

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, May 10, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order 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: Niven, Mattingly, Pierce, Perkins, O’Bara, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Stevenson, and Zwahr  
Others: Cindy Breeding, *Denton Record Chronicle*; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Rivera Elementary School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions: Students in the Cosmetology focus area at the LaGrone Advanced Technology Center (ATC) returned from the Texas Skills USA State Championship hosted in Corpus Christi. The group returned with 21 first place winners and multiple winners in the top categories.

Each year the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) honors businesses and organizations for their support and exceptional advocacy of local schools. This state-wide honor, as part of “Stand Up for Texas Public Schools,” recognizes local businesses and community organizations who partner with districts, making a difference in the lives of local public-school students. Our partnership with Best Western Premier Crown Chase Inn & Suites has been one of support and philanthropy. This locally owned and operated organization goes above and beyond to honor our staff members with a “Stay-cation.” At a time when support for our classroom teachers is needed more than ever, Zach and Monica Glenn have singlehandedly identified a need and provided a solution. Their gift goes a long way in helping our outstanding educators feel special and valued by our local business community.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum: The following community members addressed the Board of Trustees on various topics:  
Amanda Thompson  
Whitney Donohue  
Debi Scaggs  
Donna Smith

## Lenry Van Zyl

Discussion of Student Voice Through (AVID) Advanced Via Individual Determination-Braswell High School

This information is to provide our students a ‘voice’ in sharing their perspectives, suggestions, and recommendations to the Board of Trustees. The Braswell High School group of students will share their thoughts as students of the AVID (Advanced Via Individual Determination) program. The objective of the program is to increase the percentage of graduates that meet the criteria for college, career and military readiness (CCMR).

- 76% of AVID seniors are from low socioeconomic status backgrounds
- 86% are underrepresented students
- 94% complete four-year college entrance requirements
- 90% who apply are accepted into four-year colleges
- 84% who enroll in college persist into the second year.

The AVID program is currently at NAVO and Rodriguez Middle Schools and Braswell High School in grades 7-10 with 73 student’s total. Next year it will expand into the Freshman Academy at Guyer High School with a total of 123 total students in the AVID program.

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

Discussion of the “New” Newton Rayzor Elementary Campus and the Calhoun Middle School Renovations

Keith Cummings, with Corgan Architects provided the Board of Trustees with the planned renovations and changes for the “new” Newton Rayzor Elementary and Calhoun Middle School site plan. Corgan utilized responses they received from teacher and student focus groups to discover what was most important to their learning experience such as outside classroom space, collaboration space, technology etc. This strategy was used for both the elementary and middle school campuses.

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

Discussion of Raising Blended Learners Grant Program-Raise Your Hand Texas/Charles Butt Foundation

Ross Garrison provided the Board of Trustees with an update on the progress of the Raising Blended Learners Grant Program. Raising Blended Learners is a four-year initiative showcasing strategies for using blended learning to help close achievement gaps between continuously enrolled and non-continuously enrolled students in 9th grade Algebra One. In 2019, DISD students that were continuously enrolled (CE) for four or more years were 1.53 times more likely to reach mastery level on the Algebra I End of Course assessment than students that were non-continuously enrolled (NCE). Our Raising Blended Learners grant program is designed to close the gap between CE and NCE students in Algebra I. All students enrolled in the Blended Learning Algebra I courses will demonstrate an increased attachment to their high school.

By the end of 2024, after four years, the Raise Your Hand Texas Foundation will have provided \$261,996 in grant money to Denton ISD.

This grant provides professional development for teachers and district support staff, coaching from our partners at Region 11, substitute teachers for the RBL teachers when they must be away for professional learning, computer hardware for student use, reading materials, and stipends for some district staff. It could also be used to send teachers to conferences at which they can learn more about blended learning. We currently have eight teachers participating in the program, two from each high school. The program serves approximately 950 students.

