.9069 with Debt Service at \$0.48 with a total tax rate at \$1.3869. The District must submit our certified values before the tax rate can be adopted.

The Average Daily Attendance (ADA) for 2020-2021 in the 4th and 5th Six Weeks had a 1.5% Growth with an attendance of 29,916 students. The District is using a budget assumption of 5% growth \$962 million in growth with a 18% growth in property values.

The proposed 2021-2022 Budget also has a compensation plan that includes a 2% raise for all employees.

No one wished to speak

The Budget Hearing was closed to 7:44 pm

COVID-19 Update Dr. Wilson stated the Denton County Health Department is still encouraging individuals to receive their Covid-19 vaccines and especially children 12 years old and older. Mrs. Price stated the Parkland Hospital stated that 98% of people currently hospitalized with COVID are non-vaccinated individuals

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

Discussion of 2021-2022 Salary Recommendations and Additional One-Time Employee Retention Payment Jason Rainey, Executive Director for Human Resources provided the Board of Trustees with information regarding salary increases to DISD staff for the 2021-2022 school year. The recommended general pay increase will be 2% of midpoint in each pay grade for all employees. Each teacher and librarian will receive a minimum \$1,250 general pay increase. Teachers and Librarians from step 11 through step 23 will receive additional pay due to market adjustments. This positively affects 2,352 of our experienced teachers and librarians. The starting teaching salary for new teachers will be \$56,400 for the 2021-2022 school year.

In addition to the 2% of the midpoint salary increase, the Denton ISD Board of Trustees will act on a one-time retention payment of \$500.00 for full-time employees in TRS eligible positions of Denton ISD.

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

Discussion of
Legislative Updates
for the 87th
Legislative Session

Deron Robinson, General Counsel and Dr. Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent provided updates and resources to the Board of Trustees regarding the 87th Legislative Session.

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

Discussion of
Waiver Request for
the Opening of a
Denton ISD Virtual
Academy for the
2021-2022 School
Year

Deron Robinson, General Counsel provided the Board of Trustees information about the proposed TEA waiver which would allow Denton ISD the opportunity to establish a K-8 Virtual Academy, a permanent full-time online learning option for families. The Denton ISD K-8 Virtual Academy will be a public, tuition-free school, serving students in kindergarten through 8th grade. The fully remote learning option will provide an opportunity for students who thrive in the online environment to learn virtually.

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

Bond Progress
Report

Mike Vance, Bond Committee member presented an overview of the Bond Progress meeting that was held at Strickland Middle School on May

Quarterly Growth
Report 1Q21

Bob Templeton, Templeton Demographics provided the 1st Quarterly Growth Report for 2021. With the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic last March the DFW unemployment rate jumped to 13.1% and has decreased to 6.5%.

The State enrollment for 2021 decreased by 122,350 students

There are currently more than 830 charter school campuses open across Texas. These campuses enrolled nearly 367,000 students in 2020/21, a rise of nearly 30,000 students over last year. 60 separate campuses opened or began reporting enrollment in 2019/20.

Denton ISD enrollment has risen by 2,701 students between 2015/16 and 2020/21, an increase of 9.8%. Denton ISD enrollment has declined 652 students from 2019/20, a decrease of -2.1% however it is projected with large population of student growth for the 2021-2022 school year.

The district has more than 2,900 lots available to build on across 57 active subdivisions. Within DISD there are more than 31,000 planned future lots in 44 subdivisions of these, groundwork is underway on approx. 2,616 lots within Denton ISD. There are currently 1,884 units under construction in the

district within Denton ISD there are roughly 5,400 future multi-family units in the planning stages.

Denton ISD has experienced enrollment growth of over 300 students since Fall 2020. In the last 12 months new home starts in DISD increased by more than 85%. The district has more than 2,900 lots available to build on and approx. 31,000 planned future lots with the largest amount of new home starts & closings occurring within Union Park Elementary Zone. Denton ISD is expected to enroll more than 34,700 students by 2025-26 and nearly 39,600 students by 2030-31

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Construction
Report

Garry Ryan, Executive Manager of Construction, Planning and Growth provided the Board with an overview of the current construction projects.

