

The Board of Trustees of Denton Independent School District, State of Texas, met in a regular meeting at the Denton ISD Advanced Technology Complex, 1504 Long Rd., Denton, Texas, on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 7:00 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, 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 Rivera Elementary school students.

Oath of Office Kimberley E. Stevenson, Notary Public, administered the oath of office to Barbara Burns and Dr. Jeanetta Smith and the newly elected board members were seated on the board.

Closed Session The Board convened into closed session at 7:26 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into open session at 8:09 pm

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jim Alexander

To maintain the same slate of officers which are Mia Price as President, Glenna Harris as Vice-President and Rudy Rodriguez as Secretary.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded Charles Stafford

To approve Kim Stevenson as the assistant secretary of the Board of Trustees

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum Kari Knight addressed the Board regarding middle school rezoning.

Scott & Kim Daniels addressed the Board regarding middle school rezoning and the effect on their subdivision which has only 16 students of which 5 will be pulled out of Harpool and sent to Crownover.

Augustina Cherms addressed the Board regarding middle school rezoning and wanted to thank the Board for rezoning their neighborhood to McMath.

Jennifer Hutto addressed the Board regarding middle school rezoning.

Gina Alday and Andrea Bergeron Paul did not speak but registered their position and left written comments for the Board regarding the middle school rezoning.

Presentations/  
Recognitions

Grayson Lovette, a fifth-grade student at Ginnings Elementary, was recently honored by the Texas Art Education Association and had her artwork displayed at the State Capitol as part of Youth Art Month Capitol Exhibit.

Harpool Middle was one of two teams from North Texas that qualified for the seventh annual Texas Quiz at the Texas Spirit Theater in Austin. The Texas Quiz Show is sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association in conjunction with Texas History Day.

Denton High's Farm Management Team placed second at the Future Farmers of America Area V competition at Texas A&M University in Commerce which qualified them for the state competition at Sam Houston State University. This is the first time a Denton High team qualified to attend state.

The Ryan High Track Team has again brought home state honors from the UIL Class 4A state track and field meet at the University of Texas at Austin. The boys' 1600-meter relay team proved to be among the fastest in the state for a second consecutive year. The team finished as state runner-up with a time of 3:14.59 and won the state silver medal.

Four Denton ISD teams qualified to compete in the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association State Water Polo Championships at the University of Texas at Austin. Ryan High girls Water Polo Team posted the district's best overall finish by taking seventh place. This was the girls' fourth appearance at the state tournament. Guyer High girls Water Polo Team finished in ninth place. This was also Guyer's fourth trip to the state meet.

Ryan High Ryan Raiders boys' Water Polo Team finished ninth. This was their fourth appearance.

Denton High boys' Water Polo Team qualified for their first state tournament appearance and finished 13<sup>th</sup>.

Denton ISD also had three individuals recognized for their play at the state water polo tournament:

- Mandi Sutherland earned first-team all-state for Ryan.
- Christina Coon earned second-team all-state for Guyer.

- Cole Anthony earned all-state honorable mention for Ryan.

Hodge Elementary School Principal Sam Kelley was recently named a Top 10 Finalist for the 2012 Texas National Distinguished Principal award by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association.

Jo Ellen Bobo, math teacher at Crownover Middle School, has received the 2012 Claudia A. Balach Teacher Researcher Award by the Professional Development School Research Special Interest Group of the American Educational Research Association. Mrs. Bobo was recognized for her work on a study titled: *“Are Corrections Worth It? Action Research in Action.”*

Michelle Clayton, a second grade teacher at E.P. Rayzor Elementary, was recently named a winner in the fifth annual “Win With Classworks” contest. Mrs. Clayton was one of four, first-place winners in the top essay contest and one of only two winners from Texas.

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

Discussion of  
Budget for 2012-  
2013

Debbie Monschke updated the Board on the most recent summary changes to the 2012-2013 budget preparation and the schedule of projected revenue. Ms. Monschke also reviewed the changes in the property tax collection.

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

Salary  
Recommendations

Dennis Stephens, Exec. Director of Human Resources reviewed the salary recommendations for the Teacher step schedule. A person with a Bachelor’s degree (BA0) and no experience will have a starting salary of \$47,600 a Master’s (MA0) will have a starting salary of \$49,350 and a Doctorate (DOC 0) will have a starting salary of \$51,100. Employees would receive:

- Teachers with a bachelor’s, masters or doctorate: 3 percent increase with \$1,000 minimum inclusive of step.
- Para-professionals, operations and exempt employees: 3 percent increase of the mid-point with \$700 minimum

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

Discussion of  
Middle School  
Attendance Zone  
Modifications

Robert Bostic, Director of School Leadership & Instructional Technology and Rod Reeves, Facilities Coordinator reviewed the proposed middle school attendance zones in preparation for the opening of Middle School #7 in August 2013. The main objectives of adjusting the attendance zones is to relieve campus overcrowding; determine the impact of zone changes on middle school campuses; determine impact zone changes on future middle school sites; review transfer policies and make recommendations to maintain attendance zones; review student assignment policies to manage capacity concerns; minimize movement and dislocation of students; balance District program services; establish clear and definable attendance

boundaries and reduce school operational costs.

