

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, August 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Pursuant to the Governor Abbott's Temporary Suspension of Open Meetings Laws issued on March 16, 2020, this meeting will be conducted via videoconference, which will be audible to the Board and public and allow for two-way communication. The Board President, presiding officer of trustees were physically present at one location, a quorum will be required for the meeting on the videoconference or phone. The public may access this meeting or obtain an electronic copy of the agenda packet at <https://www.dentonisd.org/trustees>.

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Chadwick, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Niven, Mattingly, Pierce, Stripling, Perkins, O'Bara, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Stevenson, Valenta and Zwahr

Others: Marshall Reid, *Denton Record Chronicle*; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by staff

Presentations/  
Recognitions There were no presentations or recognitions scheduled

COVID-19 Update Dr. Richardson, Denton County Health Department provided the Trustees with an update on the Coronavirus within Denton County. As of today, there is a total of 7867 confirmed cases, 2953 active cases, 4848 recovered cases, with 66 deaths. COVID-19 cases in Denton County case counts are declining.

Dr. Richardson assisted with Denton ISD staff to develop the Districts protocols and TEA guidance. Susannah O'Bara and Dr. Jeff Russell, Area Superintendent's reviewed the Denton ISD protocols. While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests there are many steps schools can take to reduce the risks to students, teachers, staff, and their families significantly. The District guidelines are to Provide, Prevent, Respond and Mitigate. Gator coverings will be provided to staff and students at campuses along with

desk shields. Where members of the school community maintained physical distance and wore face coverings, a positive case will not result in a class or school closure. In situations where two or more linked cases are within the same classroom space, consideration will be given to closure of the classroom.

Dr. Mattingly, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction provided an overview of some sample Teaching & Learning schedules for elementary, middle, and high school students. He also reviewed the professional development the District's teaching staff has focused on. There are over 108 classes provided to our teaching staff to choose from.

Susannah O'Bara spoke about distribution of materials that will happen on August 20, 21, 24 and 25 and will be Campus specific schedules. Distribution of materials will be "drive through" service. Materials could consist of Chromebooks, Jet Packs, supply packs, ID Cards, PTA supplies etc. Mrs. O'Bara continued to review the plans for Connected Learning for elementary students and secondary students.

Elementary School: Each campus leadership team collaborates with grade level team utilizing campus CL data to identify most effective teacher assignment.

Middle/High School: Campus leaders/master schedule builders are analyzing CL data to determine number of CL sections needed (by content and grade level) and collaborating with department chairs/teachers to determine most effective teacher assignment.

Chris Bomberger, Exec. Director for Nutrition and Risk Management provided an overview of the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs and the return to school and how student ID's will be required for cafeteria service.

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

Discussion of  
Middle School #9  
Schematic Design

Keith Cummins with Corgan Architects provided an overview of the design for Middle School #9. The proposed plan is to review bids in the later part of September or October and to begin construction around October 19, 2020. Middle School #9 will be a similar design as Rodriguez Middle School with some modifications.

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

Discussion of  
TASB 2020  
Delegate

Texas schools are facing long-term legislative challenges, and it is more important than ever for Texas trustees to stand up and advocate for our schools. The Board of Trustees next step in advocating is participating in

Assembly Designation the TASB Delegate Assembly. TASB's Delegate Assembly is the once-a-year opportunity for Texas school boards to determine the leadership, advocacy positions, and overall direction of the organization. The Board of Trustees may appoint one delegate and one alternate to serve as DISD's representatives during the Assembly. The Delegate Assembly will include reports from various TASB committees; election of Directors and Officers; action on proposed Bylaws changes; and action on proposed changes to the 2020–22 Advocacy Agenda.

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

Discussion of Nominations to Attend the Advocacy Institute in Washington D.C. Every year, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) hosts the Advocacy Institute in Washington, DC. This is the only national legislative event exclusively for school trustees. Attendees receive briefings on federal issues, learn about the impact pending federal legislation and regulations may have on their local school districts, and meet with US senators and members of Congress to discuss local issues.

It is a goal of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) to have a representative from each of the 36 Texas congressional districts at the Advocacy Institute. To meet this goal, TASB is offering a stipend to eligible trustees to attend the conference January 24–26, 2021. Local school boards may nominate a trustee and alternate to apply for a stipend to attend and represent their district.

