

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, November 10, 2009 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Jim Alexander who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Harris, Price, Ramsey, Rodriguez, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Braswell, Rutherford, Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Stephens, Cox and Stevenson.

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

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

Presentations/ Recognitions: The district had eight seniors named National Merit Semifinalists. They are part of an elite group of only 16,000 semifinalists chosen nationwide. This is the largest number from Denton ISD to receive this honor in more than 10 years.

1st Open Forum: Emy Lyons addressed the Board with concerns she had regarding special education procedures differing from each campus within the District.

Discussion and Update on Preschool Planning: Dr. Roger Rutherford, Gene Holloway, Sharon Cox and Dr. Ron Arrington presented information regarding programming options, marketing plans, transportation and Extended School Day possibilities.

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

Discussion of New Secondary Courses: Vicky Christenson, Director of secondary curriculum, instruction and staff development, outlined the new high school courses proposed for 2010-11. The courses include:

- Re-sequencing the high school science courses to reflect the recent changes in the TEKS and the new End-of-Course (EOC) exams, which will be part of the graduation requirements for the incoming freshman class of 2011-2012.
- To offer a new elective PE course at all three high schools, which will partner students with special needs with peer mentors.

- To offer a new elective AP course in social studies at Guyer High

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

Review and Discussion of 2010-2011 School Calendar

Dr. Roger Rutherford presented the 2010-2011 calendar for the Board to review. Option 1 has a start date of August 23rd with the last day of school on June 2nd.

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

Annual Audit Report

Carl Deaton of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn & Seay, presented DISD's Audit report for the year ending June 30, 2009.

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

Attendance Report

The Board reviewed the daily attendance reports for campus absenteeism.

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

2009 Discipline Report

Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent presented the Board of Trustees the information reported to the Texas Education Agency through PEIMS regarding disciplinary actions taken during the 2007-2008 school year. TEA requires reporting of every disciplinary action that removes a student from the regular classroom or educational placement for periods of one school day or more. Typically, this includes any action involving in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, placement in a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP), or expulsion from school.

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

Virginia Gallian Child Development Center Update

The Board was provided updated information about the Virginia Gallian Child Development Center relating to marketing strategies, collaborative partnerships, enrollment and staffing. The center currently has 42 children enrolled.

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

Report on Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Council (SACS) Accreditation Visit

The Board of Trustees received information regarding the recent Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Council (SACS) Accreditation visit on October 25-28th, including a review of the seven standards, Quality Assurance Report, and Exit Review Conference with commendations and recommendations.

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

2nd Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda Curtis Ramsey requested the following items be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion:

(L)-Approval of Travel To A Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, In-State For Guyer High School Choir

(M)-Approval of Travel To A Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, In-State for Navo Middle School Choir and Orchestra

(N)-Approval of Travel To A Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, Out-Of-State for Ryan High School Choir

Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve the (minutes for the October 13, 2009 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of October 31, 2009; Investment Report as of September 30, 2009; Approval of the Bid#091014-P for Propane Fuel submitted by Northwest Propane be accepted for one term of two years; Approval of Resolution #169278DEN For Resale of Property Acquired Due to Delinquent Property Taxes; Approval of Resolution #20298DEN For Resale of Property Acquired Due to Delinquent Property Taxes; Approval of Resolution #30482DEN For Resale of Property Acquired Due to Delinquent Property Taxes; Approval of Resolution #33137DEN For Resale of Property Acquired Due to Delinquent Property Taxes; Approval of Resolution #36985DEN For Resale of Property Acquired Due to Delinquent Property Taxes; Approval of change order to GMP for marquee sign at Ryan HS totaling \$60,000.00 by moving this amount from existing FF&E funds to the GMP budget to fund marquee sign and approve deductive change order for Guadalupe and Emilio Gonzalez School for Young Children GMP to address “smart” irrigation controls totaling \$17,243.00 to be funded by owner’s contingency, outside of GMP, for this project; and approval of declaration of surplus equipment).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve items (L)-Approval of Travel To A Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, In-State For Guyer High School Choir

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The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
Annual Audit
Report

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez

To approve the District's Annual Financial Audit Report as of June 30, 2009.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
Revisions to
Policy EIF
(Local)
Academic
Achievement
Graduation-1st
Reading

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve policy revisions to EIF (Local)-Academic Achievement on 1st Reading.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
Certified Tax
Roll

Motion by Rudy Rodriguez and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve the 2009 Certified Tax Roll with a total levy of \$141,160,687.16

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm

President

Secretary