

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, February 10, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

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

Board Members Present: Burns, Dunworth, English, Sosa-Sanchez, Stafford, and Wright
Board Members Absent:
Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Andress, Brown, Brownell, Garcia, Guajardo, Liewehr, O’Bara, Parham, Petito, Pierce, L. Rainey, J. Rainey, Robinson, Schulz, E. Smith, T. Smith, Simpson, Stewart, Thibodeaux, and Thompson

Closed Meeting President Burns announced that the Board would not be hearing the Level 3 FNG Grievance. The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:00 pm.

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:01 pm

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

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

Presentations/ Recognitions The Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas (CREST) Award is a prestigious statewide distinction that honors school counseling programs demonstrating excellence in supporting students’ academic, social, and emotional development. Presented by the Texas School Counselor Association, the award recognizes programs that excel in curriculum planning and delivery, collaboration with stakeholders, and responsive support services that meet the needs of the whole child. For the 2024–25 school year, Denton Independent School District is proud to recognize the school counseling programs at Hodge Elementary School and Rodriguez Middle School as CREST Award recipients.

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

Open Forum Community members that addressed the Board: Megan Boyden, Lisa McEntire, and Rebecca Bertoni.

Discussion of Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Mr. Carl Deaton of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn, Seay, & Scarbrorrough L.L.C. provided the Board with the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year 2025. These financial statements must adhere to the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and undergo an audit conducted by a licensed certified public accounting firm. The purpose of

the independent audit is to offer reasonable assurance that the District's financial statements are accurate and do not contain significant errors. The process includes selectively reviewing evidence that supports the figures and information in the financial statements, evaluating the accounting principles and key estimates made by management, and assessing the overall presentation of the financial statements. The independent auditors' report is the initial component featured in the financial section of this report. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) comprises the financial representations made by the District's management. As a result, management takes complete accountability for the accuracy and integrity of all the information presented in this report. The ACFR is divided into four main sections: introductory, financial, statistical, and single audit.

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

Discussion of Growth Report

Rocky Gardner, of Zonda Demographics, provided the Board of Trustees with a report on the general DFW housing market, economic indicators, Denton ISD residential activity and enrollment projections as of the 4th Quarter 2025 and the impact to the overall growth of Denton ISD.

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

Discussion of 2026-2027 Budget

Jennifer Stewart, Executive Director of Budget, provided an overview of historical revenues and expenditures, a review of fund balance, and how this data can be used to assist in the 2026-2027 budget process and ensure we align with budget priorities. The budget priorities include:

- Allocation of resources to meet our greatest needs
- Maintain our primary focus on teaching and learning
- Program sustainability
- Competitive compensation plan
- Fund balance integrity
- Balanced budget

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

Discussion of Engagement Update

Emily McLarty, Director of Employee Engagement, provided a review of the Gallup Q-12 Employee Engagement Date from the 2025 fall semester. In each area measured, the District saw growth which signals a deepened engagement culture.

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

Discussion of Denton Digital Virtual Program

Dr. Lacey Rainey, Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership and Academic Programs, provided the Board with a proposal for the Denton Digital Virtual Programming options for the 2026-2027 school year. SB569 expanded the district's ability to provide a digital program to students. Denton Digital would include a K-5 program, 6-12 program, Original Credit program, and Credit Recovery program.

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

Quarterly Investment Report – 2nd Quarter FY2026

This report is being submitted to the Board of Trustees for their review, providing an overview of the 2nd quarter investment performance for the fiscal year 2026. The objective of the report is to share 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).

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

Instructional Math and ELA Resource Adoption Report

The item reports the process and recommendation of K-12 Math and K-5 ELA/SLA Instructional materials selected through the adoption process. House Bill 1605 creates an approval process for curriculum review and adoption by the SBOE. The IMRA process is the primary level in HB 1605 for ensuring that teachers have access to high-quality instructional materials. This annual review will result in an SBOE-approved list of high-quality instructional materials with additional funding attached. The SBOE issued the IMRA approved High Quality Instructional Materials for the 2026-2027 school year for K-12 math and K-5 ELA/SLA materials. In response, Denton ISD engaged in a process of reviewing all SBOE rated materials for these courses. This process included the careful selection and approval of instructional materials to be used in classrooms.

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

Consent Agenda

Motion by Tanya Wright and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve (the minutes of the January 20, 2026 Superintendent Summative board meeting; Matters related to personnel; Approval of leaves and absences; AWSFYC Head Start Monthly Compliance Reports; Purchases in Accordance with Board Policy CH(Local); Approval of Draft Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services for May 2, 2026; Recurring Request for Proposals (RFP); and Winter Storm Resolution)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

With approval of the Consent Agenda, Dr. Susannah O’Bara announced Kelly Beard as principal of Union Park Elementary School effective at the end of the school year.

Justen Evans was announced as Head Football Coach and Athletic Coordinator for Braswell High School.

Consider Approval of Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025	Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford. To approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2025 as presented and reviewed. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of Instructional Math and ELA Resource Adoption	Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Buddy Dunworth. To approve the K-12 Math and K-5 ELA/SLA Instructional materials selected through the adoption process. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Closed Meeting	The Board recessed at 8:13 pm.
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened at 8:23 pm.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

President

Secretary