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 24, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Mia Price who announced that a quorum was present.

**Board Members** 

Burns, English, Price, Stafford and Tays

Present:

**Board Members** 

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Bundgus, Sosa-Sanchez

Left Early:

Present:

School Personnel

Brownell, O'Bara, Parham, Pierce, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Schulz,

Stevenson, Stewart, Thompson and Wilson

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

Presentations & Recognition

The Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) advocates for art education throughout the state of Texas. This year at the Texas Association of School Administrators and Texas Association of School Boards (TASA/TASB) Conference, artwork from eight Denton ISD students was selected for a TAEA art exhibit featuring artwork from across the state.

Denton ISD was also invited to the TASA/TASB Conference as a student demonstration group, showing school leaders the importance of art education. Sixteen additional students created collaborative art pieces featuring various Denton ISD namesakes. These art pieces will be donated to the Denton Public School Foundation (DPSF) to auction for student scholarships at the annual DPSF Groundhog Gala.

Mark Smith is a globally renowned painter who attended Denton High School in the 1960s. Mr. Smith has over four decades of experience working as a professional artist, design consultant and professor of Art and Design, both at Texas Woman's University and Austin College.

While Mr. Smith has a passion for fine arts himself, he also is passionate about helping students who are interested in pursuing fine arts. That passion is what led Mr. Smith to donate \$1 million to the Denton Public School Foundation in order to start an endowment that will fund yearly scholarships and awards for fine arts students and educators.

This is for information only. No action is required.

Child Nutrition Annual Update Chris Bomberger, Executive Director of Risk Management and Child Nutrition and Liz Raferty, Director of Child Nutrition provided information and review of the District's Child Nutrition program needs for the current and future academic years 2023-2024 & 2024-2025.

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

Discussion of Denton Multi-Tier System of Support (DMTSS), 504 and Special Education Update Dr. Lacey Rainey, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Programs 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.

Fine Arts Annual Report

Eddy Russell, Director of Fine Arts provided information and data to the Board of Trustees regarding Denton ISD Fine Arts programs for the 2022-23 school year. There were 48 seniors who signed to a collegiate Fine Arts programs and over \$4 million in Fine Arts scholarships were awarded. Denton ISD was named a 2023 "Premiere Community for Theatre Education" by Texas Thespians.

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

Athletics
Department Annual
Report

Joey Florence, Director of Athletics provided an overview of Denton ISD's athletic programs for the 2022-2023 school year. Denton ISD offers 20 sport programs at the high school level and 8 at the middle school level. In grades 7-12 there are 8,040 students who participate. Of that there are 4,943 male athletes and 3,097 female athletes.

In 22-23 there were a total of 68 scholarships, 842 scholar athletes and 108 academic all-state students with an average GPA of 3.67 for all varsity athletes in Denton ISD.

Over the last 5 years we have tracked a decline in total concussions due to increased coaches' education and training. The Denton ISD has been at the forefront in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and recording of diagnosed concussions. The Denton ISD Concussion Oversight Team (COT) consists of a Texas Licensed Physician and eight (8) Texas licensed athletic trainers. Denton ISD has two certified licensed trainers on each high school campus that serve on the COT.

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 1<sup>st</sup> reporting period of the 2023-2024 school year (August 10, 2023 through September 22, 2023) 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 31 instructional days in this 1<sup>st</sup> reporting period. The district ADA% for 2023-2024 reporting period 1 is 96.05%.

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

Intruder Detection This report is to provide an update to the recent Intruder Detection Audits Audit Update conducted by the Texas Education Agency. To date, 11 Denton ISD schools have been reviewed. No corrective action is needed at this time. This item is for information only. No action is required. 1st Open Forum No one wished to speak. Consent Agenda Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Charles Stafford To approve (the minutes of the October 10, 2023 board meeting, personnel matters, leaves, and absences; Budget Amendments as of September 30, 2023; approval of the amendment to the 2023-2024 adopted budget; approval of RFP #2310-10 Consultant Services for Employee Benefits be awarded to Financial Benefit Services; approval of the quote from Meteor Education in the amount of \$1,383,941.14 for the campuswide furniture at Calhoun Middle School; approval of RFP #2203-01C Local Retail Stores proposal be awarded to all responding vendors; RFP #2306-08 Miscellaneous Services and Supplies proposal be awarded to all responding vendors and Approval of a Remote Homebound Instruction TEA Waiver request for Special Education Homebound to serve a student remotely). The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting. Consider Approval Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Lori Tays of Super Six Campus To approve 2023-2024 Campus Improvement Plans as presented. Improvement Plans The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum Dr. Terry Senne addressed the Board. The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:00 pm Closed Meeting Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:08 pm Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm

President

Secretary