

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, June 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Doug Chadwick who announced that a quorum was present.

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

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Niven, Mattingly, Pierce, O’Bara, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Andress, Bomberger, Henson, Valenta and Zwahr

Others: Marshall Reid, *Denton Record Chronicle*; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Dr. Richard Valenta and staff.

Presentations/ Recognitions Dallas Summer Musicals (DSM) announced the 2021 winners of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual DSM High School Musical Theatre Awards (HSMTA). The awards ceremony was presented as a virtual livestream through DSM’s YouTube page on June 11. A total of 41 performances from 39 participating high schools were evaluated by a diverse group of highly qualified judges from the North Texas theater community. Guyer High School garnered ten nominations, resulting in two Guyer students and one staff member ultimately being recognized for their work in the school’s production of “The Phantom of an Opera.” Parker Jackson, Class of 2021 graduate, was named Best Actor, and Emily Langley, Class of 2021 graduate, earned the theater major scholarship award of \$2,500 for her standout performance.

Guyer High School’s theater musical director and technical director, Chris Crotwell, received accolades as his production of “The Phantom of an Opera” was recently named Best Musical Direction during the 2021 DSM Awards. Two members of the Guyer High School orchestra and a member of the Denton High School orchestra were named “Outstanding Performer” at the UIL Texas State Solo & Ensemble Awards. Denton ISD had several gold medalists across its four high school campuses and three standout students were named first in the state on their respective instruments.

Denton High School sophomore Maya Huber received “Outstanding Performer” for her performance on the cello.

Staff Spotlight – Esme Gamez, Hodge Elementary 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year, was selected by her peers for her unwavering love and dedication for her students and colleagues. However, a life defining diagnosis prevented her from attending the district’s celebration.

In her final days, friends and students honored her for her commitment to education and passion for learning. They seized the opportunity to share with her, and the world, the incredible impact her teaching talents have made on countless people – focusing us all on the ultimate lessons of love.

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum

No one requested to address the Board

Student and Parent Handbook

Angela Ricks, Director of Student Services, provided information on items that have been added to Student Handbook which included consent to provide a mental health care service, consent to record a student, special education referrals; FAFSA or TAFSA – students enrolled in the grade 12 must complete a FAFSA or TAFSA before graduating from high school; promotion & retention, remote instruction, student illness, video cameras, cafeteria. Deletions from the Student Code of Conduct included STAAR Testing- HB 3906 eliminates the stand-alone writing assessments for grades 4 and 7 beginning with the 2021-2022 school year; attendance which references attendance practices specific to the pandemic; transportation removed sections related to Bus Student Access Card as it is now part of the student ID cards. and Dr. Jeff Russell  
This item is for information only. No action is required.

Student Code of Conduct

Dr. Jeff Russell, Area Superintendent provided information regarding items that have been added to the 2021-22 Student Code of Conduct which includes under Academic Integrity Policy Consequences, First Offense - campus administration will be informed depending on the weight of grade (minor/major) and severity of infraction; under consequences of First, Second and Third Offense - Teacher will document violation of academic integrity within classroom and/or administrator will document in eSchool or document locally.

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

Discussion of ESSER III Funds

Susannah O’bara, Area Superintendent provided information on the Thought Exchange Feedback program that provided the feedback process used from June 1-10, 2021. The purpose of the report is to share the Denton ISD Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Grant III of a little less than \$22 million. Two-thirds of the grant can be used now and the remaining balance. The parents of all 30,000 students, students of all high schools, all staff and over 1000 community members. 180 students responded. The number 1 need that the students wanted was to help with their social and emotional learning. The number one need for the parents was class size, they want support to help students not just to make classroom

smaller. The use of funds will go to supporting teachers, rigorous instructional materials, more time, empower parents and other supports such as Facilities and Technology. Dr. Mike Mattingly, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction provided information regarding new Zone Impact Coaches who will work with elementary, middle school and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra. Dr. Mattingly also provided information on specifics of what each of the Learning Acceleration Framework included. Dr. Scott Niven, Chief Financial Officer provided the details for how the money will be allocated. Zone Impact Coaching Teams - \$785,000; Curriculum Writing Acceleration - \$90,000; Summer Programming - \$620,000; Intensive Tutoring - \$300,000; Dr. Niven also provided the COVID related expenditures from 2019-20 = \$870,551; 2020-21 = \$4,906,829; 2021-22 - \$1,309,898.

