

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 26, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Chadwick who announced that a quorum was present.

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

Board Members

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present:

Niven, Mattingly, Pierce, Perkins, O'Bara, 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 EP Rayzor Elementary School students.

Presentations/
Recognitions

The Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) promotes visual arts education as an integral part of the curriculum through the professional development of knowledge and skills of educators across the state. Each year they host an art contest to highlight outstanding works created by Texas school children. This year, Fatimah Alkhafaji, fourth grader at Stephens Elementary, had artwork selected as one of the Top 100 pieces selected to be featured in the TAEA Youth Art Month Celebration. Her artwork was on display at the Bob Bullock Museum throughout the month of March.

The Texas Council for the Social Studies (TXCSS) is a nonprofit organization composed of a community of social studies educators and supporters across the state. Social studies as a discipline of study is focused on the interdependence of geography, history, government, economics, and civics in our society. TCSS named Morgan Howell, from Braswell High School, the 2021 Outstanding High School Teacher of the Year.

1st Open Forum

Chelsea Hearon a resident of Sanger, TX addressed the Board regarding library books.

Debi Scaggs also addressed the Board about library books

Discussion of Pre-K Board Update & Expansion

Cecilia Holt, Director of Early Childhood presented information regarding the Early Childhood Education department for the 2022-2023 school year

as well as an overview of the current status of the Early Childhood education programs. The Denton ISD Early Childhood Education program provides an outstanding instructional program and services for the social and emotional development of children ages birth through age 5. The District has two child development centers – Virginia Gallian and Fred Moore Day Nursery School. Two early childhood schools – Gonzalez and Ann Windle. Ann Windle is the Head Start campus and then DISD has 20 elementary schools with Pre-K classrooms and four tuition-based campuses. Monday, April 25th there was an Early Childhood Showcase where parents could visit with the District’s early childhood educators.

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

Discussion of
Property/Casualty/
Workman’s
Compensation
Insurance

Chris Bomberger, Exec. Director of Risk Management outlined the Insurance Property Coverage, School Liability (Professional, General and Employee Benefit) Automobile Liability, Automobile Physical Damage, Privacy & Information Security and Violent Acts Coverage for Denton ISD effective July 1, 2022.

There has been 7 consecutive years of 10 or more billion-dollar weather and climate disaster events, building costs and inflation and cyber security events. The District has been with Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) since 1986 with general liability and auto policy insurance and has added various products since then. Utilizing prior data suggests that the District will continue to increase total Workers’ Compensation expense risk. By selecting the Aggregated Deductible Proposal, the District’s liability would be limited to a total of \$863,253.

This item is for information only. No action is required

Discussion of
Budget 2022-2023

Jennifer Stewart, Director of Budgeting reviewed the ADA projections the 2022-2023 budget will be based on. The 3% compensation pay and equity adjustments, Sandbrock Ranch opening, and the Reading Academy stipends have been included in the current 2022-2023 budget planning. Ms. Stewart reviewed the different scenarios of risk based on ADA and the percentage of estimated budget spent.

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

Discussion of
Texas Association
of School Board
2022-2024
Advocacy
Resolutions

Deron Robinson, General Counsel and Dr. Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent provided an overview of the resolutions proposed last year 2021. The purpose of this report is to provide an opportunity to the Board of Trustees to submit resolutions to be included in the upcoming TASB Advocacy Agenda. As the District continues to express concern and advocate for policy changes to address the capacity of public education to provide an equitable education for all Texas students. The District also realizes the power of a unified voice and the critical intertwining of these

organizations in advocating for policies impacting our students, families, and community. The board annually discusses and adopts resolutions for submission to the TASB Advocacy Agenda. The call for resolutions runs from April 1, 2022, until 11:59 p.m. on June 15, 2022. Proposed resolutions are first reviewed by the TASB Resolutions Committee and then by the TASB Board. In September, the Delegate Assembly will adopt approved resolutions.

