

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, September 24, 2013 at 6:02 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Charles Stafford who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Harris, Price, Rodriguez, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Bostic, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Sargent, Hicks, 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 WS Ryan Elementary school students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Three Denton High School seniors were recently selected to the 2012-13 all-state journalism staff by the University Interscholastic League. George Roberson, Emily Fu and Rebecca Fu were among 37 journalism students from across the state that were named to the All State Journalism Staff. The three DHS students are staff members on *The Horseshoe*, the DHS student newspaper, and/or *The Bronco*, the yearbook.

1st Open Forum Willie Hudspeth – addressed the board regarding wanting to see more African American students participating in the pledges and also addressed the Board on the upcoming Bond election.

Seth Getts’ daughter attends GHS and is an AP History student and has concerns that the supplemental guide it being relied on too much and is requested to be brought to class.

John Looper – addressed the Board regarding the use of the AP History supplemental guide being used by students which has the second amendment stated incorrectly or in summary.

Discussion of Energy Audit Dan Edwards with TD Industries provided the Board with the energy audit from and utility management processes in all Denton ISD’s facilities from July 2012 – June 2013. This report includes the following 1) Total consumption and cost comparison 2) Analysis by utility type 3) Percentage

change of energy use. The results showed that the district increased its overall usage of natural gas by 13 percent and decreased its usage of electricity (4.5 percent) and water (14.6 percent) for the fiscal year between July 2012 and June 2013. Despite an increase in the cost of water, the district was able to save more than \$308,500 in comparison to the same time period the year before.

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

Discussion of
Career and
Technology
Education

Carla Ruge, Dean of the LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex said that enrollment at the ATC has increased, with 1,571 students (197 coming from outside the district) currently taking courses at the school. She stated:

- Student performance is among the state's best as ATC students posted a 98.6 percent passing rate on STAAR End-Of-Course exams, compared to a 75 percent passing rate statewide;
- ATC students accounted for more than \$10,000 in program scholarships;
- ATC students earned 435 professional certifications or licenses.

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

Discussion of
HB 5 and Its
Impact on
Denton ISD

David Hicks, Exec. Director of Secondary Academic Programs presented the requirements of HB 5 that was passed in the last legislative session. This specific legislation has far reaching implications in many areas including the academic preparation of students, assessment of student learning, and accountability ratings for our schools and the district.

Specific impact statements cannot be determined at this time as many of the rules related to HB 5 implementation have not been determined by the Commissioner of Education. However, the legislation will impact many different divisions within the District including Career Technology, Academic Programs, Accountability, Data Processing, and Curriculum and Instruction.

A district leadership team consisting of representatives from Curriculum and Instruction, Data Processing, Academic Programs, Counseling, and the secondary campuses has been formed to review HB 5 and all of the education related legislation that was enacted in the last legislative session.

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

Discussion of
2014-2015
School Calendar

Robert Bostic presented the Trustees the proposed 2014-2015 school calendar with school starting on Monday, August 25, and all staff reporting on Thursday, August 14. The proposed calendar provides a full week off at Thanksgiving for students and staff from Nov. 24 through Nov. 28. The

Winter Break will run from Dec. 22 through Jan. 2, 2015, with Monday, Jan 5, as a staff development day. Spring Break is scheduled from March 16 through March 20, 2015. All incoming high school freshmen will have their special “start” day on Friday, Aug. 22.

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

Discussion of
Nominees of
Nominees for
DCAD Board of
Directors

The Denton Central Appraisal District has requested its taxing jurisdictions to nominate up to five people to be considered for their Board of Directors. According to Section 6.03 of the Property Tax Code, it is the chief appraiser’s responsibility to initiate this process. An individual that is serving on the governing body of a city, county, or school district is eligible to serve as an appraisal district’s director.

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

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda

Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Barbara Burns

To approve (the minutes for the September 10, 2013 board meeting; Personnel matters, leaves and absences; Investment Report as of August 31, 2013; approval of surplus equipment; approval of the bid submitted by Knorr Systems, in the amount of \$60,000 for Aqua pool heater for Natatorium; and 2013-2014 inter-local agreement between the City of Aubrey and the Denton Independent School District for the School Resource Officer at Navo Middle School.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
Amended
Election Order

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Jeanetta Smith

To approve the Order amending the Order Calling a Bond Election providing for the conduct and the giving of notice of said election to be held on November 5, 2013.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
Nominee(s) for
DCAD Board of
Directors

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Barbara Burns

To approve the nominee of Charles Stafford as a DCAD Board of Director.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum

Dee Dee Stone – addressed the board regarding the second amendment summary being used in the AP History supplemental guide

Jacob Cordova – Air force veteran addressed the board regarding the second amendment in the AP supplemental guide.

Reid Davis – addressed the board regarding the second amendment and feels the district should review books that are utilized in the classroom

Sean Getts – addressed the board regarding the AP test and the content of the AP exam and the way the format of the questions being asked.

Gilbert Vasquez-also addressed the Board regarding the second amendment issue with the supplemental guide.

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:21 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:56 pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:10 pm

President

Secretary