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, May 27, 2014 at 6:02 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Charles Stafford who announced that a quorum was present.

**Board Members** 

Alexander, Burns, Harris, Price, Rodriguez, Smith, and Stafford

Present:

**Board Members** 

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early: Alexander

School Personnel Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Sargent, Hicks, Cox and

Present: 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

Dr. Jim Alexander, and Ms. Dorothy Martinez and the newly elected board

members were seated on the board.

Closed Meeting The Board convened into closed session at 6:13 pm

Open Session The Board reconvened into open session at 6:19 pm

Election of Board Officers

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Mia Price

To nominate Glenna Harris as President, Barbara Burns as Vice-President

and Jeanetta Smith as secretary.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Presentations/ Recognitions The Denton High School journalism department recently attended the 2014 Interscholastic League Press Conference State Journalism Convention at the UT - Austin and had 21 students win top awards in Newspaper Achievement,

Yearbook Achievement and On-line Achievement.

Students from Guyer High and Ryan High recently competed at the Texas Forensic Association's state competition in El Paso and then went on to national competition. **Guyer High:** Seniors Drake Lawson and Andrew Hansen won the state championship in duet acting and went on to place second in the nation. The state title helped Guyer High earn a spot in the Top 10 overall team standings at the TFA state competition. **Ryan High:** The Raiders again had a state-qualifying duet with juniors Kirsten Anderson and

Josh Soderstrom, who ranked among the state's best.

Guyer High's One-Act Play – Hamlet competed in the state UIL competition.

Jeanie Bragg, career and technology counselor recently earned the Region IV Career Guidance Award by the Association for Career and Technical Education.

Students from Guyer and Ryan High represented Denton ISD in 10 events at the recent Class 5A and 4A UIL Track and Field State Championships at UT-Austin. Guyer High won the Girls and Boys District 5-4A Track and Field titles. Ryan High won the Boys District 4-5A title, Area 3-5A title, and finished in the Top Five overall at its regional meet in Lubbock.

The Guyer boys and girls golf team represented Denton ISD in the Class 4A State Golf Championship recently conducted at UT-Austin.

Denton ISD was represented by students from Denton and Ryan High schools at the annual Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Water Polo State Championships at UT-Austin. The Denton boys finished fifth overall in the state, while the Denton High girls and Ryan High boys each placed ninth. Denton ISD finished the tournament with six swimmers earning all-state honors.

Denton and Guyer High schools represented Denton ISD at the annual University Interscholastic League state academic meet at the University of Texas at Austin.

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Discussion & Review of District Improvement Plan (DIP) Chris Shade, Director of School Improvement provided the Board with an overview of the District Improvement Plan (DIP) goals established by the Educational Improvement Council (EIC) for the 2013-14 school year and the plan for the 2014-15 school year.

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

2014-2015 Budget Discussion Debbie Monschke provided the Board with an update to the 2014-2015 proposed budget.

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

Early Childhood Update

Vicki Sargent, Executive Director of Elementary Academic Programs, updated the board on the district's early childhood programs. A major point she emphasized was determining if parent interest is adequate to add pre-

kindergarten programs at Lee, Newton Rayzor, Rivera and W.S. Ryan – all schools that are highly impacted campuses with available classroom space. The district currently has 612 students in Pre-K programs: Borman, 48; Cross Oaks, 48; Savannah, 52; Stephens, 34; Ann Windle, 107, and Gonzalez, 323. Next year, the district plans to transfer the Pre-K classes now at Savannah to Cross Oaks because of the rapid growth at Savannah.

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

Bond Progress Report Sheryl English Bond Committee member provided the Board with an overview of the current bond construction projects.

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

Construction Report

The Board was provided an update of the current construction projects.

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 Charles Stafford and seconded by Dorothy Martinez

To approve (the minutes of the May 13, 2014 Board Meetings; Personnel matters, leaves and absences; Investment Report as of April 30, 2014; AYSFYC Head Start Grant Application; AYSFYC Head Start Monthly Compliance Reports for April; AYSFYC Head Start Cost of Living Allocation (COLA) Grant Application; approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Denton and the Denton Independent School District for the School Resource Officers at Denton, Ryan, and Guyer High Schools and Calhoun, Strickland, and McMath Middle Schools and approval of Safety National Casualty Corporation Excess Workers' Compensation Coverage with a specific self –insured retention of \$500,000/\$1,000,000 aggregate retention and an aggregate excess limit of \$1,000,000 with a premium of \$76,760. Additionally, it is recommended that the District continue with TASB Risk Fund for Workers' Compensation - Administrative Services Only with optional services for Annual Actuarial Review and Loss Prevention Services. The annual premium for these services will total \$ 12,000. The combined total annual premium is \$ 88,760)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

With the approval of the consent agenda Matt Preston, currently assistant principal at Stephens Elementary, has been named principal of Cross Oaks Elementary School, effective for the 2014-15 school year and Marcy Auchter, assistant principal at Lovejoy school district, was named principal

	of Ginnings Elementary School, effective for the 2014-15 school year.
Consider Approval of Setting Date, Time & Place for Budget & Tax Rate Hearing	Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Jeanetta Smith
	To approve setting the date and time for the Budget and Tax Rate Hearing to be June 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Denton ISD Dennis E. Stephens Central Administration Building at 1307 N. Locust, Denton, Texas 76201.
	The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of Student Code of Conduct	Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Barbara Burns
	To approve of the 2014-2015 Student Code of Conduct/AUP/CIPA.
	The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Open Forum	Chris Lecocke has a daughter that has downs syndrome and wants to see classes offered for special needs children in the Lantana area. He stated his child spends an hour a day to travel to school in Denton.
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:07 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:26 pm
	Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Dorothy Martinez
	To approve of the Resolution donating land to the Town of Little Elm, Texas for use as public right-of-way, and to consider exchanging land no longer suitable for an educational purpose with the adjoining landowner HR Little Elm, LP, a Texas limited partnership also known as Hillwood Communities.
	The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm
	President
	Secretary
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