

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 25, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Bundgus, Burns, English, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, Stafford, and Tays

Present:

Board Members

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Brown, O'Bara, Parham, Pierce, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Schulz,
Present: Stevenson, Stewart, Thompson, and Wilson

Others: Cindy Breeding, *Denton Record-Chronicler*; citizens, staff, and students

Pledges The Pledges to the flags were led by Cross Oaks Elementary School students.

Presentations/
Recognitions Twelve Denton ISD musicians earned All-State honors for the 2024-2025 school year from the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA). TMEA is an organization of more than 12,000 school music educators committed to promoting excellence in music education. Musicians earn the prestigious honor of all-state through a competitive selection process held across Texas at the district, region, and area levels. This process begins statewide with auditions hosted by 33 TMEA regions. Individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument or voice part. From this ranking, a select group of musicians advance from their region to compete against musicians from areas in eight TMEA Area competitions. The highest-ranking musicians judged at the area competition qualify to perform in a TMEA All-State music group. All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can achieve. Only 1,875 students are selected through a process beginning with over 70,000 students – meaning only the top 2.6 percent of musicians who initially audition become All-State musicians.

Bell Elementary has been named a 2023-2025 National PTA School of Excellence, an honor which aims to provide a framework for PTAs to identify and implement best practices in family engagement to strengthen family-school Partnerships. Bell Elementary was one of only 84 schools in

Texas to earn the distinction for 2023-2025. Less than 400 schools nationwide received the honor.

In March 2000, the Ryan High School Boys Basketball team defeated Dallas Madison 80-69 to claim the Class 4A state championship. The Raiders posted an impressive 30-6 overall record during their 1999-2000 campaign, winning what remains to be the only boys' basketball title in school history. At the time, Ryan's Boys Basketball state championship was also the first title in any sport at Ryan. This team will be honored later in March at the UIL boys' basketball state championships at the Alamodome in San Antonio, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Raiders cutting down the nets.

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

Discussion of 2025-2026

Dr. Jeremy Thompson, Deputy Superintendent for Administrative Services, provided the Board of Trustees with an overview of student data. The data reviews the second language learners, educationally disadvantage/at risk student groups, career & technology, dyslexia, early education, college, career and military readiness (CCMR), special education allotment, homebound, speech therapy, resource room, self-contained, off home campus, vocational adjustment class, residential care and treatment and mainstream.

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

Discussion of Family & Employee Engagement Update

Julia Zwahr, Chief Communications Officer and Emily McClarty, Director of Employee Engagement, provided the Board of Trustees information regarding the gathering and reporting of feedback on Family Engagement and Staff Engagement so that Denton ISD may better understand the perceptions of the families and employees we serve. Denton ISD strives each year to improve instruction and services to our families and the communities we serve. track progress, and our campuses will reaffirm our commitment to staying accountable to the families/community we serve. Through a survey instrument used in partnership with Gallup, annual feedback in the following areas will be gained through 24 questions centered on the following areas:

- School Engagement
- School Environment
- Academic Standards
- Strength and Development
- School Communications
- School Leadership

The feedback will be used to identify perceptions within each core area and the ways in which we measure our progress toward these goals. All the information gathered is anonymous and does not match the respondent with

individual answers. Highly engaged employees have lower turnover rates, decreased absenteeism, and higher rates of student achievement. Engaged employees who feel supported and are developed appropriately make a positive impact on student learning, feel, and convey pride in our organization, and positively impact our community.

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

Discussion of
Legislative Session
Update

Deron Robinson, General Council provided the updates and resources to the Board of Trustees regarding the 89th Legislative Session. ‘

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

4th Quarter Growth
Report

The Board of Trustees was provided with the 4th Quarter Growth information. Total home sales within Denton ISD has decreased slightly over the last 3 years due to rising inflation costs and interest rate increases. New home sales in Denton ISD accounted for 50% of the total district home sales in 2024, an increase of 4% from 2023. The district has 53 actively building subdivisions with nearly 2,900 lots available to build on and DISD has 23 future subdivisions with more than 22,000 lots in the planning stages. The average new home sale price in Denton ISD has more than doubled between 2014 and 2024, an increase of more than \$263,900.

The average existing home sale price in DISD has more than doubled in the last 10 years, an increase of more than \$217,900. Groundwork is underway on nearly 2,600 lots within 16 subdivisions. Denton ISD is forecasted to enroll more than 35,800 students by 2029/30 and 38,600 by 2034/35.

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

Intruder Detection
Audit Report

Region 11 conducts Intruder Detection Audits pursuant to updated legal requirements. To date 25 Denton ISD schools have been reviewed. Further details, if any, have been provided to the Board in executive session and will be provided to the district’s Safety and Security Committee in an upcoming meeting for the purpose of safety and security.

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

1st Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve (the minutes of the February 11, 2025 Board meetings; personnel matters, leaves, and absences; approval of purchases in accordance with Board Policy CH(Local) - Purchasing and Acquisition as provided; approval of an Interlocal Agreement regarding the construction of an East/West Collector Road relative to the construction of High School #5 and the adjacent

Career Technical Education Center).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda Dr. O'Bara announced the naming of Jill Mitchell as the next principal of E.P. Rayzor Elementary School, replacing Dr. Sarah Critton.

Dr. Sarah Critton was named the first principal of Reeves Elementary School, which is slated to open August 2025 in the Denton High School attendance zone. Dr. Critton most recently served as the principal of E.P. Rayzor Elementary School since 2022. She has 17 years of experience in education and will assume her role at Reeves Elementary after Spring Break.

Consider Approval
of TASB
Update 124 with
Revisions to DC
(Local)

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve TASB Update 124 with revisions to DC (Local) on 1st Reading.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:49 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:12 pm

Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve the joining of Social Media Litigation on a contingency fee basis and authorize the Superintendent to execute any documents necessary to join.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

President

Secretary