

The Board of Trustees of Denton Independent School District, State of Texas, met in a special meeting at the Denton ISD Central Services building, 1307 N. Locust St., Denton, Texas, on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6:04 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Glenna Harris who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Harris, Martinez, Price, Smith and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Sargent, Hicks, Stevenson and Zavala

Others: Brittany Tabor, *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 Harpool Middle School's Symphonic Band will be performing at the 2015 Music for All National Festival in Indianapolis this coming March. The Harpool Symphonic Band is one of only five middle school bands from across the United States selected to perform at this year's festival. Harpool, which will be the first Denton County middle school invited to perform at the festival, was selected to perform by a panel of esteemed musicians after submitting a recorded performance.

Guyer High School violinist Inki Lee and Ryan High School bassist Harry Dearman earned places on the All-State Philharmonic and Symphonic Orchestra beating hundreds of competing musicians for the honors. Lee and Dearman recently travel to San Antonio in February to perform at the 2015 Texas Music Educators Association Convention, a prestigious conference promoting musical education in the state.

Students from each of Denton ISD's three high schools were recently named to the Texas Music Educators Association's all-state choir, the top vocal honor in the state. These students performed with other top-ranked choral singers at the 2015 TMEA State Convention in San Antonio.

The four Denton ISD students selected to the all-state choir are as follows:

Denton High School: Courtney Lawson, sophomore

Guyer High School: Kate Gillman, sophomore, alto 2; and Kylie

Jensen, junior, alto 2.

Ryan High School: Julia Durbin, senior, soprano 2.

A total of eight Denton Independent School District students from Adkins, Ginnings, E.P. Rayzor and Stephens elementary schools will each have their artwork displayed at the State Capitol and Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin as part of the Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Capitol Celebration. These students' artworks were among the select few chosen from school districts across the state.

Dr. Robert Stewart, Executive Director for Human Resources, was recently named the recipient of the Dr. Mary Hopkins Personnel Administrator of the Year Award by the Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators. The award is annually given to individuals in the human resources field whom TASPAs officials deem to possess strong leadership ability, a high degree of personal and professional integrity and the ability to recruit high-quality members to their organization.

1st Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Immunization Update

Gina Kinard, Health Services Coordinator provided the Trustees a report on current immunization regulations, reporting, and monitoring practices. The district is required to implement current guidelines established by the Texas Department of State Health Service, Texas Education Code Chapter 28. Campus nurses are responsible for reviewing and maintaining records regarding these immunizations. Students are only allowed to attend school if their parent presents a certificate or statement that, for medical reasons or reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, the student will not be immunized. The State form must be signed by a licensed physician or notarized.

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

Special Education Update

Debbie Roybal, Executive Director of Special Education provided the Trustees with a departmental update. The Texas Education Agency provides the District with a variety of reports regarding the status of the Department of Special Education compliance areas. Additionally, the Department receives annual PEIMS reports which capture student counts in various instructional settings and served in various programs provided by the District. The Special Ed department provides services to more than 10 percent of the district's student population (almost 2,800 students). Based on the daily Instructional Count, Denton ISD special education student population has increased by 286 students since the beginning of the 2014-2015 school-year.

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

International
Baccalaureate
(IB) Update

Lori Mabry, Coordinator of Advanced Academics, outlined the International Baccalaureate Programme which begins in the Primary Years Programme (PYP) at Newton Rayzor Elementary School; Middle Years Programme (MYP) at Calhoun Middle School; Diploma Programme (DP) at Denton High School. Borman Elementary School is a candidate IB school awaiting final visit and certification from the International Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. This district is only one of a handful in the nation to offer the complete continuum of courses for kindergarten through graduation. The High School DP program recently received \$100,000 grant from Dell and an additional \$20,000 from the Miles Foundation

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Legislative
Update

Dr. Wilson presented an overview of the current legislative committees and bills that have been proposed. As of today there are 59 education bills presented on the House side and 54 education bills presented on the Senate side.

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

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Glenna Harris requested item A, minutes of previous board meetings be pulled.

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Dorothy Martinez

To approve (personnel matters, leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of January 31, 2015; Investment Report as of January 31, 2015; approval TEA Class Size Waiver; Head Start Compliance Reports; approval of 2015 Head Start Self-Assessment Program Improvement Plan; approval of RFP 150121-ER with Verizon for district's voice telephone system lines; approval of travel for Denton High School Regional Day School Program for the Deaf to travel to Ft. Worth, April 10-11, 2015; approval of surplus equipment; and approval of agreement between Denton ISD and the City of Denton for the summer feeding program).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve minutes for the November 10, 2014 Workshop meeting and January 20, 2015 board meeting.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Architectural Firm for Middle School #8 150121-RFQ	Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Charles Stafford To approve Corgan as the architectural firm to design and manage the middle school #8 bond project. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
TASB Local Policy Update 101-1 st Reading	Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Mia Price To approve TASB Update 101 local policies on first reading. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
3 rd Open Forum	No one wished to speak.
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:40 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:38 pm
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 10:16 pm

President

Secretary