

The Board of Trustees of Denton Independent School District, State of Texas, met in a special meeting at the Denton ISD Central Services building, 1307 N. Locust St., Denton, Texas, on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 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, Harris, Price, Ramsey, Rodriguez, 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 staff.

Presentations/ Recognitions Gary Henderson, Executive Director of Communities In Schools for North Texas and Lisa Glenn surprised the Board with the news that Denton ISD had been awarded the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant. The grant program will provide opportunities beyond the normal school day and establish or expand activities in community learning centers. The following campuses will be the recipient of the grant: Evers Elementary, Hodge Elementary, Lee Elementary, Newton Rayzor Elementary, Calhoun Middle School, Navo Middle School, Strickland Middle School, and Denton High School.

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum Bob Clifton addressed the board regarding what he feels is a conflict of interest regarding the law firm that collects delinquent property taxes for DISD.

Continued Discussion of 2008-2009 Budget Debbie Monschke, Exec. Director of Budget & Finance reviewed the 2008-2009 proposed budget.

Budget Dr. Braswell discussed with the Board the upcoming likelihood of Denton ISD becoming a Chapter 41 district in the near future. Denton ISD will not be subject to recapture payments until the District reaches the level of \$374,500 per WADA or \$319,000 per WADA with a tax rate greater than \$1.04. The District may have to have a rollback tax election within the next few years.

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

Discussion of  
Adopting a  
403(b) Plan  
Document

Debbie Monschke, Exec. Director of Budget & Finance presented information to the Board regarding offering employees a 403(b) Plan. IRS now treats 403(b) programs as “Employer Plans.” The IRS implemented rules to make 403(b) programs similar to other elective deferral plans, i.e. 401(k) plans. Failure to implement and maintain a written 403(b) Plan Document will cause the loss of “income exclusion” for contributions to the District’s 403(b) Plan. The District has contracted with National Plan Administrators to provide third party administrator services for the 403(b) plan.

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

Revisions to  
DBB (Local)  
Employment  
Requirements &  
Restrictions:  
Medical  
Examinations &  
Communicable  
Diseases

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to policy DBB (Local) and suggested to make the following change to the first sentence to say “and” any students.....

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

Continued  
Discussion of  
Early Childhood  
Center Plans

The Board continued their discussion of the construction/renovation plans of the Ann Windle Early Childhood Center. Dr. Donald Easton-Brooks, UNT professor has extensive experience in early childhood education and special education populations and presented his opinion regarding the expansion of Ann Windle. Dr. Easton-Brooks felt the District could easily add two additional pods without impacting the educational environment, but also feels the expansion of the library is essential.

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

Discussion of  
DISD STEM  
Principles

Dr. Braswell presented information regarding STEM Education principles. STEM is the acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The Board reviewed information related to student performance in STEM fields and to teacher availability and certification in STEM fields.

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

Continued  
Discussion of  
Legislative  
Priorities

The Board continued their discussion of prioritizing the District’s legislative priorities.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum      No one wished to speak.

Volunteer Report      The Denton ISD Volunteer Program has become known as one of the best in Texas and has received state honors from several organizations. During the 2007-08 school year volunteers contributed more than 316,601 hours to help make a difference with DISD students. This is the highest amount ever recorded for Denton ISD. Although the work volunteers do in and out of the classroom is priceless, if their time is calculated at \$18 an hour – excluding all benefits – the amount they saved the district is more than \$5.69 million.

Consent Agenda      Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Mia Price

To approve (minutes for the June 10, 2008 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of June 24, 2008; TASB Risk Fund for Workers' Compensation – Administrative Services Only and accept the MidWest Employers Casualty, option #2, two year term, for stop loss coverage with the \$450,000 retention and \$1,000,000 aggregate retention. The premium will be \$131,314, which includes the cash flow protection limit of \$180,000 for the first year, \$120,000 for the second year and \$100,000 for the third year. It is also recommended that the District not select the option for direction of care to the Political Subdivision Workers' Compensation Alliance (Alliance), due to limited provider access; approval of Bene-Marc, Inc. – Premier Plan as the company providing student insurance with Hartford and AIG as the carriers; approval of Modification No. 3 of the Cost Reimbursement Agreement Between Denton Independent School District and University of North Texas; and approval of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn and Seay for the 2007-2008 fiscal year audit.)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adoption of  
2008-2009      Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

Budget      To approve the adoption of the General Fund, Debt Service and Child Nutrition Fund Proposed Budgets for the 2008-2009 school year as presented in the budget book inclusive of the minimum 3% salary increase for all employees.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of      Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Jeanetta Smith

District Improvement Plan 2008-2012	<p>To approve the District Improvement Plan for 2008-2012.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Approval of GMP for Additions/Renovations to Hodge, McNair, & Rivera Elementary Schools & Calhoun Middle School as Detailed in the 2007 Bond Referendum	<p>Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Jim Alexander</p> <p>To approve the Guaranteed Maximum Prices submitted by Charter-Heery Builders, Ltd. for Hodge Elementary \$5,326,364.00, McNair Elementary \$5,431,654.00, Rivera Elementary \$4,177,333.00 and Calhoun Middle School \$7,921,997.00 for additions/renovations detailed in the 2007 Bond Referendum.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Approval & Classification of DISD Hazardous Bus Routes	<p>Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Jim Alexander</p> <p>To approve the Hazardous Routes (#5, 8,12,15,49,127 &amp; 139) in accordance with policy CNA( Legal).</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
House Bill 3693 & Senate Bill 12 Requirement of Denton ISD Energy Consumption Reduction Plan Resolution	<p>Motion by Rudy Rodriguez and seconded by Glenna Harris</p> <p>To approve the Denton ISD Energy Consumption Reduction Plan Resolution as detailed by staff and required under - Senate Bill 12, Section 3.03, Subsection (b), Section 44.901.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Approval of Revision to DBB (Local) Employment Requirements & Restrictions: Medical Examinations & Communicable Diseases	<p>Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Curtis Ramsey</p> <p>To approve revisions to policy DBB (Local) on 1<sup>st</sup> reading as presented.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>

Approval of American Medical Association Alliance Resolution for Submission to Texas Association of School Boards	Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Jeanetta Smith  To approve the American Medical Association Alliance Resolution <i>Supporting Screen Out! &amp; Smoke Free Movies.</i>  The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Open Forum	No one wish to speak
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:00 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:02 pm
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 11:15 pm.

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President

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Secretary