

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, April 13, 2021 at 6:02 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, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members

Absent:

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 virtually by Alice Moore Alexander Elementary students.

Presentations/ Recognitions The National Association for Bilingual Education recently named Taiyo Kobayashi-Hare, a fifth grader from Pecan Creek Elementary School, as their National Elementary Student of the Year. Taiyo will be honored as their national winner at their hybrid conference hosted in Houston on April 28-29, Taiyo submitted an essay, written in Spanish, explaining his feelings on becoming trilingual and the importance of embracing his family's heritage and culture. His first language is Japanese, his second language is English, and he is currently learning Spanish.

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

COVID-19 Update Covid-19 cases have stalled, and Denton County Health has not seen the downturn in cases as they would like to see. 150 cases reported with 3 deaths. Denton County has now given their 300,000th vaccine. States in the Northeast and Northwest are now seeing a third surge of the Covid-19 virus. B117/UK variant seems to infect younger populations and it is important for individuals to continue wearing masks. Currently there is 28,000 individuals

on the waitlist (un-invited) as of today. Denton County is hoping to receive additional vaccines this week.

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

Discussion of
TASB Property,
School Liability,
Privacy &
Information
Security &
Automobile
Insurance
Renewal

Chris Bomberger, Executive Director of Risk Management provided an outline of the steps taken to reach the conclusion for renewing insurance on Property Coverage, School Liability (Professional, General and Employee Benefit) Automobile Liability, Automobile Physical Damage, Privacy & Information Security and Violent Acts Coverage for Denton ISD effective July 1, 2021.

The property market for Texas school districts has increasingly hardened over the past couple of years due to the severity and frequency of weather events in North Texas and across the United States. Multiple hailstorms have occurred in the past few years in Texas with single occurrence losses exceeding \$50 million for multiple nearby districts. Additionally, heightening the impact on property rates in North Texas for the upcoming year is the severity of damage resulting from wind events in 2019 and 2020. The reduction in property insurance carriers willing to write North Texas school districts, along with major adjustments to their catastrophic models for the remaining carriers, has significantly increased the financial burden to districts with the combination of both higher rates and higher deductibles. DISD suffered significant damage during the recent winter storm. While it may take months to determine the complete financial scope, we anticipate the claim may exceed \$15 million.

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

Discussion of
Additional Days
School Year
(ADSY)

Susannah O'Bara, Area Superintendent updated the Board regarding the possibilities of a future ADSY calendar to support student learning. HB 3 provides ½ day funding for up to 30 additional school days, beyond 180 minimum days on approved calendar. The ADSY guidelines are as follows:

- available in grades PK-5
- must have 180 instructional days in the approved calendar
- Staff development waivers do not count towards 180 days
- ½ day funding available for additional 30 days up to 210 total days
- ADSY calendar may be applicable at only identified schools.

Susannah stated a Sub-committee is going to be formed on how to support teacher's well-being and the early learning gaps as well as a cost analysis of the ADSY calendar. ADSY calendar option was added by TEA prior to COVID.

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

Budget Discussion 2021-2022

Dr. Scott Niven, Chief Financial Officer addressed the Board and was hoping to provide the Board with the first round of appraised values from Denton County and was notified they would not be available until April 30th. Dr. Niven discussed how Average Daily Attendance (ADA) was going to affect the budget. The ADA for the current 20-21 school year shows that our trend line depicts an increase in student attendance. Dr. Niven is using a 1.5% ADA growth and a 5 % appraised value growth for budgeting purposes. Dr. Niven also provided the Board with different scenarios if these percentages change and how it affects the budgeting process for the 21-22 school year.

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

Discussion of Legislative Updates for the 87th Legislative Session

Deron Robinson, General Counsel and Dr. Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent provided updates and resources to the Board of Trustees regarding the 87th Legislative Session.

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

Announcement of Board Continuing Education Hours

The Board of Trustees must annually announce the name of each board member who has completed the required continuing education, who has exceeded the required hours, and who is deficit in the required continuing education. The State Board of Education required continuing education is divided into three Tiers.

