

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 22, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

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

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

Board Members

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present:

Brownell, O'Bara, Parham, Pierce, L. Rainey, J. Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Schulz, Smith, Thompson

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Union Park Elementary students.

Presentations & Recognition Nineteen Denton ISD students from seven different campuses placed in the top five at the Educators Rising National Conference & Competition – a nationwide event consisting of middle school and high school students. Students qualified for the national event by participating in the Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) state competitions and contests. The top 10 from each category at the state level can advance to nationals. Denton ISD had 33 students place in the top 10 at the state level and 23 qualified for nationals – the most of any school district in Texas. These students were recognized.

Each year, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) honors businesses, organizations and individuals for their support and exceptional advocacy of public schools. This statewide honor, as part of “Stand Up for Texas Public Schools,” recognizes local businesses and community organizations that partner with school districts, making a difference in the lives of public-school students. As a long time Adopt-A-School Partner, Total Care ER remains devoted to the cause of supporting the students and staff at Denton ISD. Their team of volunteers has repeatedly donated their services, time and support. This year, they are donating a total of \$5,000 to be split equally among five of our Title 1 elementary P.E. programs across the district. The five \$1,000 donations will be used to update P.E. equipment to help promote a healthy and active lifestyle for our students.

Earlier this year, Gabby Sanchez, who serves as the culinary arts instructor at the LaGrone Academy, helped the Denton-based food truck *Insurgent* win the Grand Championship at the Food Truck Championship of Texas. Ms. Sanchez competed in the contest along with her fiancé, Sam Lopez, who is the chef and co-owner, and sous chef Alec Sanders. The team placed first out of nearly 40 food trucks, taking home a \$10,000 prize.

This is for information only. No action is required.

Child Nutrition
Annual Update

Liz Raferty, Director of Child Nutrition, and Alberto Garcia, Assistant Director of Child Nutrition, provided information and a review of the District's Child Nutrition program for the current and future academic years. They also highlighted the new Community Eligibility Provision Program (currently on 10 campuses) and the Child and Adult Care Food Program At Risk (currently at 9 campuses).

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

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

Robin Brownell, Area Superintendent, Dr. Stacie Bonner, Director of Special Education Evaluation and Compliance, Lindsay Lujan, Director of Special Programs, and Michelle Brown, Intervention Coordinator, provided an update to the Board of Trustees on the Denton ISD Special Education, Section 504, and DMTSS 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 Safe
and Supportive
Schools Program

Dr. Lacey Rainey, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Programs, Amy Lawrence, Director of Counseling, and Dr. Jeff Russell, Area Superintendent, provided an overview of the Safe and Supportive School Program (SSSP). The comprehensive approach was built through a multidisciplinary team and 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.

1st Period
Attendance Report

The purpose of this report is to provide campus and district ADA percentages for the 1st reporting period of the 2024-2025 school year (August 7, 2024 through September 20, 2024) and to compare this data to prior years. This report will also identify current truancy prevention measures being used on Denton ISD campuses to increase student attendance. There are 32 instructional days in this 1st reporting period. The district ADA% for 2024-2025 reporting period 1 is 95.69%.

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. To date, 10 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 Mia Price and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez.
- To approve (the minutes of the October 8, 2024 board meeting, personnel matters, leaves, and absences; Budget Amendments as of September 30, 2024; purchases in accordance with Board Policy CH(Local) - Purchasing and Acquisition; approval of RFP #2410-08, Student Group Travel; approval of the Resolution for the City of Denton and Denton ISD Land Swap Agreement for Borman Elementary School).
- The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
- Consider Approval of Super Six Campus Improvement Plans Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Sheryl English
- To approve 2024-2025 Campus Improvement Plans as presented.
- The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
- 2nd Open Forum Rebecca Bertoni, Debi Scaggs, and Donna Smith addressed the Board.
- Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:06 pm
- Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:26 pm
- Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm

President

Secretary