

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, January 23, 2018 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, Burns, Chadwick, Martinez, Price, Smith and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Lopez, Perkins, O'Bara, Stevenson and Zavala

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

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Hawk Elementary students.

Presentations/ Recognitions: Ravin McCallum, Bettye Myers Middle School counselor was named January's Educator Spotlight. Depending on the student or situation, McCallum fills in as big sister, best friend, soccer coach and counselor. It's this special bond with students that makes McCallum a campus favorite.

Students from Blanton Elementary and Houston Elementary will represent the Denton Independent School District at the Organization of American Kodaly Educators national convention by performing with the organization's national children's choir in Oklahoma City in March. OAKE was founded in 1975 and is a teaching concept that works to train basic musical skills and teach the reading and writing of music while integrating the best ideas and techniques to spread music education. Its purpose is to promote the concept of "Music for Everyone" through the improvement of music education in schools.

The Denton Independent School District had 14 students from Braswell and Denton High recognized by the Texas State Thespian Convention for being among the top students in their craft. Braswell High School was named a Texas Thespian All Star Troupe, one of only 10 schools from more than 300 that earned that distinction. In addition to their all-star troupe honor, Braswell qualified five students for the national convention.

The Denton Independent School District had four students – all from

Guyer High School – recently by the Texas Art Education Association’s annual state Visual Arts Scholastic Event. The VASE award is one of the highest honors a student can earn, with each of the state qualifiers scoring by a panel of judges on artistic critique and an interpretive interview and must have scored a “superior” rating of four to qualify. Additionally, three of the four students earned Gold Seal status. The Gold Seal is the highest honor an art student can achieve and of 35,000 works of art submitted only 150 received this honor.

January is School Board Recognition month in Texas and Denton ISD is joining districts across the state in recognizing the outstanding work our Trustees put in each year to ensure the children of the 17 communities Denton ISD serves receive a quality education. Students and staff from various campuses will be on hand to show their appreciation to the trustees

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

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum

Mike Donnelly, Mayor of Town of Double Oak and is also a member of the Citizen’s Advisory Bond Committee introduced Mr. Jim Carter a US Navy Veteran, and former Mayor of the Town of Trophy Club and is a candidate for Denton County Precinct 4 Commissioner.

2018 Citizens’  
Advisory  
Committee Bond  
Recommendations

Dr. Jeff Williams and Lauren Baccus, Co-chairs of the 2018 Citizens’ Advisory Bond Committee presented the committee’s recommendations to the Board of Trustees. The Advisory Committee was made-up of 56 residents from a diverse cross-section of the District. The committee was charged to assess and prioritize the district’s current and long-term facility needs. The Advisory Committee used five grading factors to prioritize projects and assign each project a score. The factors were Urgency/Need; Benefit to Students; Equity; Value; and Benefit to Community. The committee unanimously agreed on growth projects, aging facilities projects, CTE projects, extracurricular projects and infrastructure and safety projects. The Committee recommended for the Board of Trustees to consider calling a Bond Election for \$750 million to be on the May 5, 2018 ballot.

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

International  
Baccalaureate  
Update

Lori Mabry, Advanced Academics Coordinator along with Campus IB coordinators presented the annual IB Program update. City of Denton, Mayor Watts, proclaimed January 10 International baccalaureate Day (IB Day).

Ms. Mabry provided the current DP, MYP, and PYP activities at Denton High School, Calhoun Middle School, Newton Rayzor Elementary School, and Borman Elementary School. The IB Coordinators spotlighted items

from each program.

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

Discussion of High School Course Catalog & Planning Guide

Dr. Dan Ford, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction presented the draft High School Course Catalog and Planning Guide for the 2018-2019 school year. The course catalog is comprised of all the high school course offerings, graduation requirements, testing information, GPA guidelines and information, and college information, and also serves as a planning guide. The changes made to this new catalog were for purposes of continuing to update the new STAAR state assessment requirements, deleting courses no longer offered, adding new courses already approved by the Board. A personal graduation planner was developed and is now a permanent part of the planning guide as well as additional information about scholarships for attending college.

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

Discussion of School Workplace Harassment

Dr. Robert Stewart, Asst. Superintendent for Human Resources and Tracy Johnson, Human Resources Director presented the policies and procedures for investigating school workplace harassment claims in the district. The District policies that apply to employee harassment are: DIA (Legal) & (Local) Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment & Retaliation & DH (Legal) & (Local) Employee Standards of Conduct. Federal and state harassment/discrimination laws impose legal duty on employers to investigate employee-related complaints. Employees are required each year to view a course on sexual harassment.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Doug Chadwick and seconded by Dorothy Martinez

To approve (minutes of the January 9, 2018 and January 13, 2018 Board meetings; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Investment Report as of December 31, 2017; Head Start Compliance Reports for November and December 2017; TEA Class Size Waivers as submitted; approval of quote for Phase 2 of the disaster recovery system to be located at Braswell High School from EST Group, LLC in the amount of \$649,900.00 and the cost be borne by the 2013 Bond funds and assigned fund balance; approval of purchase and installation of the Chromebook cabinets for year three totaling \$214,520.00 which will be divided between Dell for the purchase of the cabinets in the amount of \$179,850.00 and Pathway Communications for installation in the amount of \$34,670.00; and approval for Network Data Cabling, RFP #170202, to Technology for Education (TFE) be extended for one year through January 31, 2019).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval  
of TASB Update  
109 Local Policies  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve TASB Update 109 Local Policies on 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10:50 pm

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Doug Chadwick

To approve Denton ISD accept and approve the Letter of Intent from  
Horizon/Deer Creek Development Corporation for donation of real estate  
to be used for construction of an elementary school to be named Sandbrock  
Elementary School.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 pm

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President

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Secretary