

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 December 12, 2006 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, Gallian, Price, Ramsey, Schaaake, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Braswell, Rutherford, Wilson, Stripling, Monschke, Sisk, Stephens, Cox and Stevenson.

Others: Sarah Chacko, *Denton Record Chronicle*; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by E. P. Rayzor Elementary School Students.

Public Hearing for AEIS Report December 12, 2006
Denton ISD is required by law to make this information available to the public and to hold a public hearing. Dr. Braswell, Superintendent reviewed some of the highlights of the AEIS report regarding student ethnic populations, student demographics, attendance and dropout percentages, TAKS, SAT and ACT test scores, program expenditures, staffing and salary data and District revenue sources. The PBMAS, ELI/SELI and TELPASS reports were also included in the report for the Board.

The public hearing closed at 6:30 pm.

1st Open Forum
Kathy Smoot a resident of the Borman Elementary attendance zone addressed the Board regarding the need for wheelchair accessibility to the building.

Serena Eckart a resident of the Pecan Creek area wanted to express her full support as well as the residents of this area of the rezoning plan A1 that is being presented to the Board for action.

Daphne Mundt did not speak but wished to register her position for the approval of the Elementary attendance zones for 2007-2008.

Dorothy Martinez addressed the Board and felt the proposed redistricting plan could possibly segregate the communities affected by the rezoning plan.

Kristie Smith a resident addressed the Board in her support of the proposed rezoning plan for 2007-2008.

Presentations/
Recognitions

Seven elementary schools and one middle school have been named Recognized by the Texas Education Agency. The schools were among only 3,380 public schools in Texas to earn a higher state rating. To achieve “**Recognized**” standing, a school must receive 70 percent passing rates on all TAKS areas or 65 percent passing rate with required improvements, plus an 85 percent high school completion rate, 70 percent SDAA II passage rate, and a .7 percent or less dropout rate in seventh and eighth grades.

The eight schools named “Recognized” include:

E.P. Rayzor Elementary School – Lisa Glenn, principal, and Eric Harting, assistant principal

Hawk Elementary School – Susannah O’Bara, principal, and Sandra Brown, assistant principal (Mary Helen Martin was principal for 2005-06 school year)

McNair Elementary School – Sean Flynn, principal, and Kaylene Tierce, assistant principal. (Dr. Dean Anthony was principal for the 2005-06 school year.)

Pecan Creek Elementary School – Aleta Atkinson, principal, and Emily McLarty, assistant principal

Providence Elementary School – Susan Bolte, principal, and Trey Spalding, assistant principal

Ryan Elementary School – Dalton Gregory, principal, and Zan Austin, assistant principal

Wilson Elementary School – Audrey Staniszewski, principal, and Romeo Munguia, assistant principal

McMath Middle School – Dr. Debra Nobles, principal, and Kristin Andrews and Terry Ashby, assistant principals

Several schools received special recognition from TEA for their significant gains on different portions of the TAKS and/or other accountability areas. Sixteen schools received at least one **Gold Performance Acknowledgement**. They include:

Ryan High – Comparable Improvement in Math

Crownover Middle – Commended Performance: Reading/Language Arts and Commended Performance: Social Studies

Calhoun Middle - Commended Performance: Reading/Language Arts; Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance:

Social Studies; Comparable Improvement in Math
McMath Middle - Commended Performance: Reading/Language Arts; Commended Performance: Social Studies
Borman Elementary - Comparable Improvement in Math
Evers Elementary - Comparable Improvement in Reading
Hawk Elementary - Commended Performance: Reading; Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Writing; Comparable Improvement in Math
Hodge Elementary - Commended Performance: Writing; Comparable Improvement in Reading
Houston Elementary - Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Science
Lee Elementary - Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Science
McNair Elementary - Commended Performance: Reading; Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Science
Pecan Creek Elementary - Commended Performance: Reading; Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science; Comparable Improvement in Reading; Comparable Improvement in Math
Providence Elementary - Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science
W.S. Ryan Elementary - Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science; Comparable Improvement in Reading
E.P. Rayzor Elementary - Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science
Wilson Elementary - Commended Performance: Reading; Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science

Discussion of International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) Program
 December 12, 2006

Happy Carrico, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Staff Development presented the Board with an update to the investigation progress of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programs in DISD and the anticipated IB authorization timeline.

Primary Years Program (PYP)

Newton Rayzor Elementary and Evers Park Elementary schools began investigating the Primary Years Program by visiting three authorized PYP schools in Houston. Between May 3 and May 5, 2006, representatives from the Curriculum Department, administrators from all four IB designated campuses, as well as a cadre of classroom teachers from both elementary schools met with administrators and teachers at Oran Roberts Elementary, River Oaks Elementary, and Mark Twain Elementary.

Middle Years Programme (MYP) & Diploma Programme (DP)

Principals, Darrell Muncy and Anthony Sims, accompanied the elementary personnel to visit the PYP schools in Houston during the spring of 2006. Participation of all educational levels of identified IB campuses provided an understanding of the IBO K-12 Continuum once implemented.

Coordinators and Core Teams from each school attended Level I training in Austin, July 2006 to get an overview of IBO. The Core teams, consisting of one teacher per subject area per grade level, will help in the decision-making process regarding the Middle Years Program at Calhoun and Denton High.

This is for information only. No action is required.

