

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 23, 2013 at 6:03 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Mia Price who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Harris, Price, Rodriguez, and Stafford

Board Members Absent: Smith

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Bostic, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Sargent, Hicks, Cox and Stevenson.

Others: Brittany Tabor, *Denton Record Chronicle*; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by W.S. Ryan Elementary school students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Educator Spotlight for April features Andy Kane, second-grade teacher at Paloma Creek Elementary School.

Three students from Ginnings Elementary had their artwork displayed at the State Capitol in Austin as part of the Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Capitol Celebration. Each of these students represented Denton ISD in the TAEA exhibit on the ground floor rotunda of the State Capitol from March 20 through March 24. Their works were among the few chosen from more than 50 school districts across the state.

Ryan High students recently earned a second consecutive state title and several individual honors at the Texas Business Professional Association State Leadership Conference in Houston. The Ryan parliamentary procedures team won the state title and qualified for the National BPA Leadership Conference in Orlando.

Denton High German students won seven Top10 finishes and a state runner-up title at the 31st annual Texas State German Contest at the University of Texas at Austin. Six students represented Denton High against more than 1,000 students from 64 other high schools across the state in a variety of academic and cultural categories.

Guyer High German students won five top-10 finishes at the Texas State

German Contest and was Guyer High's first time to compete at the state level.

Students from Ryan High and Guyer High schools recently won a state title and reached three state semifinals at the Texas Forensic Association's state competition at South Grand Prairie High School.

Susannah O'Bara, principal at Hawk Elementary School, has been named one of 11 finalists as the Texas National Distinguished Principal by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association. The award will be announced in May at a surprise school visit. The principal who wins the top state award will receive \$10,000 for their school and will represent Texas in Washington, D.C. at the 2013 National Distinguished Principals announcement.

1st Open Forum

Rachel Barresi addressed the Board regarding offering preschool programs for children with disabilities (PPCD) in the Lantana schools.

Velma White – Addressed the Board regarding transferring of her daughter to another elementary school campus.

John Byrne addressed the Board to advocate for Lantana students to have a special education program in the Lantana area schools.

Discussion of International Baccalaureate Program (IBO) Update

Lori Mabry presented the board an update of the current DP, MYP, and PYP activities at Denton High School, Calhoun MS, and N. Rayzor Elementary. Ms. Mabry highlighted the cultural and academic opportunities IB has provided students that wouldn't normally be available through the regular course curriculum.

Beth Hughes, IB Diploma Programme coordinator, said the IB diploma programme at Denton High has grown from seven students in 2011 to 68 students currently enrolled. In addition, DHS teachers and staff are helping IB students complete their college applications earlier, build social skills through outside activities and develop leadership traits through IB social club positions.

Kim Thaggard, IB Middle Years Programme coordinator, said the program is establishing character in students through Personal Projects and work with outside civic and charitable organizations. She said this reinforces the students' understanding of their ability to have an impact on global concerns and their local community.

Linda Gavilanes, IB Primary Years Programme coordinator, said the program has put learning in students' hands through programs such as growing vegetables, Exhibition research projects and interacting with international students from the University of North Texas. The program has grown in popularity district-wide, with Newton Rayzor Elementary currently considering almost 60 transfer applications from in and out of the district.

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

Discussion of Student Registration for 2013-2014

Vicki Sargent, Exec. Director of Elementary Programs reviewed with the Trustees the progress toward creating a more family-friendly registration process for all students in Denton ISD. The InfoSnap program will be utilized to manage registration and the resulting supporting information for campuses and the district. InfoSnap is a subscription service and the costs have been measured against the potential fees that would have been incurred by the district for programming, customer support, and other issues. It was determined that this subscription was a more effective, less expensive choice to meet the district's needs.

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

Continued Discussion of Budget for 2013-2014

Debbie Monschke, Asst. Superintendent for Administrative Services reviewed the Summary of proposed Budget Changes for 2013-2014.

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

Legislative Update

Dr. Wilson, Superintendent updated the Board on bills being proposed by the 83rd Legislature. He said no education-related bills have been passed in both the House and Senate. Dr. Wilson said among the 937 legislative bills filed on education, there are some on curriculum requirements. Senate Bill 1724 (proposed by State Sen. Dan Patrick) would require students to pass end-of-course exams for graduation.

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Review of 2012-2013 Denton ISD Head Start Grant

The Board was provided this report to inform the Governing Body for the AWSYC Head Start Program about the grant application that was recently submitted. The application for continued refunding must be prepared in accordance with the instructions in Information Memorandum ACYF-IM-HS-00-12, dated April 25, 2000. Head Start and Early Head Start grantees are required to submit a full application once every three years. In the other two years, grantees need only submit budget information, describe the progress they are making toward their community needs and objectives, and explain proposed significant changes to their programs. AWSYC is considered to be in year three of the application cycle and are required to complete an abbreviated application.

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2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda Motion by Rudy Rodriguez and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve (the minutes for the April 9, 2013 board meeting, personnel matters, leaves and absences, Budget Amendments as of March 31, 2013; Investment Report as of March 31, 2013; Head Start Compliance Reports for March & April 2013; approval of TASB Update 96 Local Policies and Revisions to Policy DIA (Local) on 2nd reading; approval of Waiver and Penalty and Interest for Account #500153DEN; and approval of Waiver and Penalty and Interest for Account #227498DEN).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum No one wished to speak

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:50 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:36 pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:05 pm

President

Secretary