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

Discussion of Chapter 49 Status Jennifer Stewart, Director of Budgeting reviewed the District's Chapter 49 status. Chapter 49, formally known as Chapter 41 status of a school district could result in having to pay recapture to the state for revenue in excess of entitlement. HB 3 made changes. Now the determination is based on current year property values and 2019 Certified values increased by 4.01%. Chapter 49 status of a school district could result in having to pay recapture to the state for revenue in excess of entitlement.

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

InfoSnap Update Dr. Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent provided the Board with the current numbers of student registrations. Denton ISD utilizes an InfoSnap online registration system to manage enrollment/registration of our returning students and our new to Denton students. This report provides an update of completed registrations for returning students and new student enrollment within the system as of August 4, 2020. The report provides the number of returning students, by campus, who have completed online registration, together with the number of those students who expressed an interest in the Connected Learning program and the number of new students, by campus, who have completed online registration, together with

the number of new students who expressed an interest in the Connected Learning program. As of August 4, 2020, we have 25,069 students registered, 15,563 registered for Connected Learning with a 62% interest in Connected Learning.

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

Universal ID  
Project in  
Conjunction with  
City of Denton  
Public Library

Donna Kearley, Library Coordinator has been working with the City of Denton Library Director on the Universal ID system for all Denton ISD students. Students throughout the district will have access to additional resources through the Denton Public Library system, regardless of where they live within the district. Students in “library deserts” will no longer have to pay for access to Denton Public Library resources.

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

Operation  
Connectivity Bulk  
Purchase Program  
Update

August 3, 2020 the Board approved the Region 4 Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for TEA’s Operation Connectivity. A device and a hotspot at reduced rates to our economically disadvantaged students who do not have a computer or internet access at home. Denton ISD will own 3,000 hot spots and 12,000 chromebooks to aide in remote distance/learning for the 2020-2021 school year. Denton ISD will be reimbursed for 50% of our purchase price.

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

Open Forum

Consent Agenda

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve (the minutes for the July 28, 2020 and the August 3, 2020 Board meetings personnel matters, leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of July 31, 2020; approval of quote from TD Industries in the amount of \$182,700.00 for replacement of the two heating boilers and one RTU at Rivera Elementary School; approval of the proposal between Denton ISD and E-Rate Central for E-Rate consulting services in the amount of \$162,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2026; approval of Pfluger Architects for architectural services for Sandbrock Ranch Elementary #25; approval of quotes from Newsela in the total amount of \$175,000.00 for the ELA, Social Studies, Science, and Social-Emotional Learning Solutions; purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00; approval of the quotes from Hand2Mind for the Instructional Materials Allotment adoption for student instructional resources in the amount of \$57,241.53 and not to exceed \$300,000.00; approval of the quotes from HMH Into Rigby Leveled Libraries for the Instructional Materials Allotment for student instructional

resources in the amount of \$204,118.60; approval of quotes from EAI for the Instructional Materials Allotment adoption for student instructional resources in the amount of \$86,566.54 and not to exceed \$300,000.00; approval of quotes from Heinemann for the Instructional Materials Allotment adoption for teacher instructional resources in the amount of \$142,545.00; approval of MOU between Denton ISD and the Denton Public Library to allow students to use their Student ID card to borrow materials from the Denton Public library; approval of the waiver for 40% campus hybrid instruction for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students to be submitted for consideration to the Texas Education Agency).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of TASB Update 115 Local Policies & DEA (Local) DEC (Local) & DEE (Local) Revisions	Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Doug Chadwick  To approve TASB Update 115 local policies and revisions to DEA (Local), DEC (Local) and DEE (Local) on first reading  The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
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Consider Approval of Designation of Trustees to the 2020 TASB Delegate Assembly	Motion by Doug Chadwick and seconded by Jim Alexander  To approve Dr. Patsy Sosa-Sanchez as the TASB 2020 Delegate Assembly designee and Charles Stafford as the alternate as submitted by the Board of Trustees.  The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
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Consider Approval of Nominations to Attend the NSBA Advocacy Institute	Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jim Alexander  To approve Mia Price as the trustee to submit the TASB stipend request for the upcoming NSBA Advocacy Institute in Washington DC  The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
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Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 10:52 pm
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Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:01am
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Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 12:11 am
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President

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Secretary