Continued
Discussion of
4 X 4 Core Area
Curriculum
(HB1):
December 12,
2006

The purpose of this report is to provide the latest information on the final approval by the State Board of Education regarding the addition of a fourth year of math and a fourth year of science to the Recommended and Distinguished Achievement high school graduation plans.

Key components of the proposed plan:

- the changes will begin with next year's incoming 9th graders
- no changes were made to the 22 credit minimum graduation plan
- the number of graduation credits was increased from 24 to 26 to reflect the additional year for both math and science and allow students to have the same number of elective options
- a minimum 26 credits will be required for both the Recommended and Distinguish Achievement diplomas

Items the District will need to consider prior to the High School Course Catalogs being approved and printed are the following:

- (1) Denton ISD currently requires 24 credits plus 2 local credits for a total of 26 credits for graduation. With the addition of the fourth year of science and math and the increase by the state to 26 credits for both the Recommended and Distinguish Achievement graduation plans, should Denton ISD continue to require an additional 2 local credits in order to qualify for graduation?
- (2) Denton ISD currently requires that the three credits of math required for graduation be taken during high school in addition to any math credits earned at middle school. Should this requirement continue with the addition of a fourth year of math?
- (3) Denton ISD currently has identified those courses that will be included in the GPA calculation. Should this list be expanded to include additional math and science courses for the new fourth year requirement?
- (4) Denton ISD currently offers a variety of math courses for

students to take even if they begin higher level course work in middle school. Should additional courses be developed to ensure a selection of higher level course work for the fourth year of math?

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

Comparison of District Insurance Program vs. State Insurance Program:
December 12, 2006

Debbie Monschke, Executive Director of Budget and Finance and Sally Havey, Insurance Coordinator presented information regarding comparisons of the District's current medical insurance coverage to that of the State TRS Active Care plan. Information was provided as to the process involved in converting employees from self-funded plan to an outside source. If the District chose to convert to the TRS Active Care plan the District could never change, "Once in – Always in" The District would lose the flexibility in plan design and rates as well as the insurance department staff would not be able to assist employees with claim issues due to (HIPAA). Other District considerations would be no funding for the following items: IHB Plan including the \$50,000 Basic Life Insurance, flu shots for the employees and the Principal Wellness Program would not be available.

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

Discussion of Legislative Priorities:
December 12, 2006

Dr. Ray Braswell, Superintendent presented the Board with a draft copy of the proposed Legislative Priorities in preparation of the upcoming 80th Legislative session. The legislative priorities will serve as the district's primary talking points during the 80th Legislative Session. The priorities cover a range of topics from school funding to textbook availability to transportation services.

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

Special Education Report:
December 12, 2006

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the involvement of the special education department staff in the educational experiences of students with disabilities. The department provides instructional and related services for 2,344 students, representing 12% of the District's enrollment.

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

2nd Open Forum

Christine Wayles did not wish to speak, but wanted to register her position for the elementary school rezoning proposal A1.

Shirl Wills addressed the Board regarding her support of the rezoning proposal A1.

Kirstin Felber wished to register her support for the elementary rezoning plan A1.

Melanie Lewis provided a written statement endorsing her support of the proposed elementary school rezoning plan for the 2007-2008 school year.

Debbie Reed addressed the Board in support of the rezoning plan for the 2007-2008 school year.

Heather Bobo provided a written statement in support of the attendance zone proposal A1.

No. 16870
Consent Agenda
Items

Motion by Virginia Gallian and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve (the minutes of the November 14, 2006 board meeting, personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; approval of the Budget Amendments as of November 30, 2006; approval of the Investment Report as of October 31, 2006; approval of the continuation with TASB Risk Fund for Workers' Compensation- Administrative Services only and accept the MidWest Employers Casualty option #6 for stop loss coverage with the \$450,000 retention and \$1,000,000 aggregate retention. The premium will be \$78,047, 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; approval of the TASB Risk Fund for the following coverages: Property - \$50,000 Deductible and \$250,000 Deductible for Wind, Hurricane and Hail, Equipment Breakdown, Miscellaneous Property, Liability, Vehicle, Crime, Total Premium of \$670,341; approval of travel to a Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, In-State for Strickland Middle School Band to travel to the Director's Choice Music Festival in San Antonio, Texas, May 4-6, 2007; approval of travel for the Advanced Technology Cosmetology Students to travel to the International Beauty Show in New York City, New York, March 9-12, 2007)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

No. 16871
Approval of
Elementary
Attendance
Zones 2007-2008

Motion by Jean Schaaake and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the proposed 2007-2008 modified Elementary Attendance Zone plan – A1 to accommodate the August 2007 opening of Paloma Creek Elementary & Elementary School #17.

The motion passed 6 for and Curtis Ramsey against.

No. 16872
Approval of
2007-2008
School Calendar

Motion by Jean Schaake and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve the 2007-2008 School Calendar, Option 2.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

No. 16873
Approval of
Policy Revisions
to CW(Local) &
CW(Exhibit)-1st
Reading

Motion by Jean Schaake and seconded by Virginia Gallian

To approve on first reading the policy revisions to CW(Local): New Facilities and CW(Exhibit)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open
Forum

No one wished to speak.

Closed Session

The Board will convene into closed session at 9:20 PM

Open Session

The Board reconvened into open session at 10: 35 PM.

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Curtis Ramsey to approve the resolution regarding the land swap for use in the school district's construction program to construct an elementary and a middle school in the vicinity of the Lantana residential development.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

No. 16874
Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 pm

President

Secretary