

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, May 11, 2010 at 6:02 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 Stephens Elementary School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Students from the LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex in the Advertising Design, Cosmetology and Culinary Arts programs recently accounted for 22 first-, second- or third-place honors, recognized by Skills USA.

Denton and Ryan High Schools earned three Top 15 finishes and qualified one group for a national competition at the Health Occupations Students of America State Leadership Conference in Houston.

Denton High student Gabriela Ceja has received a Discus Award for her all-around work in and out of the classroom. The Discus Awards recognize students who excel in academics, arts, athletics, community service, faith, government, green, technology, work and other achievements.

Ryan and Guyer High Schools water polo teams made it to the semifinals of the TISCA state water polo championships in San Antonio. The Ryan High School girls water polo team finished third in the state, defeating Alamo Heights 18-7. The Guyer High boys water polo team also reached the state "final four" but lost its last two matches. Guyer fell 17-9 to Dallas St. Marks in the third-place game,

placing them fourth in the state.

Denton High School Hee Won Kim clinched a spot in the Class 4A UIL state tennis championships to be played May 10-11. Kim, the Region I champion, will open the tournament at the Lakeway World Tennis Center in Austin.

1st Open Forum Joe Fritz addressed the Board regarding the 3-tier bus schedule and was in favor of the proposed school start times Option B.

Continued Discussion of Budget 2010-2011 Debbie Monschke, Exec. Director of Budget & Finance presented an update of the budget changes from the prior year. She also gave an update from the Denton County Appraisal District. On May 5th DCAD mailed out 236,000 notices, 33% of them will indicate an increase in values which taxpayers will have 30 days to protest the values. July 23rd the district will receive the certified tax roll and DCAD is projecting a 2 – 4 % decrease on residential values. Multifamily values for Denton County are projected to decrease by 10 %. Commercial values are down by 20-35 percent due to the economic conditions. DCAD has also seen an increase in Freeport exemption applications. New construction has slowed down but not enough to cover the decline in current property values. New home starts in 2004 were 8,000 as compared to 2009 new home starts were 2,200.

Mrs. Monschke reviewed the proposed budget cuts including a reduction in utility costs, decreasing staff and changing school times. She stated even with these and other cuts, the proposed budget for the 2010-11 school year is \$2.9 million in the red.

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

A. Discussion of School Start Times Gene Holloway, Director of Planning & Transportation presented information concerning a proposed 3 – tiered bell schedule to improve services to campus programs and reduce cost. 22 buses can be deactivated based on scope & level of service directed to support programs. Adoption of a 3 – tiered bell schedule will reduce annual transportation maintenance & operations cost by \$405,000 to \$500,000. Mr. Holloway presented an Option A – (Elementary – High School – Middle School Start Sequence), & Option B – (Elementary – Middle School – High School Start Sequence).

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Discussion of District Dr. Roger Rutherford, Asst. Superintendent for Elementary Academic Programs provided the Board with the 2009-2013 District

Improvement Plans	<p>Improvement Plan that has been developed, evaluated and revised annually by the Educational Improvement Council (EIC). The EIC members meet approximately twelve times through-out the school year reviewing and updating the District Improvement Plan. This plan helps to identify the District's educational goals, objectives, and major District-wide classroom instructional programs.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Bully Prevention Education	<p>Melanie Lewis, Director of Counseling reviewed steps taken by the district to build a Bully Prevention and Education program that complies with the 2005 law HB 283 and subsequent Texas Education Code found in Chapter 37 and Section 37.001 and DISD Policy FFI (Local), July 2008. Campuses have established bully prevention committees and continue to implement their prevention and education plans.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p> <p>The Board recessed at 8: 35 pm and reconvened at 8:40 pm.</p>
Continued Discussion of Legislative Priorities	<p>The Board discussed and reviewed the rough draft of the proposed Legislative Priorities. The Board will continue working and refining these priorities in future meetings.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Discussion of Designation of Aquatic Program	<p>Chris Cullen, Swim Coach presented the Board with information regarding creating an aquatics club that gives children an opportunity in swimming, water polo and diving. The Denton ISD aquatics philosophy is to teach the children proper technique and have fun. This type of program will prepare them for high school swimming where they can take the next step of training. The club will provide Denton ISD elementary and middle school students an opportunity to participate in aquatics sports.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Review of Administrative Regulation Regarding Closing Campuses To Transfers	<p>Jamie Wilson reviewed the administrative guidelines of 85 % (19 to 1) of classroom capacity per grade level at the elementary level, and 92% of campus capacity per grade level at secondary campuses.</p> <p>The continuation of these administrative regulations will limit the number of transfer's allowable at all DISD campuses, in particular those in fast growth areas.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>

- 2nd Open Forum No one wished to speak.
- Consent Agenda Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Curtis Ramsey
- To approve (minutes for the April 19, 2010 and April 20, 2010 board meetings; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of April 30, 2010; Investment Reports as of March 31, 2010; approval of the Denton ISD Aquatics Club as a DISD program; approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lewisville for bid contract sharing for the purchase of goods and services commonly utilized by each entity; approval of participation in the tri-state consortium for participation in the U.S. Department of Education i3grant program; and approval of declaration of surplus equipment.)
- The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
- Consider
Approval of
Policy FDA
(Local)
Admissions-1st
Reading Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Glenna Harris
- To approve on First Reading the proposed modifications to Policy FDA (LOCAL) as presented.
- The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
- Consider
Approval of
Policy DGB
(Local)
Employee Rights
& Privileges-1st
Reading Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Curtis Ramsey
- To approve on First Reading the proposed modifications to Policy DGB (LOCAL) as presented.
- 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 9:07 pm
- Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:13 pm
- Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Glenna Harris
- For the Board of Trustees in response to the Level 3 grievance heard on April 20, 2010 to affirm the Administration's response to the Level 2.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm

President

Secretary