

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 8, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Chadwick who announced that a quorum was present.

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

Board Members Absent: Sosa-Sanchez
Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Niven, Mattingly, Pierce, Perkins, O'Bara, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Stevenson, and Zwahr
Others: Cindy Breeding, *Denton Record Chronicle*; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

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

Presentations/ Recognitions Denton Independent School District's Rodriguez Middle schools' Counseling Department was named the recipient of the CREST Award, which annually recognizes the top counseling staffs in the state, by the Texas School Counselor Association. This marks the eleventh consecutive year at least one or more of Denton ISD campuses has received a CREST award. Each of the recipients was honored at the CREST Luncheon, which is part of the annual TSCA conference, in San Antonio. CREST stands for Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas and is a program that focuses on 10 areas that leave the greatest impact school counselors have on the achievements, career aspirations, personal gains, and social aspects of students' lives. The program helps counselors evaluate their current counseling guidelines and techniques while also promoting their services to students and parents

Last fall during the Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards Conference in Dallas, several elementary art students from Denton ISD created works that were displayed for attendees from across the state. Two elementary students had works selected and featured as part of a large art installation sponsored by Texas Art Education, a very prestigious honor. Eight students created works on site, and their pieces were auctioned at the Denton Public School Foundation Groundhog Gala to benefit college scholarships and classroom teacher grants. Student artists helped create large drawings of local landmarks with watercolor backgrounds.

Doug Adcock, instructor at the LaGrone Academy, is a nationally recognized auto technician. After his retirement from Ford Motor Company, he felt called to make a bigger impact on his community. Fortunately, our students are benefitting from his expertise and leadership and the District is proud to feature him in this month's Board Spotlight.

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

1st Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Discussion of
Budget 2022-
2023

Jennifer Stewart, Director of Budgeting reviewed the 2022-2023 Budget Planning calendar.

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

Discussion of
Employee
Benefits &
Property Casualty
Insurance

Chris Bomberger, Exec. Director of Risk Management presented the Board of Trustees, for their review and discussion, an update on the 2021-2022 open enrollment of employee benefits, the status of medical plan offerings for upcoming open enrollment for 2022-2023 benefits, along with an update on the Winter Storm Uri property and contents progress.

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

Discussion of K-
8 Virtual
Academy Update

Caleb Leath, Principal of the K-8 Virtual Academy provided information regarding the current status and future of the Denton ISD K-8 Virtual Academy. Mr. Leath provided an overview of the current enrollment in the K-8 Virtual Academy as well as the K-8 Virtual Academy for the 2022-2023 school year. As of February 1, 2022, the total enrollment was 283 students. With the current staff the Virtual Academy can handle 232 students, K-5 and 150 students, grades 6 – 8.

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

COVID Report

Susannah O'Bara provided the Board with the most recent update of student/staff Covid cases and the information from the Denton County Health Department.

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

2021-2022
Attendance
Reporting Period
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Angela Ricks, Director of Student Support Services provided the Board with the campus and district ADA percentages for the 3rd Reporting Period of the 2021-2022 school year (November 8, 2021, through December 17, 2021) and to compare this data to prior years. School districts have reported to TEA that attendance rate declines continue to occur due to COVID during the spring semester. As a result, the TEA is exploring options to ensure school systems

will not experience significant financial difficulties and the agency has temporarily closed the low attendance waiver.

There are 25 instructional days in this 3rd Reporting Period. The district ADA % for 2021-2022 Reporting Period 3 is 94.41%, this is a decrease from last school year when the ADA % was 95.47%.

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

2nd Open Forum No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve (the minutes of the January 11, 2022 Board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Investment Report as of December 31, 2021; approval of the quote from TD Industries in the amount of \$392,648.00 for the upgrade of the HVAC & Access Controls at McMath Middle School; approval of the quote from Benchmark Education Company LLC in the amount of \$209,198.40 for the purchase of ESL/Bilingual classroom leveled libraries; approval of the quote from Aerowave Technologies LLC in the amount of \$252,569.00 for the bi-directional amplifier/distributed antenna system purchase for the new Denton High School; approval of the quote from Athletic Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$280,987.00 for the track and field equipment purchase for the Braswell High School Carrico Stadium; approval of the quote from Dell Marketing L.P. in the amount of \$640,390.99 for end-user technology hardware equipment for the new Denton High School and approval of the quote from Dell Marketing L.P. in the amount of \$640,390.99 for end-user technology hardware equipment for the new Denton High School).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Barbara Burns

Approval of To approve the Middle School Course Planning Guide for 2022-2023

Middle School Course Planning Guide 2022-2023 The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Sheryl English

Approval of High School Course Planning Guide 2022-2023

2022-2023 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 8:21 pm
Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:25 pm
Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:26 pm

President

Secretary