

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, March 13, 2007 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, Gallian, Price, Ramsey, Schaake, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Braswell, Rutherford, Wilson, Stripling, Monschke, Sisk, Stephens, Cox and Stevenson.

Others: Sarah Chacko, *Denton Record Chronicle*; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Lee Elementary School Students.

Recognition/Presentations Vernon Wright, principal of Fred Moore High School, was recently named the Alternative Education “Administrator of the Year” by the Texas Association of Alternative Education. He received the honor at the recent state TAAE conference in Austin.

Fred Moore High is the alternative school for high school students in Denton Independent School District. It is designed for students who need an alternative for academics from the traditional high school setting. Mr. Wright has been principal of the school since 1998.

1st Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Discussion of Sale of Bonds: March 13, 2007 The purpose of this report is to review the preliminary financing plan for the sale of Denton ISD remaining 2004 bond authorization (“Series 2007 Bonds”). The District has \$40,000,000 authorized but unissued bonds remaining from the 2004 Bond Program. Fixed interest rates remain near historical lows at 4.10%. The original financing plan for the 204 Bond Program, the Series 2007 Bonds were to be sold utilizing a variable rate of interest. However, due to the historically low fixed rates of interest currently available, the Series 2007 Bonds will be sold utilizing a fixed rate of interest. The District retains the ability to sell a portion of any future bond sales in

a variable rate mode. The District's Series 2007 Bonds will be issued in a principal amount of \$79,110,000.

This item is for information only.

International
Baccalaureate
Programmes
(IBO) Update:
March 13, 2007

Happy Carrico, Exec. Director of Curriculum & Instruction presented an update to the Board on the investigation progress of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programmes since December 12, 2006, the anticipated IB authorization timelines as well as a preliminary estimate of 2007-2008 budget expenses.

This item is for information only.

DISD Stipend
Review :
March 13, 2007

In August, 2006 a Stipend Review Committee was formed to review the current District employee stipends and to make recommendation to the Board. The committee studied the areas of Academics, Fine Arts, Athletics and Administration stipends wanted to ensure that DISD was competitive with other area districts.

Jamie Wilson, Asst. Superintendent presented information and the committee's recommendations regarding the 2006-2007 District Stipend review.

This item is for information only.

Policy Revision
to EIE (Local)
Academic
Achievement:
Retention &
Promotion:
March 13, 2007

TEC Section 101.2019 (b) states "The school board of each district and each charter school may establish a policy that provides for the placement of retained students in an age-appropriate learning environment in accordance with local grade configurations for elementary, middle, and high school campuses, this policy may specify the age by which a retained student should be placed on the next level campus even though not yet promoted to the grade of that campus."

Revisions to EIE (Local) gives the Board the option to establish a policy that provides for the placement of a retained student in an age-appropriate learning environment.

This item is for information only.

Policy Revision
to DC (Local)
Employment
Practices:
March 13, 2007

The Board will review and discuss proposed changes to Policy DC (Local). The proposed changes impact the portion of the policy covering the nepotism aspects as it relates to staff hiring. Currently the policy prohibits the hiring of staff who are related in specified degrees to employees in the leadership positions of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Executive Directors and Directors. The proposed changes would modify the prohibitions for staff at only the

Director level. No changes are being proposed for staff members hired at the Executive Director, Assistant Superintendent, or Superintendent levels.

This item is for information only.

Bond Progress Committee Report:
March 13, 2007

Ms. Anderson, member of the Bond Progress Committee presented an update to the Board on the current 2002 and 2004 bond projects.

This item is for information only.

Construction Report:
March 13, 2007

The Board was presented information on the current district construction projects involving the 2002 and 2004 Bond Referendum. Also, the Board was updated on the two new elementary campuses (Paloma Creek & L.A. Nelson) that will be opening this fall.

This item is for information only.

4th Quarter Growth Report:
March 13, 2007

The Board was provided information regarding the general DFW housing market, economic indicators, Denton I.S.D. housing activity and student population projections. The information provided by this report will give the Denton ISD an understanding of trends in residential home sales and growth in student population.

This item is for information only.

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Virginia Gallian and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the (the minutes of the February 13, 2007 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences including teacher contract renewals for the 2007-2008 school year; approval of the Budget Amendments as of February 28, 2007; approval of the Investment Report as of January 31, 2007; approval of the Summer Food Program Agreement between City of Denton and Denton ISD; approval of the Licensed Education Agent (LEA) Designated Person for Denton ISD; approval of the contract with Denton County Elections; and the Amended Order of Election for the May 12, 2007 Trustee election.)

Dr. Braswell announced the naming of Kaylene Tierce as the new principal of L.A Nelson Elementary, Romeo Munguia as the new principal of Paloma Creek, Kathleen Carmona as the new principal of Strickland Middle School and Mike Vance as principal of the new

Middle School #6 in Lantana.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

TASB Update 79
Local Policies-1st
Reading:
March 13, 2007

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve on first reading the adoption of TASB Update 79 Local policies as submitted.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of
Mutual Aid
Agreement for
Mass
Evacuations:
March 13, 2007

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve the Mutual Aid Agreement for Mass Evacuations between the City of Denton and Denton ISD.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Closed Session

The Board convened into closed session at 8:06 PM

Open Session

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:32 PM

Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Charles Stafford

To adopt the Administration's recommendation regarding teacher employment and give notice of intent to non-renew in accordance with the recommendation and Chapter 21 of the Texas Education Code.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Jean Schaake and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To accept the gift of \$24,900 from Lonnie Jourdan for the construction of a new press box located at Guyer High School baseball field.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Virginia Gallian

To approved Denton ISD to enter into an agreement to purchase from Adkisson Ranch, L.P. 40 acres of real estate for \$65,000 per acre and agree to pay the sum of \$700,000 towards the construction of water lines, sanitary sewer lines, and a sanitary sewer lift station which serve the 40 acres.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9: 45 PM.

President

Secretary