

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, March 21, 2017 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, Chadwick, Martinez, Price, Smith and Stafford

Board Members Absent: Alexander

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Lopez, Perkins, O'Bara, Stevenson and Zavala

Others: Caitlyn Jones, *Denton Record Chronicle*; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

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

Presentations/ Recognitions CoServ is a proud supporter of Denton ISD, its students and its staff. The company is an energy cooperative that provides electricity and natural gas to residents throughout the district's footprint. In support of those families and their students, CoServ annually give to the Denton Public School Foundation to provide grants and scholarships for students and teachers. This year CoServ is going above and beyond its normal support with a \$25,000 donation to the district through the Foundation.

Eleshia Crotwell, theatre director at Guyer High School, has built a powerhouse theatre program at the school. Guyer routinely produces shows that pack the auditorium and are nominated for UIL and Dallas Summer Musical awards, but it's the relationships she builds with her students and the experiences her class provide that have earned her a turn in the Denton ISD Educator Spotlight.

The Denton Independent School District recently had three campuses named as recipients of the CREST Award, which annually recognizes the top counseling staffs in the state, by the Texas School Counselor Association. **Denton High** – Chris Lydia, Jari Peltier, Kathleen Ashton, Justin Fields, Doretha Hudspeth, Kim Keith, Jennifer Cheek and Martha Valles

Winners of the Yellow Rose Award (two of three honorees in the state)

Harpool Middle – Annette Price, Darlene Thweatt and Eren Turner

Ryan High – Erica Chupp, Courtney Skaggs, Dani Kading, Becky Coley, Angela Clouse, Audra Williams, Angela Holl and Christie Weir

1st Open Forum Willie Hudspeth addressed the Board and feels there is not enough African Americans students that are recognized. He also feels there are students who struggle to read and aids should be added to the classroom,

Jennifer Hensley is a teacher at Guyer HS and would like to know about monitoring, notification, extraction and evacuation plans regarding the gas wells at Guyer HS

Michaela Larry is a student at Guyer. She addressed the Board regarding fracking and the gas wells at Guyer HS. She would like to know about possible gas leaks. Does the District have an evacuation drill in regards to the gas wells at Guyer.

Continued Discussion of Budget 2017-2018 Debbie Monschke, Asst. Superintendent for Administrative Services reviewed the 2016-2017 current budget.

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

Update on Strengths Academics and BLAST: Building Leadership and Academic Strengths Together Dr. Richard Valenta provided updated information about the BLAST program at Ryan High School as well as the partnership with Learning L2 Together and efforts to transform struggling students into successful students through strengths education and rigorous academic content. The District currently has 17 Strength Academy Campuses. Research supports that when we focus on our strengths, we are more enthusiastic about our work and our lives. This benefits every stake holder in our district (students, staff, and parents).

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

TASB Update 107 & Local Policies Update 107 contains recommended changes to local policies on topics including gifts and fundraising, employee and contractor misconduct, employee suspension and expense reimbursement, student compulsory attendance and wellness policies. Revisions to legal policies incorporate various administrative rules and additional provisions from the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Policies CDC (Gifts and Solicitations) and FJ (Student Fundraising) have been renamed to better reflect the topics addressed in these codes.

Additional local policy revisions were also presented.

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

Attendance Report 4 th Cycle	<p>Darrell Muncy, Director of Student Support Services provided the Board with the attendance percentages for each grade level for the fourth grading cycle (January 3, 2017 – February 17, 2017). The total attendance average for the Denton ISD for Cycle 4 is 95.31%.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Legislative Update in Preparation for the 85 th Legislative Session	<p>Dr. Wilson reviewed the current legislation being discussed during the 85th Legislative session.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
2 nd Open Forum	No one wished to speak
Consent Agenda	<p>Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Dorothy Martinez</p> <p>To approve (minutes of the January 24, 2017, February 14, 2017 and March 2, 2017 Board meetings; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Administer Contracts: Budget Amendments as of February 28, 2017; Investment Report as of January 31, 2017; TEA Class Size Waivers; Ann Windle School For Young Children Head Start FY17 Refunding Grant Application; Head Start Monthly Compliance Reports for February 2017; approval of RFP# 170302 for Instructional Supplies, Services & Equipment; approval of RFP# 170223 Athletic Supplies, Services & Equipment; approval of the US Communities cooperative quote submitted by Virco Manufacturing for basic student classroom furnishings for Rodriguez Middle School Manufacturing in the amount of \$287,632.88; approval of the quote from Longhorn Bus Sales in the amount of \$190,172.00. North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) will reimburse the district \$105,000.00 as part of the Clean Fleets North Texas 2015 Call for Projects. The financial impact net to the district is \$85,172.00; approval of travel for the Department of Special Education, Regional Day School Program for the Deaf, Denton High School students to travel to Ft. Worth, TX to attend Imagination Texas; approval for the ATC – Denton High School AG Science students to travel to CDE State Floriculture and Farm Business Management Event in Huntsville, TX from April 27-28, 2017; approval of GHS Agriculture to travel to Ingram, Texas for FFA Wildlife Career Development Events departing on March 26, 2017 and returning on March 27, 2017; approval of GHS Agriculture to travel to San Angelo State Invitational, departing on April 6, 2017 and returning on April 7, 2017; approval of GHS Agriculture to travel to Tarleton State Invitational, departing on April 5, 2017 and returning on April 6, 2017; approval of GHS Agriculture to travel to Texas State Contest in San Antonio, Texas. Departing on April 24, 2017 and returning on April 25,</p>

2017; approval by GHS Agriculture to travel to West Texas A&M Invitational, departing on March 30, 2017 and returning on March 31, 2017; approval for the Strickland Middle School Orchestra students to travel to San Antonio for the Alamo Showcase of Music departing on May 19, 2017 and returning on May 21, 2017; approval for the ATC – Ryan High School AG Science students to travel to CDE State Floriculture and Farm Business Management Event in College Station and Huntsville, TX from April 27-28, 2017; and approval for the ATC – Ryan High School AG Science students to travel to the State Horse Evaluation Career Development Event in Lubbock, TX scheduled to depart on April 21, 2017 and returning on April 22, 2017).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
Enrollment
Campus
Capacity

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Doug Chadwick

To approve the close of campuses to intra/inter-district transfers that exceed elementary 85% and secondary at 90% of their functional capacity as presented.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum

Margarete Neale addressed the Board regarding the engagement of the board

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:10 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:45 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 pm

President

Secretary