This item is for information only. No action is required

Discussion of
Differentiated
Staffing

Jason Rainey and Jason Liewler, Executive Directors of Human Resources provided the Board of Trustees with information regarding Differentiated Staffing for Elementary and Secondary Schools. A Differentiated Staffing plan allows campus principals, classroom teachers and support staff to meet the diverse and growing needs of all learners in the Denton ISD. The Differentiated Staffing plan honors the uniqueness of each campus within the Denton ISD. Texas Education Code specifies that school districts may not enroll more than 22 students in Pre-K – 4th grade unless a waiver is requested from the Commissioner. Projected class sizes for regular education classes utilize predictions based on data provided from current enrollment, early enrollment, and the demographer projections based on growth and new home builds then student-teacher ratios are applied to enrollment levels. Secondary staffing uses a factor of 1.33 x the projected student enrollment and then differentiated staffing by specific programs such as Special Education, Gifted education etc.

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2021-2022
Attendance
Reporting – Period
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The purpose of this report is to provide campus and district ADA percentages for the 5th Reporting Period of the 2021-2022 school year (February 22, 2022, through April 8, 2022) and to compare this data to prior years. This report will also identify current truancy prevention measures being used on Denton ISD campuses to increase student attendance. There are 27 instructional days in this 5th Reporting Period. The district ADA% for 2021-2022 Reporting Period 5 is 93.62%, this is a decrease from last school year when the ADA% was 96.78%. EP Rayzor had the highest attendance percentage for elementary campuses in Denton ISD at 97.14%. Harpool had the highest attendance percentage for middle school campuses in Denton ISD at 95.62%. Guyer had the highest attendance percentage for high school campuses in Denton ISD at 94.3%.

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2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve (minutes for the April 12, 2022 Board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Investment Report as of March 31, 2022; Instructional; approval of the 2022-2023 Instructional Materials & Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Certification; approval of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn and Seay for the 2021-2022 fiscal year audit; approval of RFP #2203-01 Local Retail Stores be awarded to all responding vendors that submitted a complete RFP response and met the scope of the RFP for a period from date of award through April 25, 2023, with an option to auto-renew for four (4) one-year extensions and approval of the quote from Rush Truck Center in the amount of \$391,544.00 for the purchase of ten (10) vehicles).

Upon the approval of the Consent Agenda Dr. Wilson made the following announcements:

Djenane Bolton, interim principal at McNair Elementary, has been named the school's newest principal. Mrs. Bolton had previously served as the school's assistant principal in 2018.

Cindy Willis, director of purchasing for Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD, is making her return to Denton ISD as she has been named the district's new director of purchasing. Mrs. Willis previously served as director of purchasing in Denton ISD from 2016-2018.

Reed Heim, defensive coordinator, and linebackers coach at Guyer High School, has been named the third head football coach and athletic coordinator in the school's history. Coach Heim replaces Rodney Webb who resigned from the position earlier this month to move into athletic administration at a nearby district.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
Workman's
Compensation with
an Aggregate
Deductible

Motion by Patsy Sosa Sanchez and seconded by Barbara Burns

To approve the TASB Risk Management Fund proposal for Workers Compensation Coverage with an Aggregate Deductible for Denton ISD with a maximum exposure of \$863,253 effective July 1, 2022.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of TASB Property,
Casualty, Auto
Insurance

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the TASB Risk Management Fund proposal for the following coverages and term:

- Term: July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

- \$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 \$2,500 per occurrence.
- Extra Expense and Loss in Revenue with an increased limit of \$2,000,000.
- Wind and Hail Deductible Buy Down endorsement.
- The combined total premium with TASB for all services referenced is **\$3,211,257.**

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum John Lusk addressed the Board regarding the construction of future Denton ISD facilities in the Town of Oak Point.

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:00 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:20 pm

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the Board delegate to the Superintendent the authority to employ classroom teachers from now through May 31, 2022, after which time the Superintendent will retain such authority pursuant to Board Policy DC (Local)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm

President

Secretary