

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, December 10, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

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

Board Members Present: Bundgus, Burns, English, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, Stafford, and Tays

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present:

Brownell, O'Bara, Parham, Pierce, J. Rainey, L. Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Schulz, Smith, Thompson, and Zwahr

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

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

Presentations/
Recognitions

Guyer High School recently received the "Silver with Access" level of the AP School Honor Roll, which is a recognition given to United States schools where 50 percent or more of the graduating cohort takes at least one AP exam; 30 percent or more of the graduating cohort score a 3 or higher on at least one AP exam, and 5 percent or more of the graduating cohort takes five or more AP exams – with at least 1 taken in 9th or 10th grade – while in high school. Additionally, Guyer High is being recognized with the AP Access Award. Schools earn this additional award if the percentage of AP Exam takers who are underrepresented minority and/or low-income students mirrors the school's overall student demographics.

A Denton ISD graduate and local restaurant owner, John Williams (Oak Street), helped organize the fifth-annual Downtown Denton Mac N' Cheese Festival, which raised money to pay off hundreds of unpaid lunch balances. The festival, which was held in November, raised \$17,000 that will now go towards clearing lunch debt at multiple Title I campuses. In total, Mr. Williams helped facilitate more than two dozen local restaurants who participated in the event.

Brandy Reed is the School Security Officer (SSO) at Martinez Elementary School – but she is much more than that to everyone on the campus. Officer Reed stands at the front door every morning, greeting students with high-fives as they start their day. At lunch, she quizzes students on safety tips and passes out stickers for correct answers. Officer Reed even highlights students who are helping keep the school safe on the morning announcements and takes a photo with them, placing it on a board near the front of the school. Officer Reed goes above and beyond for the students and staff at Martinez Elementary, and she has become an integral part of the school's community.

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

Discussion of Annual Safety and Security Report	<p>The purpose of this report is to highlight the security precautions and review enhancements that the district has implemented regarding student and staff safety. Denton ISD was chosen by the TEA to participate in the District Vulnerability Assessment to evaluate the district's compliance with requirements found in various standards of practice.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Discussion of Health Services Update	<p>Nicole Goodman, Director of Health Services, updated the Board of Trustees on the current processes within the Health Services Department including, but not limited to, office visits, state-mandated screenings, and medication/treatment visits. The department has implemented a new documentation program (SNAP) which has improved efficiencies and communication with families.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Discussion of 2025-2026 Secondary Course Planning Guides	<p>Updates are made to the planning guides each year to reflect changes in course offerings, and other related policies and practices. The purpose of this report is to share with the Board of Trustees the changes that will be reflected in the 2025-2026 Denton ISD Course Planning Guides for both high school and middle school courses.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Discussion of IB/Advanced Academics	<p>This workshop provides an update on advanced academics in Denton ISD. Advanced academics encompasses International Baccalaureate (IB), Honors and Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Credit, College Readiness Assessments, EXPO, and Credit by Exam.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Discussion of 1925 Committee Update	<p>The 1925 Committee was formed as a way for district stakeholders to become educated about Texas public school finance to develop sustainable recommendations for district leadership as budgetary decisions are made for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond. This item is intended to give the Board of Trustees an update on the content of the Committee's meetings. As the District continues to advocate for improved and sustainable funding of the school finance system as well as sensible accountability for all Texas schools that receive public funds, factors that are being considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lack of per pupil funding increase since 2019 • Implementation of unfunded mandates • 18+% increase in consumer price index since 2020 • Opportunities to generate additional revenue <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Discussion of Boundary Rezoning	<p>The purpose of this report is to provide an overview to the Board of Trustees on the Denton ISD proposed attendance boundary modifications for Ginnings</p>

Elementary School to allow for the rebuild of the new Ginnings Elementary campus on the same physical plot of land. The report contains current and projected enrollment data. Construction of Ginnings Elementary will begin in the summer of 2025 and conclude in the spring of 2027. The rebuild of Ginnings Elementary was included in the 2023 bond package approved by voters.

