

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, October 28, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

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

Board Members Present: Burns, Dunworth, English, Stafford, Tays and Wright

Board Members Absent: Sosa-Sanchez

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Brown, Brownell, O'Bara, Parham, Petito, Pierce, L. Rainey, J. Rainey, Robinson, Schulz, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Thompson

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

Presentations & Recognition Denton ISD refunded almost 100 million dollars of existing Bonds which will save Denton County taxpayers approximately 5.6 million dollars. This amount adds to the cumulative savings of 326 million dollars the district has saved over the last two decades. This is the result of responsible fiscal stewardship, a hallmark of the Denton ISD business office who recently earned their 23rd consecutive "A" Superior Rating from School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas), which evaluates districts based on 20 metrics of financial accountability.

Denton ISD students took a step toward their futures during Manufacturing Day on October 3 at LaGrone Academy. The event, hosted in partnership with the Denton Economic Development Partnership, connected students with leading employers to explore career pathways in advanced manufacturing and related industries. Students experienced hands-on demonstrations, explored cutting-edge equipment, and learned how classroom principles of applied engineering are used in real-world settings across multiple industries. Manufacturing Day exemplifies Denton ISD's commitment to preparing students for future success through strong community and business partnerships. By linking Career and Technology Education with authentic, career-connected experiences, events like this provide students with meaningful opportunities to discover their interests and develop skills for life after graduation.

This is for information only. No action is required.

Open Forum Community members that addressed the Board: Rebecca Bertoni and Thomas Buchanan.

Discussion of Safe and Supportive Schools Program

Dr. Lacey Rainey, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Programs, Dr. Jeremy Thompson, Deputy Superintendent, provided an overview of the Safe and Supportive School Program (SSSP). Three students from the Superintendent Student Advisory Council also presented the impact of this program on their respective campuses: Edmond Punch, LaGrone Academy; Sophiya Islam, Ryan Hight School; and Charlie Vaughn, Denton High School. The SSSP is a comprehensive approach and is built through a multidisciplinary team. It is composed of six points of support for campuses: Safety and Security, Counseling and Social Work, Behavior Task Force, and Intervention Services make up the focus of the SSSP.

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

Discussion of Denton Multi-Tier System of Support (DMTSS), 504 and Special Education

Dr. Stacie Bonner, Director of Special Education Evaluation and Michelle Brown, Coordinator of Intervention Services, provided an update to the Board of Trustees on the Denton ISD Special Education, Section 504, and Denton Multi-Tier System of Support programs. The report shared information about each program including enrollment data and trends, as well as the contributions of each department to the district.

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

Discussion of Safety and Security Update

Dr. Jeremy Thompson, Deputy Superintendent, and Jason Foutch, Director of Safety and Security, provided the board an update on Sentinel reporting, Intruder Detection Audits, Emergency Operation Plans, and District Security Audits. Additionally, the board was given an update on recent legislative changes to student discipline and school safety. The district currently has 26 School Security Officers and 21 School Resource Officers

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

1st Period Attendance Report

The purpose of this report is to provide campus and district ADA percentages for the 1st reporting period (RP 1 – August 21, 2025-September 19, 2025) of the 2025-2026 school year and to compare this data to prior years.

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

Intruder Detection Audit Update

This report is to provide an update to the recent Intruder Detection Audits conducted by the Texas Education Agency. Region 11 is conducting Intruder Detection Audits pursuant to updated legal requirements. To date twelve (12) 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.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford.

To approve (the minutes of the October 14, 2025 board meeting; Personnel matters, leaves, and absences; Budget Amendments as of September 30, 2025; RFP#2510-12 Furniture Classroom & Office; RFP# 2510-13 Propane Fuel and Services; Purchases in Accordance with Board Policy CH(Local); Head Start Monthly Compliance Report; Interlocal Agreement with the City of Celina; Resolution to Approve the City of Denton and Denton ISD Land Swap Agreement for McMath Middle School; Change Order Number 001 to the Contract Price for Guyer High School Multipurpose Building, Ag Barn, and Baseball Concessions Project; Approval of Library Materials Procurement).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Super Six
Campus
Improvement Plans

Motion by Buddy Dunworth and seconded by Lori Tays

To approve 2025-2026 Campus Improvement Plans as presented.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of District
Improvement Plans

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Lori Tays

To approve the 2025-2026 District Improvement Plans as presented.

The motion passed unanimously by Board members present and voting.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:37 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:25 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm

President

Secretary