

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, September 9, 2014 at 6:03 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Glenna Harris who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Harris, Martinez, Price, Smith and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

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

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

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Denton High School ROTC students.

Presentations/ Recognitions: There were no presentations or recognitions scheduled.

1st Open Forum: Bob Clifton addressed the Board and the proposed City of Denton Convention Center and feels the DISD not get involved in the Convention Center.

Tina Bennett addressed the Board and lives in Bartonville and has 3 children attending DISD. Mrs. Bennett would like for parents to have the ability send emails to attendance clerk for student absences instead of relying on students to turn-in the parent notes.

Regional Day School Program for the Deaf Update: Debbie Roybal, Executive Director for Special Education, and Sandra Hensley, Special Education Coordinator, provided the Board with an overview of the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf – a program that provides services to students with auditory impairment and an educational need. RDSPD provides a continuum of services to students with hearing impairments from birth to age 21 from 26 school districts in Cooke, Denton, and Wise Counties. Services have been located on Denton ISD campuses historically in a manner that promoted socialization between students who are deaf/hard of hearing with their hearing peers and allowed them to transition together from elementary to middle school and from middle school to high school. Students who are deaf/hard of hearing currently receive

services at Ann Windle School for Young Children, Gonzalez School for Young Children, McNair Elementary, McMath Middle School, Denton High School, the Transition Center located at the ATC including Joe Dale Sparks when necessary.

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

School Finance
Lawsuit Update

Dr. Jamie Wilson presented an update to the Texas School Finance Lawsuit. The state school finance lawsuit, which was ruled unconstitutional by State Judge John Dietz in February 2013. Since that time the legislature increased public education funding by \$6.2 billion, with the bulk of those funds attached to higher property values across the state. Since the ruling and changes to school funding by the legislature, Dietz has upheld his decision with the lawsuit and potential appeals likely continuing into 2015.

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

Bond Progress
Report

Lisa Garcia 2013 Bond Committee Co-Chair presented information from the last Bond Committee meeting

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

10-Day
Attendance

Darrell Muncy, Director of Student Services, reported that the district saw an increase of 676 students on the 10th day of the 2014-15 school year, in comparison with last year's numbers, with an enrollment of 26,934 students. Secondary schools accounted for much of that growth with 612 new students. The eastern portion of the district, along the U.S. Highway 380 Corridor, saw the largest growth with an influx of 230 students at the elementary and middle schools alone.

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

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Dorothy Martinez

To Approve (the minutes for the August 26, 2014 board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; approved TASB Update 100 and policy FP (Local) on second reading; approved the PDAS Appraiser List for 2014-2015; Budget Amendments as of August 31, 2014; Regional 11 Education Service Center Master Interlocal Agreement; approval of Memorandum of Understandings between Little Elm for students that attend the ATC; approval of Hazardous Route Resolution for Canyon Oaks.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
Certified
Appraisal,
Collection Rate
& Rollback Tax
Rates

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Mia Price

To approve the 2014 Certified Appraisal Roll, tax collection rate at 100%, and confirm the rollback tax rate of \$1.5401.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of Tax
Rate Ordinance

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Jeanetta Smith

To approve the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.54, which is effectively an 8.03 percent increase in the tax rate.

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 7:09 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:32 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

President

Secretary