Disaster Recovery
Services Claim
Preparation Report
and Winter Storm
Remediation
Update

Chris Bomberger explained continued efforts to complete the scope of work necessary to repair District buildings and campuses are being done at this time. Denton ISD is working with three remediation vendors to complete the work.

Disaster Recovery Services (DRS) has been selected to provide disaster cost recovery services related to the winter storm, including insurance claims and FEMA recovery. As a part of Phase I of the agreement with DRS, protocols were established for comprehensive loss measurement and strategies for recovery. In Phase II, DRS will be providing assistance with the preparation, review, submittal, and settlement/close out of the District's disaster cost recovery claims. TASB Risk Management will reimburse Denton ISD for any fees associated with DRS services.

As a result of these efforts, District buildings and campuses will be restored in order to facilitate student learning and conduct business as usual. Additionally, DRS will help ensure continuity when preparing for insurance and/or FEMA claim reimbursement.

Childrens' Internet
Protection Act
Compliance Status
Update

Mr. Pierce, Technology Information Officer stated Denton ISD was compliant with the CIPA Act.

Professional Staff
Appointments,
Resignation &
Employment

Dr. Wilson reported Emily McLarty will be Director of Human Resources – Staff Engagement effective for the 2021-2022 School Year and Fred Younkman will be the Principal at Fred Moore High School effective for the 2021-2022 School Year.

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

2nd Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Barbara Burns

To approve (the Minutes for the May 11, 2021 Board meeting; Budget Amendments as of May 31, 2021; Investment Report as of April 30, 2021; RFP #2105-12 0.0339 Acre Tract of Land, Alexander Hill Survey, Abstract No. 623, Denton, Sam Bass Blvd.; Workers Compensation Administrative Services Program and Excess Coverage, Total contribution for Administrative Services Only and Excess Workers' Compensation is \$130,536 which is an increase of \$5,073 over the 2020-2021 school year; Region 10 Education Service Center; approval of RFP #2105-7 Building Maintenance, Repair and Operation (MRO) Supplies, Services, Equipment, term from date of award through June 30, 2024, with an option to auto-renew for two (2) one-year extensions; approval of RFP #2105-10 Local Retail, term from date of award through June 30, 2024, with an option to auto-renew for two (2) one-year extensions; approval of RFP #2105-06 Transportation Parts, Supplies, Services, Equipment, term from date of award through June 30, 2024, with an option to auto-renew for two (2) one-year extensions; RFP #2105-09 Special Education Supplies, Equipment & Services, the term of this contract, upon governing body approval, shall be for a period from date of award through May 31, 2023, with an option to auto-renew for two (2) one-year extensions; approval of Istation Reading Renewal in the amount of \$180,180.00; approval of Imagine Learning Renewal Instructional Materials Allotment in the amount of \$172,800.00; approval of New Denton High School Fiber Connectivity Extension Purchase in the amount of \$317,414.40; approval of Springboard/Mathematics Honors/Instructional Materials Allotment Purchase in the amount of \$190,707.11; approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Prospering Pals Nutrition Cooperative and Denton Independent School District, approval of the quote from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/TX High School Science Digital Gap Package/Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) Purchase in the amount of \$232,986.60; approval of Cost Sharing Agreement between Lennar Homes, Mertiage Homes, and Denton ISD for the development and construction of an access road from the Kings Ridge residential community which will be a temporary intersection at Bronco Way and Bonnie Brae Street as the city of Denton will construct the entire intersection at a later date; approval of Region 11 Reading Academy Memorandum of Understanding;

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Sheryl English
of 2021-2022

To approve the 2021-2022 Salary Recommendations.

Salary Recommendations	The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding a One-Time Employee Retention Payment	Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Sheryl English To approve the Resolution Regarding a One-Time Employee Retention Payment. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of Waiver Request For the Opening of a Denton ISD Virtual Academy for the 2021-2022 School Year	Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Sheryl English To approve the Waiver Request For the Opening of a Denton ISD Virtual Academy for the 2021-2022 School Year. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 10:24 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:08 am
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 12:16 am

President

Secretary