

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, September 8, 2009 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Jim Alexander who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Harris, Price, Ramsey, Rodriguez, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Braswell, Rutherford, Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Stephens, 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 Ryan High School ROTC.

Presentations/ Recognitions Woodrow Wilson Elementary has been named one of the top elementary schools in the state by the Texas Business and Education Coalition, which placed the school on its prestigious Honor Roll School list for 2009. This is the second year in a row for the school to receive this honor. The Texas Business and Education Coalition identifies Honor Roll schools by analyzing three years of performance data for every public school in Texas. A Texas Business and Education Coalition Honor Roll school must have a high percentage of students meeting state standards on every TAKS test for three consecutive years.

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum Ray Braswell addressed the Board and patrons regarding his reasons why he chose to not televise President Obama's speech to students.

Alfred Sanchez addressed the Board regarding the District not airing the Live broadcast of President Obama's speech.

Charlye Heggins addressed the Board regarding the District not airing the Live broadcast of President Obama's speech.

Jenny Frederick addressed the Board regarding her concerns on child safety.

Edna Bogle addressed the Board regarding the District not airing the Live broadcast of President Obama's speech.

Discussion of District H1N1 Preparedness

The Board received background information about H1N1 (swine flu), and was provided an update on our current status, and a basis for determining how best to serve out students and staff with regards to vaccinations.

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

The Board recessed at 7:40 pm and reconvened at 7:45 pm

Discussion of Security Audit Report

Theresa Grant, Director of Health Services presented the Board with a status report on Security Audit compliance, District accomplishments, and needed improvements for non-campus buildings. Ms. Grant also highlighted the District's collaboration in emergency management with city, county, and other municipalities. Senate Bill 11 from the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislature required school districts to implement a multi-hazard Emergency Preparedness Plan. It also required mandatory school drills to prepare students and employees for emergency response; emergency response training for all school district personnel; coordination between local emergency management agencies, law enforcement, and fire departments; security audits be conducted every three years in district facilities and the results of those security audits to be reported to Board of Trustees.

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

Discussion of Life Track Graduation Report

Melanie Lewis, Director of Counseling presented the Trustees with the 18 month post-graduation data to the Board of Trustees for comparison to the 2007 exit survey. Denton ISD contracted with Life Track Services during the 2006/2007 school year to survey DISD's graduating seniors and follow up with an 18 month and a five-year survey. This survey will give DISD more detail about how students perceive their high school education impacting their lives. The information will also assist campus administrators, counselors and teachers and district planners in planning and developing programs that are relevant to real life experience.

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

Discussion of New Federal Requirements for Ethnicity and

Paul Smith, Director of Classified Personnel briefed the Board of Trustees concerning the new Federal requirements for Ethnicity and Race reporting for staff and students. The process of gathering this information will require individual employees to complete a form

Race Data Collection/ Reporting	<p>listing the new ethnic and race information and make choices as to what ethnic group and race they consider themselves to belong.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Discussion of Senate Bill 9 Requirements for Certified Personnel Fingerprinting	<p>Paul Smith, Director of Classified Personnel briefed the Board of Trustees on the upcoming Certified Educator fingerprinting process beginning November 30, 2009 through December 15, 2009. Senate Bill 9, from the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature established new criminal history background check requirements for school employees.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Open Forum	No one wished to speak
Consent Agenda	<p>Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Charles Stafford</p> <p>To approve (minutes for the August 25, 2009 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of August 31, 2009; Appraiser List for 2009-2010; Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Denton County for School Resource Officer at Harpool Middle School; Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Aubrey for School Resource Officer at Navo Middle School; Designation of Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,753,783.81 as of June 30, 2009; Approval of Travel for Guyer High School Choir to travel to New York, NY on March 11-15, 2010; Approval of Travel for Guyer High School Silverados to travel to Orlando, Florida on March 11-15, 2010; Approval of Travel for Guyer High School Band to travel to Disney Performance Workshop in Los Angeles, Calif. on April 16-19, 2010)</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
Approval of Tax Rate Ordinance	<p>Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez</p> <p>To approve the Ordinance Setting the Tax Rate for 2009 and setting the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2009 at a total tax rate of \$1.490, (\$1.040 for the purpose of maintenance and operation, and \$0.450 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts).</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>

Certification of Appraisal Roll, Collection Rate & Rollback Tax Rate      Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Charles Stafford  
To approve the 2009 Certified Appraisal Roll, tax collection rate at 100%, and confirm the rollback tax rate of \$1.4901.  
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 10:06 pm

Open Meeting      The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:30 pm  
Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Charles Stafford  
To approve the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission negotiated Mediated Settlement Agreement between DISD and Joe Alvarez, and authorize Dr. Ray Braswell to sign the proposed agreement on behalf of DISD and submit to the EEOC on the condition that Joe Alvarez also signs the agreement.  
The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment:      The meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm

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President

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Secretary