

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, May 16, 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:

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 Stephens Elementary School students.

Presentations/
Recognitions

Ryan High School freshman Sophiya Islam has been named to the World Affairs Council’s (WAC) prestigious 2023 “20 Under 20” class. A council advisory panel chose the top 20 students to represent this year’s class based on Junior World Affairs Council (JWAC) educator sponsor nominees. This award honors 20 exceptional high school students under the age of 20 who are active in their local JWAC. Twenty under 20 spotlights young people in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex who consistently give back to their communities and exemplify what it means to be a global citizen.

Each year, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) honors businesses and organizations 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. Since its inception in 1965, Americorps Seniors and the Foster Grandparents program has been instrumental in mentoring students across Denton. Through our partnership with them, Americorps Seniors’ Foster Grandparents have been able to come into classrooms at multiple campuses across the district, making an impact while helping our students learn and grow.

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

1 st Open Forum	The following community members/students addressed the Board: Oma Lesley; Dr. Terry Senne; Lenry Van Zyl; Melinda Preston; Lekendria Tucker.
Discussion of Property/Casualty Insurance	Chris Bomberger, Executive Director of Risk Management, provided the Board of Trustees with information concerning current market conditions and their impact on our insurance coverage. This workshop will outline the request for approval of the Insurance Property Coverage, School Liability (Professional, General and Employee Benefit) Automobile Liability, Automobile Physical Damage, Privacy & Information Security and Violent Acts Coverage and Workers' Compensation coverages for Denton ISD effective July 1, 2023. In 2022 the U.S. has incurred a billion-dollar weather and climate disasters. Every three years the District's facilities are audited. Mr. Bomberger reviewed coverage premiums for property, school liability, auto, weather and Workers' Compensation deductibles. This item is for information only. No action is required.
Discussion of 2023-2024 Budget	Jennifer Stewart, Executive Director of Budget provided the Board with an overview of the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Average Daily Attendance, review of Revenue and Expenditures, Legislative Update HB 100, Average Daily Attendance and Basic Allotment Increase scenarios as well as property values which is projected to increase by 18%. This item is for information only. No action is required.
Discussion of Legislative Updates for the 88 th Legislative Session	Deron Robinson, General Counsel provided the Board of Trustees with updates and resources regarding the 88 th Legislative Session. There have been 1294 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. As of May 16, 2023, 8,345 total bills have been filed. This item is for information only. No action is required
Bond Progress Report	Kathy Lawson, Co-Chair of the Bond Progress Committee presented the Board with information from the recent Bond Progress meeting held at Borman Elementary. This item is for information only. No action is required
Denton ISD Quarterly Growth Report – 1 st Quarter 2023	Bob Templeton, Zonda Education provided the Trustees with regarding the general DFW housing market, economic indicators, Denton I.S.D. residential activity and enrollment projections as of the 1 st Quarter 2023 and its impact to the overall growth of the Denton ISD. Denton ISD enrollment has risen

by 3,101 students between 2017/18 and 2022/23, an increase of 10.5%. The current unemployment rate for the DFW area is 4.8%.

The district has 65 actively building subdivisions. Within DISD there are 31 future subdivisions in various stages of planning and of these, groundwork is underway on more than 2,760 lots within 10 subdivisions; 829 lots have been delivered in the 1st quarter.

There are more than 4,900 multi-family units under construction, 1,013 of which are single family rental homes. There are more than 7,920 future multi-family units in various stages of planning across the district.

Denton ISD is forecasted to enroll nearly 36,640 students by 2027/28 and more than 42,460 by 2032/33.

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

Construction Report

Brandon Boyter, Executive Director of Construction, Planning and Growth provided the Board with an overview of three construction projects, Calhoun Middle School replacement campus, Newton Rayzor Elementary replacement campus and Pat Cheek Middle School. These are the last projects of the 2018 Bond Referendum.

