

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, July 27, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Doug Chadwick who announced that a quorum was present.

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

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Niven, Mattingly, Pierce, O’Bara, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Ford, Stewart, Andress, Bomberger, Henson, and Zwahr

Others: Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, and staff.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Dr. Richard Valenta and staff.

Presentations/ Recognitions: None.

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum: Monica Lopez Card for reading purposes only.

COVID Update: Dr. Matt Richardson, Denton County Public Health Director provided the Board with an update on COVID-19. Six weeks ago, the county was at 1500 active cases which was the lowest amount since the pandemic became a pandemic. Today there are 2400 active cases, and the number will be climbing rapidly. Five weeks ago, we were at a threshold of 2-3 %, today we are just under 10%. The week of 6/13-6/19 there was less than 200 people getting sick. Over 640 have become ill the week of 7/11 thru 7/17, results are incomplete due to lag in lab. With this current trend we will be back up to over a 1000 a week. Denton County Public Health has administered 404,000 vaccines, roughly 197,000 fully vaccinated by Denton County Public Health (DCPH). Denton County has 55 % fully vaccinated and gave 17,000 doses in 10 hours during their most vaccinated day. Last week, they only gave 187 vaccines. Today there was a “tsunami shift in CDC recommendations” stating the Delta variant is much more transmissible. The New England Journal of Medicine has said with Moderna & Pfizer vaccines they believe the vaccine is about 80% effective against Delta variant. American Academy of Pediatrics recommends all children, and all staff members be

masked for the fall. The recommendations from the CDC as of today suggests fully vaccinated individuals should wear masks if they cannot be physically spaced. If exposed to COVID-19 and not vaccinated, students should follow guidelines set out by CDC and Denton Public Health Department. If vaccinated and exposed to COVID-19 you do not have to quarantine. Susannah O'Bara, Assistant Superintendent, reported that Denton ISD will recommend masks to be worn and contact tracing will be guided through the school nurses.

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

#### Grow Your Own

Dr. Daniel Lopez, Executive Director, Human Resources provided information on the Grow Your Own Program within the district. Dr. Richard Valenta, former Deputy Superintendent, explained the "Why" the Grow Your our Own is so important for students, teachers, administrators, and parents. Teach Denton started 8 years ago and on teacher applications, the applicants wanted to work close to home. Dr. Lopez reported Denton ISD is hiring in specific ethnicities at the same rate as the district is growing. Leah Zavala, teacher of Teach Denton Internship at the LaGrone Academy explained the Teach Denton program. Extended School Day and Teach Denton Partnership goals are to encourage, develop, and support rising educators to continue through the teacher pathway from high school to first year teaching in Denton ISD. Hiring Teach Denton interns as juniors and seniors in high school and engage students in ESD work through college. Susan Reyes, Career Counselor at the LaGrone Academy reported The Grow Your Own TEA Cycle 2 grant 2019-20 through 2020-21: Denton ISD received \$85,000, 2 Education in Training teachers received stipends and each high school campus received funds to start or further a TAFE (Texas Association of Future Educators) chapter; 8 degreed paraprofessionals completed alternative certification through ITeach Texas.

Dr. Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent, reported on Lead Denton. Lead Denton began in 2015 with 20 members who were 1<sup>st</sup> year assistant principals. As of this past year Lead Denton has had 380 participants. Lead Denton has a goal to have Denton ISD employees from varied departments and roles join LEAD Denton Academy.

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

#### Virtual Academy Update

Caleb Leath, Principal of the K-8 Virtual Academy provided the Board with information regarding the development of a K-8 Virtual Academy for the 2021-2022 school year. The K-8 Virtual Academy will allow Denton ISD to provide an exemplary virtual education to students who wish to remain or engage in that modality.

Deron Robinson, General Counsel, explained TEA denying the District's Virtual Attendance Waiver on July 9<sup>th</sup>, stating they did not have the authority to approve pursuant to Texas Education Code Section 7.056. Caleb Leath explained that as of April 2021 there are 247 students enrolled. As of today, there are 114 district students on the waiting list, with 56 out of district students on the waitlist.

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

Professional Staff  
Appointments,  
Resignations and  
Employment

Dr. Wilson reported Dr. Claudia Calvo-Montes, assistant principal of Ginnings Elementary, has been elevated to lead the campus for the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Calvo-Montes replaces Cornelius Anderson who recently earned a doctoral fellowship as the recipient of the North Texas Center for Inquiry in Teacher Education (NCITE) Endowed Doctoral Fellowship Award, allowing him to attend school full time.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum

No one requested to address the Board.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Charles Stafford.

To approve (the Minutes for the June 22, 2021 Board meeting; Investment Report as of June 30, 2021; Regional Day School Program for the Deaf Program Shared Service Agreement; approval of 2021-2022 Expedited State Waiver; Omnia Partners Master Interlocal Agreement; approval of the quote from Gallup, Inc. in the amount of \$333,305.00 for the purchase of a three-year service agreement between Gallup, Inc. and the Denton Independent School District for services related to the TeacherInsight, PrincipalInsight Bundled, Education Tier 3 Integration, and Gallup Access Workplace Survey Subscription and Consulting (EDU); RFP #2106-12 Fundraising Supplies and Services; RFP #1909-05-C Food, General Grocery Items & Catering Services; approval of the quotes from J&S Equipment Co. in the amount of \$404,316.00 for classroom and Teachers' lounge furniture for Sandbrock Ranch Elementary School; Denton High School Library Furniture Purchase in the amount of \$202,161.00; Denton High School Classroom Furniture Purchase in the amount of \$867,638.12; Braswell High School Instructional Wing Addition Classroom Furniture Purchase in the amount of \$509,144.00; approval of Board Resolution regarding the acceptance of employee resignations; Purchasing Cooperative Fees and Rebates for Fiscal Year 2021; Approval of Sandbrock Ranch Elementary Easement Agreement with Denton County Electric Cooperative, Inc, DBA CoServ Electric; and Approval

of Zonda Education/Templeton Demographics Services Contract, fee is \$32,000).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum      No one requested to address the Board.

Consider Approval of Nominee for      Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Barbara Burns.

TASB Board      Charles Stafford withdrew his motion. Motion by Charles Stafford with  
Region 11, Position      Acclamation and seconded by Barbara Burns.  
D      To approve Corrine French as the Nominee for TASB Board Region 11,  
Position D.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment:      The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

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President

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Secretary