

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, October 7, 2008 at 6:02 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Charles Stafford who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Harris, Price, Ramsey, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members Absent: Rodriguez

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Braswell, Rutherford, Wilson, Stripling, Monschke, Stephens, Cox and Stevenson.

Others: Brittany Tabor, *Denton Record Chronicle*; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Blanton Elementary School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions The Denton High Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of David Mairs, was recently selected as a Commended Winner by the National Orchestral Honors Project. The National Orchestral Honors Project is a national competition, entered by recordings, in which the top quarter entries are selected as National Winners, and the second quarter entries receive Commended Honors.

Public Hearing on "School FIRST" Rating The Texas Legislature created the "School FIRST" rating system in 2001 (Senate Bill 218 of the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature) to improve the management of school districts' financial resources. This was in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 1999. 2002-2003 (based on 2001-2002 data) was the first year the financial health of every school district in Texas was evaluated as part of the new financial accountability system known as Schools FIRST. The system requires school districts to submit financial data, which is used to rate the district according to defined indicators. School districts are required to hold and advertise a public hearing to report their financial accountability rating to parents and taxpayers.

This item is for information only. No action is required  
The Board opened the School FIRST public hearing at 6:23 pm  
And no one wished to speak. The hearing closed at 6:24 pm

1 <sup>st</sup> Open Forum	No one wished to speak.
Energy Audit Report July 2007 – June 2008	<p>The Board was presented energy audit data information contained in the Energy Management Overview for a one year period commencing with July of 2007 and ending June of 2008. House Bill 3693 from the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session requires school districts to reduce their consumption of energy by 5 percent each year for six years. This report provides information on all utility costs and what efforts Denton ISD has done to accomplish this goal and to convey this information to the District and community.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Continued Discussion of Pre-K Facility Design	<p>The Board continued their discussion on the options related to the design of the new Pre-K facility that will expand opportunities for early childhood education. Steve Hulsey with Corigan Associates presented the Board with a revised Pre-K facility design that would accommodate 420+ students and also incorporate a Teacher Resource/Circulation Library.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Instructional Technology Creative Innovations	<p>Ernie Stripling, Information Technology Officer and Holly Davis, Director of Instruction Technology provided the Board with information regarding District and campus initiatives, program support, 2007 completed Bond rollouts, Library services and insight into the Instructional Technology program and the exciting success stories with technology at DISD campuses.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Local Policy Revisions to FFAB (Local) Wellness & Health Services: Immunizations & FFAC (Local) Wellness & Health Services: Medical Treatment	<p>Theresa Grant, Director of Health Services presented suggested revisions to local policies FFAB and FFAC. These recommended changes will ensure safer guidelines for medication administration in the school setting, clarity which provides protection for students who receive or self-administer medication and for administrators, nurses and other staff involved in the administration of medication.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Continued Discussion of	<p>The Board continued their discussion regarding future facility planning and will need to decide on facility capacity, current campus</p>

Facility Planning    prototype designs, or if modifications need to be made.

Bill Gumbert with RBC Capital Markets presented information to the Board regarding the District's debt capacity. At the time of the 2007 Bond Election, taxpayers were informed the District's Interest & Sinking Fund (I&S) tax rate (i.e. the tax rate utilized for the repayment of bonds) would increase from 39.4 cents to a maximum I&S tax rate of 45.0 cents. The District has a total of \$641,749,535 of outstanding bonds with an additional \$116,745,000 of bonds remaining to be sold from the 2007 Bond program and can be sold without an Interest & Sinking fund tax rate increase. The District has a debt capacity of \$199,930,000 to \$340,080,000 over the next five years depending on the Taxable Assessed Growth Valuation.

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SWAP Report        Denton Independent School District's outstanding 2005 & 2006 Swap Agreements have continued to provide a lower interest cost in comparison to traditional fixed rate bonds, as summarized within the table below. The 2005 and 2006 Swap Agreements have provided a \$1,527,310 debt service savings to the District.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum    No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda    Motion by Ma Price and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve (minutes for the September 23, 2008 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of September 30, 2008; and approval of a request by Guyer High School Band for travel to the Alamo Showcase of Music Festival in San Antonio, Texas on April 16-19, 2009).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Open Forum    No one wished to speak.

The Board did not have a Closed Session.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:08 pm

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President

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Secretary