

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 14, 2012 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Mia Price who announced that a quorum was present.

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

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Braswell, Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Stephens, 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 Newton Rayzor elementary school students.

Presentations/ Recognitions: There were no presentations scheduled.

1st Open Forum: Willie Hudspeth addressed the board regarding the hiring of the Denton High School coach/athletic coordinator and requested the Board to review the committee/hiring process.

Ryan High School Band Uniforms: Debbie Monschke, Exec. Director of Administrative Services reviewed the replacement schedule of the Ryan High School band uniforms. The Fine Arts department established a replacement cycle for uniforms using an eight (8) year estimated life cycle. The first replacement for Ryan High School was in 2003-2004 for the Fall of 2004-2005. This development of the replacement cycle allows for the replacement of uniforms on a scheduled basis with funding assigned/designated in fund balance for this purpose. A student from RHS modeled the new proposed uniform for the Board.

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

Discussion of Budget for 2012-2013: Debbie Monschke reviewed the 2012-2013 Budget calendar and the process for developing the budget.

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

Discussion of Board Operating Procedures

This item will be discussed at a future board meeting.

TASA Mid-Winter Conference Update

Dr. Braswell discussed the various Texas educational funding lawsuits filed by Thompson-Horton, The Equity Center, The Texas Coalition Lawsuit and the Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund (MALDEF).

The Thompson-Horton group lawsuit will focus primarily on equity-efficiency, adequacy and property tax issues. Denton ISD joined this lawsuit along with 63 other Texas school districts representing 1.5 million students within Texas.

The Equity Center's (Texas Taxpayer & Student Fairness Coalition) lawsuit focuses on fairness, attacking the target revenue system established in 2006 when lawmakers reduced the property tax rate and guaranteed that districts would get no less than the amount they received per student at that time.

The Texas School Coalition also focuses on adequacy and property tax issues.

MALDEF focuses on equity of property poor districts, adequacy and property tax issues.

Districts typically sue the state on three different grounds: efficiency, adequacy and what's called "meaningful discretion." The Texas Constitution requires that the state provide efficient and adequate funding for public schools. The Texas Constitution also says that school districts must have the ability to choose how they spend money they bring in from property taxes.

Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Mike Mattingly, Asst. Superintendent; Ernie Stripling, Technology Information Officer and Rod Reeves also presented information from sessions they attended while at TASA Mid-Winter Conference

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4th Quarter Growth Report

Rod Reeves, Facilities Coordinator presented the growth report, regarding the general DFW housing market, economic indicators, Denton I.S.D. residential activity and enrollment projections as of the 4th Quarter 2011 and its impact to the overall growth of the Denton ISD. The report also provides trends in residential home sales, multi-family occupancies and growth in student population. Texas gained 204,500 jobs between December 2010 and December 2011 which continues to lead the nation in job growth. The state's unemployment rate of 7.2 % has been at or below the national rate with

Denton County's rate at 6.3%. DFW ranks 2nd in the nation for job growth with 57,300 new jobs as of November 2011. Denton ISD closed 779 new homes in 2011. 2Q12 will be key quarter for the 2012 new housing season. The District is in a position to add 850 additional students in the fall of 2012 with district enrollment of 25,705. Denton ISD could see enrollment growth of 4,873 students by 2016 with district enrollment of 29,728.

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2nd Open Forum No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve (the minutes for the January 24, 2011, January 31, 2011 and February 2, 2012 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of January 31, 2012; approval on second reading of TASB Update 92 local policies DFFA (Local) Reduction in Force, Financial Exigency; DFFB (Local) Reduction in Force, Program Change and deletion of DFF (Local) Termination of Employment: Reduction in Force; and City of Denton Summer Food Agreement).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting,

3rd Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:30 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:25 pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm

President

Secretary