

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, November 14, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Mia Price who announced that a quorum was present.

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

Board Members Absent: Tays
Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Brown, O’Bara, Parham, Pierce, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Schulz, Stevenson, Stewart, Thompson and Wilson.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Evers Park Elementary students.

Presentations & Recognition Macy Wingard made history on Nov. 4 at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock, winning the Class 6A cross country championship to secure Braswell’s first state title in school history.

The Braswell sophomore finished the 5,000-meter race in 16 minutes and 57 seconds to take home the gold medal. In addition to winning the state title, Macy also won the district 5-6A championship and the 6A Region I championship.

Each year, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) honors businesses and organizations for their support and exceptional advocacy of public schools. This statewide honor, as part of “Stand Up for Texas Public Schools,” recognizes local businesses and community organizations that partner with school districts, making a difference in the lives of public-school students.

Woodlands Medical Group is a network of doctors that offers total patient care, from family medicine to physical medicine and chiropractic care. For the past two years, Woodlands Medical Group has provided free sports physicals to students at each of Denton ISD’s Back-to-School Fairs.

This year alone, Woodlands Medical Group performed more than 200 sports physicals at the district’s Back-to-School Fairs, ensuring students were healthy and ready to begin the school year.

Strickland Middle School’s Rene Hernandez received one of the most prestigious honors in the state of Texas, being named the Texas Association

of School Psychologist's (TASP) Outstanding School Psychologist of the Year – Specialists/Master's Level Award.

Mr. Hernandez was chosen from dozens of candidates, garnering praise for the work he has done to provide an inclusive space for neurotypical and neurodiverse individuals through Strickland's Anime Club. Additionally, Mr. Hernandez has also raised money to give students the opportunity to purchase books at the book fair.

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

Discussion of
Annual Financial
Audit Report for
Fiscal Year End
June 2023

Carl Deaton from the audit firm Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn & Seay, P.C.A conducted the district's financial audit. The financial audit is required annually for each school district and is to be made on an organization-wide basis, including all fund types and account groups that are the accounting responsibility of the school district. The audit must be approved and submitted to the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas and the Division of School Financial Audits of TEA within 150 days following the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Deaton stated the report had one finding during their audit of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, Mr. Deaton found that the district failed to prepare several general journal entries that were required to prevent material misstatements being reflected in the financial statements. In addition, while the bank statements were reconciled as of the time of our audit, general journal entries had not been made to record many items discovered in the reconciliations that were needed for the financial statements to reflect accurate cash and expenditure balances.

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

Discussion of
Denton ISD Utility
Management Audit
Report

The Purpose of this audit is to inform the Board of Trustees of utility management processes in all Denton ISD's facilities from July 2022 – June 2023. Brandon Hoke with TD Industries presented the utility audit which includes the following:

- 1) Total consumption and cost comparison.
- 2) Analysis by utility type.
- 3) Percentage change of energy use.

The district has 6.9 million square feet of building space with a total utility cost (electric, gas, water, refuse) of \$9.3 million. The district's usage decreased from last year, but electricity costs increased.

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

Discussion of 1st
Quarter Investment
Report

Vicki Garcia, Executive Director of Business Operations, shared 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). As of September 30, 2023, the combined book value of investments for the District's General Fund, Debt Service Funds, Capital Projects Funds, and Special Revenue Funds amounts to \$1,201,976,864. Temporary Deposits and Investments have yielded earnings of \$10,501,135 for the quarter and a fiscal year-to-date total of \$10,501,135 across all funds.

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

Discussion of
Proposed 2024-
2025 Calendar

Dr. Charlene Parham, Area Superintendent along with Dr. Sarah Critton and Lindsay Lujan principals presented the proposed 24-25 school year calendar that included the start/end date, instructional minutes, scheduled holidays, and built-in PLC days. Based upon current surveys and feedback from EIC, Principals, City Council PTA and Executive Cabinet, the following considerations were made in developing these calendars:

- HB 2610 requirement of 75,600 instructional minutes.
- Ending the first semester prior to Winter Break.
- Equalizing the instructional days/minutes in each semester to the greatest extent possible.
- Maintaining a consistent holiday schedule with prior years and alignment of spring break with local universities.
- Potential waiver minutes of 2100 for professional development.
- Maximizing use of instructional minutes prior to state testing.
- 180 Instructional Days
- A student/staff holiday at least once per month.
- Ongoing PLC time for professional learning

Input was sought from district leadership, campus administrators, the Educational Improvement Committee, Council PTA, Campus Leadership Teams, Campus PTA Boards and the Teacher Communication Committee (TCC).