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

Discussion of  
Special Education  
Update

Debbie Roybal, Exec. Director of Special Education updated the Board on the district's special education services. According to the TEA data, 9.7 percent of all students currently enrolled in the district have a disability - higher than the state average of 8.5 percent. Mrs. Roybal and Dr. Rebecca Julius, autism and psychological services supervisor, also presented a report on the district's autism program. The district provides programming for students with autism (as defined by federal requirements) including those with both exceptional and limited cognitive skills and supports autism students through supplemental aides, lower student-to-teacher ratios, social adjustment classrooms and PPCD programs.

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

Deaf Education  
Update

Diane Allison presented the Board with an update to the Regional Day School for the Deaf (RDSPD) and the programs DISD provides to deaf students. RDSPD provides services to students with hearing impairments from 26 school districts in Cooke, Denton, and Wise Counties. Services have been located on Denton ISD campuses historically in a manner that promoted socialization between students who are deaf/hard of hearing with their hearing peers and allowed them to transition together from elementary to middle school and from middle school to high school.

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

The Board recess at 10:48 pm and reconvened 11:03 pm

Elementary  
ESL/Bilingual  
Programming

Teresa Taylor, Director of Bilingual/ESL gave the Board an overview of programs that will be offered for the 2012-13 school year.

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

Bond Progress  
Report

Dorothy Martinez updated the Board on the recent Bond Progress Committee meeting and current construction projects.

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

Construction  
Report

A CD was provided to the Board with the current construction projects within the District.

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

Computer  
Installation Project  
Update

Ernie Stripling provided the Board with an update on the successful rollout of new computers for teachers in the classrooms across the district.

- Computer deployment covered 37 campuses

- 1,836 new computers installed
- 1,700 replacements removed, reimaged and reinstalled to replace the oldest in the district
- 1,600 oldest computers salvaged and 350 of these sent to the ATC for the “Computers for Students” Program
- Deployment covered 23 nights that lasted from 8 to 13 hours per night
- Deployment started as early as 2:00 pm and lasted as late as 5:00 am.
- This created LOTS of HAPPY TEACHERS and Staff

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda

Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve (the minutes for the April 3, 2012, May 8, 2012 and May 15, 2012 board meetings; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Investment Report as of April 30, 2012; Budget Amendments as of April 30, 2012; approval of proposal submitted by TFE for an EMC storage area network in the amount of \$277,380; approval of TASB Update 93 and revisions to policy DC (Local) Employment Practices on second reading; approval of waiver of penalty and interest for account number 248893DEN as recommended by the district’s Property Tax Attorney; approval of Resolution to close the JPMorgan Chase Bank account and transfer the balance of the account to the District’s Debt Service Account; approval of the musical instrument donation from Music and Arts for the district’s Fee Waiver program; and approval of the agreement between Denton ISD & Verizon to lease a parcel of land for the purpose of installing a cellular tower on Navo Middle School Property).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Dr. Jamie Wilson announced the five new principals that were approved. They are: Dr. Patty Jensen: Cross Oaks Elementary; Natalie Mead: Paloma Creek Elementary; Mary Dunlevy: E.P. Rayzor Elementary; Deborah Merki: W.S. Ryan Elementary; Linda Cavazos-Tucker: Evers Elementary.

Set Date, Time & Place for Budget & Tax Rate Hearing

Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez

To approve the date and time for the Budget and Tax Rate Hearing to be June 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. and to be held in Denton ISD Central Services Building 1307 N. Locust, Denton, Texas 76201.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of District Improvement Plan

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez

To approve the 2011-12 District Improvement Plan as per board policy BQ

(DIP) (Legal) and BQ (Local) as well as Subchapter F. District-Level and Site-Based Decision-Making Sec.11.251. Planning and Decision-Making Process.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Construction of Science Lab and Renovations at Evers Park Elementary School Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Jeanetta Smith  
To approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$1,515,797 including alternates #1, #3, #4, and #6 as submitted by Balfour Beatty for the construction of the Science Lab and renovations at Evers Park Elementary School. This project will be funded from contingency funds accumulated from closed projects in the 1999, 2004 and 2007 Bond Authorizations.  
The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Open Forum No one wished to speak

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 11:19 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 1:00 am

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:02 am

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President

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Secretary