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

Discussion of Budget  
2022-2023

Jennifer Stewart, Executive Director of Budget reviewed the 2021-2022 Hold Harmless Average Daily Attendance and the 2022-2023 preliminary property values. When the District received the preliminary values for this year there was a 26% increase on this first report. These values will decrease after protests. Ms. Stewart feels based on the historical trends the District could have a 13% increase in values. When property taxes rise, the District receives less funding from the State which is almost a dollar-for-dollar loss of 13.6 % funding from the State. If the State would maintain their current level of funding, then Denton ISD would be able to reduce their M&O tax rate by possibly 2 cents less.

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

Discussion of Texas  
Association of  
School Boards 2022-  
2024 Advocacy  
Resolutions

Dr. Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent and Deron Robinson, General Counsel provided the Board of Trustees with an update to the resolutions to be submitted for the upcoming TASB Advocacy Agenda. As the District continues to express concern and advocate for policy changes to address the capacity of public education to provide an equitable education for all Texas students, we recognize the need for continued support of those organizations supporting our community. The District also realizes the power of a unified voice and the critical intertwining of these organizations in advocating for policies impacting our students, families, and community.

The call for resolutions runs from April 1, 2022, until 11:59 p.m. on June 15, 2022. Proposed resolutions are first reviewed by the TASB Resolutions Committee and then by the TASB Board. In September, the Delegate Assembly will adopt approved resolutions.

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

Discussion of Board  
Operating Procedures

Mia Price, Vice President reviewed the revisions the Board Committee have made to the current Board Operating Procedures.

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 Barbara Burns and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve (minutes for the April 26, 2022, Board meeting. personnel matters, leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of April 30, 2022; approval of Resolution establishing Fund Balance Procedures Required by GASB 54; approval of the quotes from Dell Marketing L.P. in the amount of \$168,006.85 for the Braswell High School end-user technology equipment; approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Prospering Pals Child Nutrition Cooperative with the Coppell ISD and the Denton Independent School District; approval of the quotes from PowerSchool in the amount of \$345,570.68 for the District's software license renewal for eSchoolPLUS, eFinancePLUS, Cognos, Enrollment Registration and Enrollment School Locator; approval of applying for a County District Campus Number (CDCN) for the Denton ISD Virtual Academy for the 2022-2023 school year and beyond; approval of the Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement between the City of Denton and the Denton Independent School District whereas the City shall provide Denton ISD with one (1) Lieutenant supervisor and nine (9) certified police officers to serve as school resource officers (SROs) assigned to Denton, Guyer, and Ryan High Schools and Calhoun, Strickland, and McMath Middle Schools; approval of the Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreements between the City of Corinth and the Denton Independent School District whereas the City of Corinth shall provide Denton ISD with two (2) certified police officers to serve as school resource officers (SROs) assigned to Ronnie W. Crownover Middle School and Bettye Myers Middle School; approval of the agreements to give Hester Environmental, LLC and The Provident Group the opportunity to commence abatement services at the Fulton Street Denton High School campus; approval of this agreement to grant Mustang Special Utility District use of the easement noted herein for the purpose of maintaining utility services and installing improvements to the area surrounding Braswell High School; approval of release of easement regarding CH Collins; affirm the Superintendents authority to execute employment contracts for classroom teachers and term employees and ratifies any contracts previously approved by the Superintendent; and approval for the Ryan High School Spanish Department to travel to France and Spain to learn about culture and language scheduled to depart on July 21, 2022 and return on July 30, 2022).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Setting Date and Time for the Budget & Proposed Tax Rate Hearing

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve the Board set date and time for the Budget and Tax Rate Hearing to be June 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Denton ISD Dennis E. Stephens Central Administration Building at 1307 N. Locust, Denton, Texas 76201.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Board Operating Procedures

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve the board operating procedure with the minor changes as mentioned.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of DC (Local) Employment Practices Revision – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve the revisions proposed to DC(LOCAL) Employment Practices on first reading.

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 9:17 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:40 pm

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Charles Stafford

To accept the bid from Lennar Homes of Texas for the purchase of approximately 85 acres of DISD real estate, subject to DISD and Lennar Homes reaching an agreement on the 15 acres that shall be reserved and not sold, in exchange for the DISD purchase of approximately 15.63 acres of Lennar Homes of Texas real estate.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 pm

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President

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Secretary