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

6<sup>th</sup> Reporting  
Period Attendance  
Report

Angela Ricks, Director of Student Services provided information regarding there are 29 instructional days in this 6<sup>th</sup> Reporting Period. The district ADA% for 2020-2021 Reporting Period 6 is 96.52%, we do not have any data to compare this to from last school year due to COVID-19.

EP Rayzor had the highest attendance percentage for elementary campuses in Denton ISD at 98.54%. Harpool had the highest attendance percentage for middle school campuses in Denton ISD at 99.28%. Guyer had the highest attendance percentage for high school campuses in Denton ISD at 97.15%.

6<sup>th</sup> grade had the highest ADA% at 97.79%, followed by 7<sup>th</sup> grade with 97.69%. Pre-K had the lowest ADA% at 94.22%, followed by Early Childhood Education (EE) with 94.27%.

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

End of the Year  
Attendance Report

Angela Ricks, Director of Student Services provided information regarding campus and district ADA percentages for the 2020-2021 school year (August 26, 2020 through May 27, 2021). There are 160 instructional days in this school year. The district ADA% for the 2020-2021 school year is 96.85%, this is a decrease from last school year when the ADA% was 97.25%. There are 2 factors that may influence the final ADA % for this school year. The pandemic, which had a negative impact on attendance and enrollment. And the extreme winter weather and resulting damage to campuses which caused Denton ISD schools to temporarily close.

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

Discipline Update

Dr. Jeff Russell, Area Superintendent provided discipline data on State reported data involving any disciplinary action that removes students from

their instructional setting. Dr Russell explained that although the data is improved, it is inconclusive regarding our intervention plans. There were several bright spots when evaluating year to year including reductions in the percentages of Davis School Placements and In-School Suspension Placements. The 2020-2021 school year will be a stand-alone year, but it will provide valuable information as students return to face-to-face instruction.

Professional Staff  
Appointments,  
Resignations and  
Employment

Dr. Wilson reported that Jesus Lujan will be the new Principal at Borman Elementary effective for the 2021-2022 School Year.

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum

No one requested to address the Board.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez.

To approve (the Minutes for the June 8, 2021 Board meeting; Investment Report as of May 31, 2021; Final Budget Amendments; College Board's Readiness and Success Agreement, with a term to will expire on June 30, 2022; ESSER III Funds; Student and Finance Management Software License Renewal Purchase in the amount of \$350,215.07, which includes InfoSnap Subscription, eSchool Plus and eFinancePLUS Subscription, Cognos Subscription, and Purchasing Card Interface Subscription, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022; Dell Technologies Absolute Firmware Purchase in the amount of \$267,432.96; approval of Surplus Property to be recycled, auctioned or disposed of; approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with City of Denton and Denton ISD for School Resource Officer Program, to assist six (6) of our Denton ISD schools, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022; approval of Interlocal Agreement for School Resource Investigator (Officer) between Denton County and Denton ISD for the continuation of service provided by the County to assist our Lantana schools in the amount of \$110,338 for the school year 2021-2022; approval of Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Little Elm and Denton ISD for School Resource Officer services. Town will provide four (4) certified officers assigned to Catherine Bell Elementary, Paloma Creek Elementary, Navo Middle School and Braswell High School, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024;

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Open Forum

No one requested to address the Board.

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| Consider Approval<br>of 2021-2022<br>Accelerated<br>Instruction Budget        | <p>Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Barbara Burns.</p> <p>To approve the 2021-2022 Accelerated Instruction Budget.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>                              |
| Consider Approval<br>of the 2021-2022<br>Budget                               | <p>Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jim Alexander.</p> <p>To approve the 2021-2022 Budget.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>                                               |
| Consider Approval<br>of Student Code of<br>Conduct                            | <p>Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez.</p> <p>To approve the Student Code of Conduct.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>                                     |
| Consider Approval<br>of Nominee for<br>TASB Board<br>Region 11, Position<br>D | <p>Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Charles Stafford.</p> <p>To approve Corrine French as the Nominee for TASB Board Region 11, Position D.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p> |
| Closed Meeting                                                                | The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:46 pm.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Open Meeting                                                                  | The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:58 pm.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Adjournment:                                                                  | The meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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President

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Secretary