This item is for information only. No action is required

Early Childhood Update

Cecilia Holt, Director of Early Childhood provided the Board of Trustees and overview of the current status of the Early Childhood education programs and consideration for the continued expansion of this program.

Currently the District has 2- Child Development Centers- Virginia Gallian and Fred Moore; 2 Early Childhood Schools -Gonzalez and Ann Windle; 1 Head Start Campus- Ann Windle and 23 Elementary Schools with Pre-K Classrooms. The programs offered serve children of DISD, infant 3yrs old, children with IEP's, ESL and bilingual, tuition only students and state eligible students. In 2022-2023 school year Pre-K additions were made to

- McNair- Dual Language
- Union Park- Dual Language
- W.S. Ryan- Monolingual
- Sandbrock- Monolingual & ESCE
- Gonzalez School for Young Children-Academy
- E.P. Rayzor Elementary- Academy
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This item is for information only. No action is required.

Intruder Detection Audit Report Update The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the recent Intruder Detection Audits conducted by the Texas School Safety Center. To date 31 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 as well as the District’s Safety and Security Committee at a recent meeting for the purpose of safety and security.

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

2nd Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda Amy Bundgus requested item X-Bond Underwriting Services to be pulled for further discussion.

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of item X-Bond Underwriting Services. The following items were approved (the minutes of the April 4, 2023 Joint Meeting with the City of Denton and the April 25, 2024 board meeting, personnel matters, leaves, absences; Budget Amendments as of April 30, 2023; Investment Report as of March 31, 2023; approval of the Resolution Establishing Fund Balance Procedures Required by GASB 54; approve the TASB Risk Management Fund proposal for the following coverages and term:

- Term: July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
- \$500,000,000 million per occurrence limit for All Perils including Wind, Hurricane, and Hail.
- Crime, Equipment Breakdown, School Liability, Privacy & Information Security and Violent Acts.
- Automobile coverage with a liability deductible of \$5,000 per occurrence.
- Extra Expense and Loss in Revenue with a limit of \$2,000,000.
- The combined total premium with TASB for all services referenced is **\$3,304,822;**

approve the TASB Risk Management Fund proposal for Workers’ Compensation Coverage with an Aggregate Deductible for Denton ISD with a maximum exposure of \$992,614 effective July 1, 2023; approval of an Agreement for Medicaid Consultation and Billing with Maine State Billing (MSB) Medicaid to Schools; approval of an interlocal agreement between the City of Denton and Denton Independent School District for the joint use of select Denton ISD facilities and transportation services; approval of a not to exceed cost of \$320,214.00 for the partial renovation the Bateman Fieldhouse to be used for the Concentra Onsite Center; approval of the quote from MasTec Network Solutions in the amount of \$240,765.60 for the fiber connectivity engineering and construction infrastructure purchase for elementary school 28 on Eppright Drive; approval of the quote from Dell in

the amount of \$479,483.18 for the District's annual Microsoft Enrollment for Education Solutions school licensing renewal to run from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024; approval to renew RFP #1904-10 Grounds Maintenance – Athletic Field Maintenance with Sports Field Solutions be renewed for the final two-year term through June 30, 2025; approval to renew RFP #1904-11 Grounds Maintenance – Flowerbed and Tree Classic Landscapes be renewed for the final two-year term through June 30, 2025; RFP #2006-06 Fiber Engineering Construction & Maintenance be renewed with Mastec North America for a term of one (1) year from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with the option the auto-renew for one (1) one-year extension; approval to renew RFP #2207-12 Courier Services for a term of one (1) year from August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024; approval of RFP #2303-03 Financial Advisor Services be awarded to Meeder Public Funds; approval of CSP #2303-06 2023 Summer Roofing Replacement Projects be awarded as follows: Hodge Elementary and McNair Elementary to CBS Roofing and Guyer High School Gym to Paragon Roofing; approval of RFP #2304-07 Pest Control Services be awarded to Adams Exterminating Company; approval of RFP #2304-CNS0141 Child Nutrition Uniforms proposal be awarded to the following vendors: iCopy, The Happy Chef, San Bay Studio and Groggy Dog; approve the Higginbotham Deductible Buyback Wind Quotation for the following coverages and term:

