

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 23, 2011 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Mia Price 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 staff.

Presentations/ Recognitions Dr. Clyde Steelman, interim executive director for Region XI Educational Service Center honored the Board of Trustees for being named the 2011 Region XI Outstanding School Board. The honorees include Mia Price, president; Dr. Glenna Harris, vice president; Rudy Rodriguez, secretary; Dr. Jim Alexander, Dr. Curtis Ramsey, Dr. Jeanetta Smith and Charles Stafford.

The Denton Independent School District was recently named one of Best Communities for Music Education in America by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation. Denton ISD was one of just 13 school districts in the state afforded the nationwide honor and marks the fifth consecutive year that Denton ISD has been recognized by the NAMM Foundation.

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Discussion of DISD Education Data Warehouse Ernie Stripling Technology Information Officer commended the work of the Educational Data Collaborative before introducing speakers from Dell, University of North Texas and EDC. The members talked about the benefits of using all sorts of data (instructional, student, human resources, etc.) to drive efficiency in the classroom and across Denton ISD, citing previous examples in El Paso ISD. The Data Warehouse project will be designed to provide near real time data to the classroom teacher, parents, teachers, principals, and administrators throughout the school year regarding student growth and progress, to provide building level leaders and district administrators a method to identify areas to support struggling students in the student learning process, and to identify areas of efficiency and effectiveness at the campus and district level.

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

Discussion of Instructional Materials Allotment

Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent informed the Trustees on implementation of the Instruction Materials Allotment, the amount of funds, the use of funds, and current district planning process. Materials should be available early in the semester, but will not be accessible or available prior to the first day of school. Each school district will receive the full amount over the biennium. (70 % in year 1, 30% Year 2)

- 70% is approximately \$2,526,054.00
- 30% is approximately \$1,082,594.00
- An approximate total \$3,608,648.00

The technology allotment allocation from past years is included in this amount.

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

Bond Progress Report

Tim Crouch, member of the Bond Progress Committee updated the Board on a recent issue brought forth to the committee regarding the sub-structure of the RHS football field and track area. The committee is concerned about the health and safety of the field and also the turf at CH Collins. The committee felt this issue should be deferred to the Trustees to review the issue.

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

Construction Report

Garry Ryan reviewed the current science lab construction projects at the following campuses: Wilson Elementary, Ryan Elementary, EP Rayzor Elementary, Pecan Creek Elementary, and Providence Elementary.

Leesa Vardmen, VLK Architects reviewed proposed alternatives for the new science lab and prep room addition at Lee Elementary. Alternate #1 Thermoplastic Sheet Roofing System \$20,894; Alternate #2 Geo-thermal HVAC system \$19,379; Alternate #3 Solar Photovoltaic Array \$58,397. Strickland Middle School - Alternate #4 renovation of six existing group toilet room \$67,862.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Growth Report

Facilities Coordinator Rod Reeves reported that the district is continuing to grow at about 3.7 percent annually. Even if no growth is a factor, he said the district would still increase in enrollment because of existing lower grades matriculating through to higher grades.

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

DISD 2011 Summer School Report

Dr. Mattingly updated the Board of Trustees on the outcomes of the 2011 Denton ISD Summer School Program, including Elementary, Secondary, and Bilingual/ESL. Additionally, the report shared information regarding the 2010-2011 Extended School Year (ESY) services for students with disabilities. Federal funds were used to provide services for eligible students.

The intent of the program is to provide students who have lost skills during the traditional school year an opportunity to regain those skills.

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

Annual Fine Arts Report David McCullar, Director of Fine Arts presented information regarding Denton ISD fine arts programs, including parent and community involvement, personnel recruitment, curricular and innovative programs, staff development training, financial and equipment support, program successes, and special performance recognitions.

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

2011 Local Education Agency (LEA) Determination Process Debbie Roybal, Executive Director for Special Education reported to the Board TEA's annual determination status pertaining to the district's performance in meeting five compliance targets or "determination elements."

Denton ISD 2011 Determination Status is "Needs Assistance". The status is the result of non-compliance with SPP indicators 11 and 12. Beginning 2010-2011 the Department began setting up systems to monitor potential non-compliance. The Special Education Supervisors began and will continue to review and monitoring monthly timeline reports for SPP 11 and 12. Supervisors will continue to provide monthly status reports to appropriate staff. Supervisors will conference with staff at risk of non-compliance. SPP indicator 13 will be monitored by the Transition Specialists at the three high school campuses.

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

Enrollment Update Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent reviewed the enrollment for the second day of school. The first day enrollment was 23,976 and second day numbers were 24,357 - an increase of 1,013 students from last year's first day enrollment.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve (minutes for the August 9, 2011 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Investment Report as of June 30, 2011; TEA General State Waivers for 2011-2014; Resolution to participate in the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance; approval of travel for Denton High and Guyer High School Latin Clubs to travel to Italy and Greece on March 14-24, 2012).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Request to Change Health Insurance Plan Year

Motion by Curtis Ramsey seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve the change in the insurance year from a calendar year to a plan year of September 1 – August 31 to coincide with the TRS ActiveCare plan year.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Request to Reject Portion of Health Insurance RFP Responses

Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez

To approve the rejection of the RFP responses pertaining to medical claims administration while retaining the responses for Employee Assistance Program administration, Dental claims administration, and Section 125 Flexible Spending Account Administration.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Health Insurance Benefits For 2012

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded Glenna Harris

To approve the following changes in Health Insurance Benefits for 2012:

- Change from MetLife Dental to Cigna Dental
- Change the Flexible Spending Plan Administrator from United HealthCare to PayFlex
- Eliminate the Employee Assistance Program

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Designation of Trustees to the 2011 TASB Delegate Assembly

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez

To approve Jeanetta Smith as the TASB 2011 Delegate Assembly designation and Glenna Harris as TASB 2011 Delegate Assembly alternate.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Addition of Science Labs

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve of the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$ 3,212,226 plus additional construction cost of \$570,486 and alternates #2 and #4 totaling \$87,241 for a total of \$3,869,953 submitted by Charter Builders, A Division of Balfour Beatty, LLC for the addition of a science lab at Lee Elementary and renovations to McMath and Strickland middle schools. These projects will be funded from the interest earnings and remaining bond funds from the 2004 Bond Authorization.

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 9:44 pm

Open Meeting    The Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:05 am

                         Motion by Rudy Rodriguez and seconded by Charles Stafford

                         To approve the Superintendent's recommendation to place a continuing contract teacher on administrative leave with pay.

Adjournment:    The meeting adjourned at 12:15 am

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President

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Secretary