

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, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Pursuant to the Governor Abbott's Temporary Suspension of Open Meetings Laws issued on March 16, 2020, this meeting will be conducted via videoconference, which will be audible to the Board and public and allow for two-way communication. The Board President, presiding officer of trustees were physically present at one location, a quorum will be required for the meeting on the videoconference or phone. The public may access this meeting or obtain an electronic copy of the agenda packet at <https://www.dentonisd.org/trustees>.

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

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Chadwick, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, and Stafford

Board Members Absent: Smith

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Niven, Mattingly, Pierce, Perkins, O'Bara, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Stevenson, Valenta and Zwahr

Others: Marshall Reid, *Denton Record Chronicle*; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by staff

Presentations/ Recognitions Savannah Elementary School was recently identified as a Professional Learning Community Model School by Solution Tree. The campus is one of only 26 elementary schools in the state of Texas and 182 elementary schools nationwide to receive this distinction.

Schools that achieve Model PLC status must show three years of significant student improvement data based on collaboration efforts. Examples of improvement can be shown through state assessment data, graduation and/or promotion rates, universal screener scores, and other measures that build a case that more students are learning based on the practices taking place on your campus.

Model PLC schools demonstrate work in collaborative teams, monitor student learning on a timely basis, create systems of intervention and extension to provide students with additional time and learning support and

build teacher capacity to work collaboratively with a focus on improved learning for all students.

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

Public Hearing
for the Texas
Academic
Performance
Report (TAPR)

President Burns opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 pm

Marcia Kellum and Carmen Lipscomb provided the 2019-2020 assessments results for Early Literacy Inventory (ELI) and Spanish Early Literacy Inventory (SELI) for Kindergarten, First and Second Grade students.

Early Literacy Inventory

The report highlights that **88%** of the kindergarten students, **86%** of the first graders and **85%** of the second graders were **Stage 2-3 (Developing / Meets Standard)** at the end of January 2020. The outcomes show the children were on track to meet or exceed the performance goals on all the literacy measures. End-of-Year ELI assessments were not administered due to COVID-19 school closure.

Spanish Early Literacy Inventory

The report highlights that **78%** of the bilingual kindergarten students, **92%** of the first graders and **88%** of the second graders were **Stage 2-3 (Developing / Meets Standard)** at the end of January 2020. The outcomes show the children were on track to meet or exceed the performance goals on all the literacy measures. End-of-Year SELI assessments were not administered due to COVID-19 school closure.

Lyneille Meza, Director of Data and Assessment conducted a Public Hearing on the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), which replaced the AEIS report. The Texas Education Agency did not rate schools or school districts in 2020 due to Covid-19. Given the impact of COVID-19, all districts and schools received a label of Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster for their 2020 accountability ratings. Lyneille Meza gave an overview of student performance for Denton ISD, the class of 2019 had a total of 1931 graduates and the credit for College, Career & Military Readiness (CCMR) credit was up to 75% or 9.3%. The District's graduation rate for 2019 was 96.9%.

President Burns closed the TAPR Public Hearing at 6:35 pm

COVID-19
Update

Denton County Health Department reported 3321 Covid cases this week which is a 11.14% increase in cases from the report week of 12/27/20-1/2/2021. There were 15 COVID related deaths for the week of 1/3-1/9 with a total of 23 so far in 2021.

4,600 vaccines have been given to Denton County Public Health to date and the State of Texas has now identified DCPH as a "hub" for vaccines

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

Discussion of High School Course Planning Guide 2021-2022

Lisa Thibodeaux, Director of Secondary Curriculum presented the 2021-2022 High School Course Planning Guide. Updates are made to the planning guide each year to reflect changes in course offerings and other related policies and practices (e.g., GPA guidelines, college planning information, dual credit offerings). The purpose of this report is to share with the Board of Trustees the changes that have been made to the 2021-2022 Denton ISD Course Planning Guide.

Course changes recommended by the course committee:

- Mexican American Studies, African American Studies
- Honors Spanish for Spanish Speakers VI and VII
- IPC
- AVID I-IV
- Art II (broader study)
- Musical Theatre II
- Technical Theatre Costume Construction
- AP Computer Science Principles
- CTE Updates
- Course “sunset” – Spanish I Honors

The High School course planning guide provides parents, students, administrators, counselors, teachers, and district personnel with a readily available, accurate source of information related to district courses, course planning, and related policies and practices.