Barbara Burns, Board President announced that all members of the Board of Trustees Jim Alexander, Barbara Burns, Doug Chadwick, Mia Price, Patsy Sosa-Sanchez, Jeanetta Smith, and Charles Stafford have exceeded the required hours of training in continuing education this year.

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

Open Forum

No one submitted comments

Consent Agenda

Barbara Burns requested Item E-Student Accident Insurance to be pulled for further discussion.

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve Consent Agenda items with the exception of Item E-Student Accident Insurance Renewal (the minutes for the March 23, 2021 Board meeting; personnel matters including Teacher and Other Professional Contract renewals for 2021-2022 school year, leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of March 31, 2021; approval of the quotes from J&S Equipment Co. in the total amount of \$216,037.00 for common area

collaborative furniture for Wilson Elementary School; approval of the quotes in the total amount of \$948,919.24 submitted by Netsync Network Solutions for the District's annual maintenance contract and support on Cisco network equipment, for year three of five, to run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; approval of the quote from TD Industries in the amount of \$538,190.00 for replacement of nine (9) chilled water air handler units and one condensing unit at Hodge Elementary School; approval of the quote from TD Industries in the amount of \$538,190.00 for replacement of nine (9) chilled water air handler units and one condensing unit at McNair Elementary School; approval of the quote from TD Industries in the amount of \$673,080.00 for replacement of nine (9) chilled water air handler units, one air cooled chiller and one replacement condensing unit at Evers Park Elementary School; approval of the quote from TD Industries in the amount of \$239,277.00 for the upgrade of the HVAC & Access Controls at Pecan Creek Elementary School; approval of the quote from TD Industries in the amount of \$186,712.00 for the upgrade of the HVAC Controls at Providence Elementary School; approval of the quote from SchoolLinks in the amount of \$324,395.00 for the purchase of a three-year subscription, to run July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, to SchoolLinks, a Modern College and Career Readiness Platform to include implementation, professional development, and student licenses; approval of TASB Update 116 Local polices on 2nd reading; approval of the Head Start COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) grant application for FY21; approval of the TEA CPR Waiver request; approval of the TEA waiver to apply for a Missed School Day waiver from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in accordance with the *TEA Inclement Weather Update*; approval of the TEA "Other" waiver (shift from face-to-face learning to 100% remote learning for the specific grades and dates) in accordance with the *TEA Inclement Weather Update, dated March 4, 2021*; approval of surplus equipment as submitted; approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) whereas Fred Moore Day Nursery School (FMDNS) will cease operations as a separate entity effective June 1, 2021 and will become part of Denton Independent School District; approval of the Architectural Services Amendment for Corgan Associates, Inc. This will amend the Corgan project list to include the Calhoun Middle School addition and renovation of the Old Denton High School campus, the Newton Rayzor Elementary replacement campus, and the Warehouse construction at the Service Center Site; approve the TASB Risk Management Fund proposal for the following coverages and term:

- Term: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- \$500,000,000 million per occurrence limit for all Perils including Wind, Hurricane, and Hail.
- Crime, Equipment Breakdown, School Liability and Privacy & Information Security and Active Shooter coverage.
- Automobile coverage with a liability deductible of \$2,500 per occurrence.
- Wind and Hail Deductible buydown endorsement.
- The combined total fees paid to TASB for all services referenced is **\$2,391,673**

approval of the Final Plat for Sandbrock Elementary School, known as

Lot 1, Block "A", ES25 at Sandbrock Addition, and being 14.956 acres located in the W Lumpkin SY. A-730 Town of Aubrey E.T.J., Denton County, Texas, and approval for general counsel to complete contract negotiation and the superintendent or designee to sign the completed Riney Road Expansion contract with the City of Denton).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Doug Chadwick and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the renewal for 2021-2022 school year be continued for the blanket and catastrophic coverage, with the addition of "All school day" coverage to the blanket portion through Student Insurance Plans with an annual premium of \$150,904 for the term August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
Guaranteed
Maximum Price
for the
Renovation of
Crownover
Middle School
and the Phase 1
Elementary
Campuses

This item has been pulled from the agenda and will be considered at the April 27, 2021 board meeting.

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:32 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:20 pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm

President

Secretary