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

Growth Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with an executive summary concerning the general DFW housing market, economic indicators, Denton ISD residential activity and enrollment projections as of the 3rd Quarter and its impact to the overall growth of Denton ISD. This information will assist the Trustees and district staff in developing educational programming, attendance zones and placement of future school facilities.

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

Bond Progress Report

Dean Anthony, Bond Progress Committee member, presented the Board with information from the last Bond Progress meeting held at the recently renovated Evers Elementary School.

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

Construction Report

Brandon Boyter, Executive Director of Construction, Planning & Growth, provided the Board with an overview of the current active construction which includes Reeves Elementary School, Denton High Multipurpose Facility, Braswell High Multipurpose Facility, and Borman Elementary School.

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

Campus Capacity Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of Denton ISDs campuses nearing functional capacity for the 2025-2026 school year using a current Student Overview Data Report. The analysis and monitoring of Denton ISDs functional capacity, projected enrollment data, staffing ratios, programming needs and other critical factors that may arise will ensure that the district's current practices address the rapid growth while ensuring that we remain committed to providing equitable and balanced opportunities for every student in Denton ISD.

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

Intruder Detection Audit Report

Region 11 conducts Intruder Detection Audits pursuant to updated legal requirements. To date 13 (thirteen) Denton ISD schools have been reviewed. Further details, if any, have been provided to the Board in executive session and will be provided to the district's Safety and Security Committee in an upcoming meeting for the purpose of safety and security.

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

1st Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve (the minutes of the November 12, 2024 board meeting; personnel matters, leaves, and absences; Budget Amendments as of November 30, 2024; Ann Windle School for Young Children Monthly Compliance Report for October 2024; Total Probable Cost including the Guaranteed Maximum Price submitted by Balfour Construction company in the amount of \$17,496,801.00 for a Total Probable Cost of \$19,085,413.00 for the renovation of and mechanical upgrades to Hodge Elementary School; Total Probable Cost including the Guaranteed Maximum Price submitted by BWC Education Group in the amount of \$16,979,874 for a Total Probable Cost of \$18,657,460 for the renovation of W.S. Ryan Elementary School; Total Probable Cost including the Guaranteed Maximum Price submitted by Joeris General Contractors in the amount of \$17,839,409 for a Total Probable Cost of \$19,878,272 for the summer 2025 facility upgrades; Recurring Request for Proposal (RFP) Solicitations; CSP #2411-09-2025 Summer Roof Replacements; Purchases in Accordance with Board Policy CH(Local) – Purchasing and Acquisition; and the 2025 Public Information Act Calendar)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of the 2025-2026
Calendar

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Lori Tays

To approve the 2025-2026 Denton ISD District Calendar.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Boundary
Rezoning

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve the attendance boundary modification for Reeves Elementary School and areas in the southwest region of the district.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Total Probable
Cost and
Guaranteed
Maximum Price for
the Rebuild of
Borman Elementary
School

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the Total Probable Cost and Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Rebuild of Borman Elementary School

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of the Interlocal
Agreement for the
Exchange of Denia
Park and Borman
Elementary School

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Exchange of Denia Park and Borman Elementary School

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of the Updated Legislative Priorities Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Amy Bundgus
To approve the revised Denton ISD Legislative Priorities to include Chapter 37.
The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of the ILA between Denton ISD and Town of Little Elm Motion made by Sheryl English and seconded by Mia Price
To approve the Interlocal Agreement between Denton ISD and the Town of Little Elm for the use of Hill Elementary Campus as a temporary fire station.
The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

2nd Open Forum Marian Levinstein and Rebecca Bertoni addressed the Board.

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:37 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:53 pm

Consider Approval of Land Purchase Motion made by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Amy Bundgus
To authorize Superintendent Susannah O’Bara to execute a contract for the purchase of approximately 50 acres of real estate necessary for the construction of a future school site on Hartlee Road, and to complete any items necessary to facilitate the purchase of this property, for reasonable compensation as discussed in closed session.
The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm

President

Secretary