

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 12, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

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

Board Members Present: Burns, Dunworth, English, Sosa-Sanchez, Stafford, Tays and Wright

Board Members

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present:

Brownell, O'Bara, Parham, Petito, Pierce, J. Rainey, L. Rainey, Shulz, Smith, and Thompson

Others:

Cindy Breeding, *Denton Record-Chronicle*; citizens, staff, and students

Pledges

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

Presentations/
Recognitions

Three Denton ISD students were selected to perform with the 2025 Texas Choral Directors Association (TCDA) Elementary Honor Choir, an elite ensemble featuring top vocalists from across the state. The choir is composed of approximately 150 outstanding students who have completed grades 4–6 and are chosen through a rigorous audition process involving hundreds of applicants statewide.

Denton ISD welcomed over 7,000 families at two Back to School Fairs held earlier this month. The events took place at LaGrone Academy on August 2 and Braswell High School on August 9, providing essential services and resources to help students start the year with confidence.

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

Public Hearing on
2025-2026 Tax
Rate

Jennifer Stewart, Executive Director of Budget, provided the Board of Trustees with projected revenue information, based on 2025-2026 budget elements, to assist with the process of adopting a tax rate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The tax rate affects various levels of local and state funding, depending on the rate adopted. If the District adopts a tax rate above the voter approved tax rate, the District is required to hold an automatic voter approved tax ratification election to ratify the current year's tax rate.

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

Discussion of Athletics Update

Dr. Chivonne Kiser, Asst. Director of Athletics provided an overview of Denton ISD's athletic programs for the 2024-2025 school year. There were 8,632 total athletes in grades 7-12, 20 programs at the high school level, 8 programs at the middle school level, 4 state champions, 3.75 cumulative GPA for Varsity student athletes, \$1.9 million in scholarship money, 835 scholar athletes, 25 1st team all-state qualifiers, 210 1st team all-district or regional qualifiers, 6 district champions, and 89 academic all-state recipients.

The department provided athlete safety efforts, data, and guidelines and provided an overview of the "Texas Way" initiative, an effort led by UIL and the Texas High School Coaches Association to promote sportsmanship, integrity, and character across all athletic programs.

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

Discussion of Fine Arts Update

Eddy Russel, Director of Fine Arts, provided the departmental activity for the 2024-25 school year including student enrollment data, awards, and goals achieved. There were over 50 Fine Arts Clubs that served students before or after school over the 2024-2025 school year.

Extra-Curricular Fine Arts Clubs and Activities included: Marching Band, Drill Team, Dance Club, Step Team, Ballet Folklorico, Choir, Honor Choir, Show Choir, Instrumental Club, Drum Club, Jazz Band Club, Mariachi Club, Fiddle Club, Color Guard Club, Art Club, National Art Honors Society, Thespian Society, Theatre, Drama Club, Theatre Club, Yearbook, and Cheer.

During the Fine Arts Signing Day there were 54 seniors signed to collegiate Fine Arts programs and over \$6 million in Fine Arts scholarships were awarded. Denton ISD for the 18th consecutive year has been named one of U.S. 2025 "Best Communities for Music Education" by the NAMM Foundation. Denton ISD was named a 2024-25 Exemplary District of Distinction by the Texas Education Theatre Association and named a 2024-25 Premier Community for Theatre Education by Texas Thespians.

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

2025-2026 Enrollment Update

Dr. Lacey Rainey, Assistant Superintendent for School Leadership & Academic Programs provided the Board of Trustees with the current district enrollment as of August 12, 2025. The objective of the report is to closely monitor the enrollment numbers and overall growth in student population at each Denton ISD campus in order to provide support and resources where needed. The analysis of Denton ISD's enrollment data allows the district to ensure that all campuses remain in compliance with the state's class size requirements. It also allows the district to ensure that plans are developed to meet current and future needs of the district.

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

Quarterly
Investment Report–
4th Quarter FY
2025

Vicki Garcia, Executive Director of Financial Operations, provided an overview of the 4th quarter investment performance for the fiscal year 2025. The objective of the report is to share information in detail about the District’s investment portfolio on a quarterly basis as required by the Public Funds Investment Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 2256, Subchapter A). At June 30, 2025, all investments book value is \$1,078,312,806. The quarterly interest earnings is \$11,483,512. The fiscal YTD interest earned is \$43,263,333.

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1st Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve (the minutes of the July 29, 2025 Board meeting; personnel matters; approval of Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Appraisers for 2025-2026; approval of Region XI Master Interlocal Agreement 2025-2026; approval of Total Probable Cost and Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Rebuild of Ginnings Elementary School; approval of Purchases in accordance with Board Policy CH(Local) – Purchasing and Acquisition; approval of recurring request for proposal (RFP) Solicitations).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Official Chapter
49 Notification for
2025-2026 Election
of Recapture
Option and
Agreement

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve the Official Chapter 49 Notification for 2025-2026 Election of Recapture Option and Agreement.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Certification of
Appraisal Roll,
Collection Rate,
and Voter Approval
Tax Rates

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the Certification of Appraisal Roll, Collection Rate, and Voter Approval Tax Rates.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Tax Rate
Ordinance

Motion by Tanya Wright and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the Tax Rate Ordinance.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of an Order Calling
a Tax Ratification
Election on
November 4, 2025.

Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve an Order Calling a Tax Ratification Election on November 4,
2025.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

2nd Open Forum

Speakers included Megan Boyden and Rebecca Bertoni.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:42 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:27 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM

President

Secretary