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

Discussion of Middle School Course Planning Guide 2021-2022

Lisa Thibodeaux, Director of Secondary Curriculum presented the 2021-2022 Middle School Course Planning Guide. The purpose of this report is to present to the Board new/inaugural Middle School Course Planning Guide, for use beginning in 2021-2022. To provide parents, students, administrators, counselors, teachers, and district personnel with a readily available, accurate source of information related to district courses, course planning, and related policies and practices. The Middle School Course Planning Guide is in its inaugural year of publication. Course changes recommended by course committee are:

- Dual Language and Honors Spanish for Spanish Speakers Pathways
- Middle School Tips

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

Discussion of Legislative Updates for the 87th Legislative Session

The purpose of this report is to provide updates and resources to the Board of Trustees regarding the 87th Legislative Session. Dr. Gwen Perkin, Area Superintendent and Deron Robinson, General Counsel will keep the Board updated on legislation that is filed. Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Monday provided a better glimpse into the economic future facing the Texas

Legislature as it gears up for session. He estimates that the state will generate \$119.58 billion in various revenue and that, after required set-asides, the incoming legislature should have \$112.53 billion to craft the upcoming two-year budget. In July Mr. Hegar thought Texas would have a \$4.6 billion shortfall in the state's budget for the current biennium but looks to be only a \$950 million deficit after stronger-than-anticipated revenue generated from sales taxes.

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

Discussion of
TASB XG
Summit

Trustees Doug Chadwick and Mia Price discussed the TASB XG Summit sessions they attended virtually. Mr. Chadwick stated that well-done governance for school districts makes an impact with student achievement and best practices Boards can use. Mrs. Price suggested a book *The Governance Core* for all the trustees to read and felt it would be a good Team of 8 as it was a great motivator. Mrs. Price took away that governance should be data driven and a board should always ask for the bad along with the good. Also, she stated trustees should do what they are elected to do and as a trustee you model how students should act.

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

Communications
and Community
Relations Annual
Report

The Communications and Community Relations Department exists to support all campuses and departments in creating an environment that fosters excellence for all students and staff. We work to share information from internal and external sources in an effort to build public trust and understanding. Though the technology and methodology of communicating has changed through the years, our commitment to excellence in school communications has not wavered.

The most viewed Facebook post/story of all time was the post of Cody Moore, Head Football Coach for Braswell High School stating he was not leaving Braswell was viewed more than 8 million times.

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

Property Tax
Activity Report
for Tax Year
2019-2020

Mr. Mark Burroughs, Sawko & Burroughs, P.C presented the 2019-2020 property tax year ended September 30, 2020 delinquent ad valorem property tax collections year-end report. For the eighth year running, the current year delinquent tax (2019) collection rate exceeded 99%, at **99.62%** this year. The total amount now outstanding out of an original 2019 levy of \$286,482,348 stands at on \$1,095,643. The collections rate for 2018 and prior tax years stands at 33.32% due to a large number of taxpayers that take advantage of the "over 65 deferral/abatement" provided as a taxpayer relief measure under the Texas Property Tax Code.

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Open Forum No one submitted comments

Consent Agenda Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve (the minutes of the December 15, 2020 Board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Investment Report as of November 30, 2020; approval of RFP #2011-18 Software, Including Software as a Service (SaaS), and Related Products to all responding vendors that submitted a complete RFP response, including an executed copy of the District's Data Sharing Agreement; approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Purchasing Cooperative of America; the proposal from CIGNA for Dental Benefits for the 2021-2022 plan year be accepted with the option to renew for 2 additional 1-year periods for which the rate is guaranteed; approval of the contract amendment for Stantec Architects to provide architectural services for the elementary school campuses (Hodge, Rivera, Ginnings, Evers, Pecan Creek and Providence); approve the updated Memorandum of Understanding with Fred Moore Day School, Inc.; approval of the AWSFYC Head Start Monthly Compliance Reports for October and November 2020; approval of the AWSFYC Head Start 2021 Policy Council By-Laws; approval of the AWSFYC Head Start 2020-2021 Community Assessment Update; approval of the AWSFYC Head Start 2019-2020 Annual Report; approval of surplus property as submitted; and adoption of the Addendum to the City of Denton SRO Memorandum of Understanding to increase payment to the City in response to their contribution to the District's Operation Connectivity program and is contingent on additional funding approved by the TEA).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Doug Chadwick

Approval of
Guaranteed
Maximum Price
for Braswell
High School
Addition &
Carrico Athletic
Complex

To approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$ 58,995,873 submitted by Balfour Beatty for the construction of the Braswell High School Addition and the Carrico Athletic Complex, plus additional owner costs of \$861,506 for a total construction cost of \$59,857,379. This project will be funded from the 2018 Bond Authorization and contingency funds.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

Approval of
Order of Trustee
Election for 2021

To approve the Order of Trustee Election to be held on May 1, 2021.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:52 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:25 pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:41 pm

President

Secretary