- Term: July 1, 2023, through July 1, 2024.
- \$1,000,000 million per occurrence limit with an aggregate of \$3,000,000 per year for Wind Perils.
- The total premium for services referenced is \$336,284.63;

approval of the Higginbotham Flexible Spending Account Plan for plan year 2023-2024; and approval for the Ryan High School French Club to travel to Montreal, Canada, and Quebec City to learn about culture, visit historical locations and language scheduled to depart on June 15, 2023, and return June 20, 2023).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

With the passing of the Consent Agenda, Dr. Wilson announced the promotion of Dr. Susannah O'Bara to Deputy Superintendent of Academic Programs, Dr. Lacey Rainey to Assistant Superintendent, Robin Brownell selected as the new Area Superintendent of the Denton High School Zone, effective July 1. Ms. Brownell replaces Dr. Lacey Rainey, who will become the new Assistant Superintendent of Academic Programs. Luci Schulz has been selected as the new Area Superintendent of the Ryan High School Zone, effective July 1. Ms. Schulz replaces Dr. Gwen Perkins, who will retire at the end of the school year. Lauren Shapiro has been named the new principal at Hawk Elementary School, effective July 1. Ms. Shapiro takes over for Robin Brownell, who is becoming the new Area Superintendent of the Denton High School Zone. Natonia LaFreniere has been selected as the new principal of Bell Elementary School, effective July 1. Mrs. LaFreniere

replaces Lauren Shapiro, who is becoming the new principal at Hawk Elementary School.

Bond Underwriting Services

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve of the following financial institutions as the bond underwriting pool:

Cabrera Capital Markets (Minority Owned)
Estrada Hinojosa & Company (Minority Owned)
Hilltop Securities Inc.
FHN Financial Capital Markets
Huntington Capital Markets
Jefferies LLC
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC
Mesirow Financial Inc.
Piper Sandler & Co
Raymond James & Associates Inc.
RBC Capital Markets, LLC
Siebert Williams Shank & Co (Minority Owned)
Stephens Inc.
Wells Fargo Securities

The motion passed 6 to 1 abstention by Amy Bundgus.

Consider Approval of Setting Date, Time & Place for the Budget and Proposed Tax Rate Hearing

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Barbara Burns

To approve and set date and time for the Budget and Tax Rate Hearing to be June 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Denton ISD Dennis E. Stephens Central Administration Building at 1307 N. Locust, Denton, Texas 76201.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Total Probable Cost and Guaranteed Maximum Price for the New Construction of Spiritas and Eppright Elementary Schools

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve of the Total Probable Cost including the Guaranteed Maximum Price submitted by Balfour Construction company of **\$ 105,074,824.00** for a Total Probable Cost of **\$114,594,407.05** for the construction of Spiritas and Eppright Elementary Schools. This project will be funded from the 2023 Bond Authorization.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum

The following community members addressed the Board: Donna Smith; Gabriel Kirkpatrick; Rose Scott

The Board of Trustees took a 10-minute break prior to the Level III Hearing.

Level III Grievance
Hearing Under
Board Policy GF

Mia Price, Board President called the Level III Grievance Hearing from a member of the public requesting removal of the books, *Slaughterhouse Five*, *Looking for Alaska*, *Out of Darkness* and *Drama* to order.

Motion by Amy Bundgus to consider each book individually. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Amy Bundgus to have some discussion or to share her own personal statements. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Barbara Burns and Jim Alexander

To support parental rights to opt their children out of certain titles pursuant to Board policy EFB, and therefore return these four titles to general circulation at their appropriate recommended grade levels as suggested by the book review committees, effective immediately.

The motion passed 6-1 with Amy Bundgus opposed.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:32 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:30 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm

President

Secretary