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

Discussion of
Attendance
Boundary
Modifications for
2024-2025

Dr. Susannah O'Bara, Deputy Superintendent along with Dr. Jeff Russell, Area Superintendent and Robin Brownell, Area Superintendent presented the report to provide an overview to the Board of Trustees on the Denton ISD of proposed attendance boundary modifications to Hill Elementary, Martinez Elementary, and areas in the southwest region of the district to ensure equitable access and optimal learning opportunities for all students. This report contains current and projected enrollment data. Modifications to the

proposed attendance boundaries will provide the greatest campus size efficiency.

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

Discussion of Honoring Excellence: Recognizing Top Graduates

Dr. Lisa Thibodeaux, Executive Director of Secondary Curriculum along with Amy Lawrence, Director of Counseling & Social Work presented information on methods for recognizing the district's highest achieving students. Recognizing high achieving students will accomplish the purposes of fostering academic excellence, motivating and inspiring students, building college and career readiness, increasing scholarship opportunities, enhancing student efficacy, and accurately measuring and report student successes against defined criteria. Their recommendation is to begin with the graduates of 2028 to have the Valedictorian – #1 in class and Highest-Ranking Grad (recognized) and the Salutatorian – #2 in class (recognized) then have Honors Designations recognized:
Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors), 5.0-4.8
Magna Cum Laude (High Honors), 4.7 – 4.5
Cum Laude (Honors), 4.4 – 4.0

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

Head Start Section 644 Annual Financial Compliance Report

This report was provided to the Board of Trustees as a summary of the Head Start Administrative Requirements and Standards from Section 644 of the Head Start Act. Annually, each Head Start Agency must report the following information from the most recently concluded fiscal year:

- The total amount of public and private funds received and the amount from each source.
- An explanation of budgetary expenditures and proposed budget for the fiscal year.
- The results of the most recent review of the financial audit.

Head Start is fully funded by a federal grant in the amount of \$1,537,783 and is housed at Ann Windle School for Young Children (AWSYC). The award for 2022 - 2023 reflects a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) and Quality Improvement (QI) increase over the previous year in the amount of \$43,628. The grant requires a local match of 20% or \$384,446. There were two additional COVID 19 Supplemental funding awards totaling \$289,012, with a balance of \$249,379 that was spent in FY23.

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

Intruder Detection Audit Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the recent Intruder Detection Audits conducted by the Region 11. Region 11 is conducting Intruder Detection Audits pursuant to updated legal requirements. To date 14

Denton ISD schools have been reviewed. Corrective actions, if any, have been completed at this time.

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

2023-2024 - 2nd
Reporting Period
Attendance Report

The purpose of this report is to provide campus and district ADA percentages for the 2nd reporting period (RP 2) of the 2023-2024 school year (September 25, 2023, through November 3, 2023) and to compare this data to prior years. This report will also identify current truancy prevention measures being used on Denton ISD campuses to increase student attendance. There are 29 instructional days in this 2nd reporting period. The district ADA% for 2023-2024 reporting period 2 is 95.00%. The district ADA% for RP 1 for this school year is 96.05%.

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

1st Open Forum

The following community members addressed the Board: Lauren Woods-Malmuth; Danielle Morris; Dr. Terry Senne.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve (the minutes of the October 24, 2023 board meeting, personnel matters, leaves, and absences; Budget Amendments as of October 31, 2023 approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Contract, in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between the City of Denton and Denton Independent School District for the purpose of developing, implementing, and maintaining public school safety and security measures; approval of RFP #2011-18C Software, Including Software as a Service (SaaS), Products & Related Services be awarded to all responding vendors on the bid tabulation; approval of the AWSYC Head Start MOU with United Way of Denton County 2023-2024; approval of the AWSYC Head Start MOU with Cumberland Presbyterian Childrens Home 2023-2024; approval of the AWSYC Head Start MOU Denton County Women, Children & Infant (WIC) program 2023-2024; approval of the AWSYC Head Start MOU with Nuby Pediatrics 2023-2024 and approval of a Remote Homebound Instruction Waiver to provide special education homebound services virtually to a Denton ISD Student.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Annual Financial
Audit for Year End
June 2023

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of the 2023 Certified Tax Roll Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez
To approve the 2023 Certified Tax Roll with a combined levy of \$364,014,819.22.
The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

2nd Open Forum The following community member addressed the Board: Donna Smith

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:45 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:28 pm
Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Charles Stafford.
To affirm the Administration’s response to the Level 2 grievance
The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:38 am

President

Secretary