

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, November 11, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

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

Board Members Present: Burns, Dunworth, English, Sosa-Sanchez, Stafford, Tays, and Wright

Board Members Absent:
Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Brown, Brownell, O’Bara, Parham, Petito, Pierce, L. Rainey, J. Rainey, Robinson, Schulz, Smith, Stewart, Thibodeaux, and Thompson

Others: Cindy Breeding, *Denton Record-Chronicle*; citizens, staff, and students

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:00 pm.

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:09 pm

Motion made by Tanya Wright that the Board dismiss the grievance as untimely filed pursuant to Denton ISD Board Policy FNG (LOCAL) and Texas Education Code Chapter 26A and uphold the findings and conclusions issued in the Level Two decision.. Seconded by Buddy Dunworth. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Pledges The Pledges to the flags were led by Nelson Elementary School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Denton ISD proudly celebrates Macy Wingard, a senior at Braswell High School, who captured her third consecutive UIL State Cross Country Championship on November 2 at Old Settler’s Park in Round Rock, Texas. Competing in the 5K race, Wingard crossed the finish line in an outstanding time of 16:45.7, becoming the first female athlete in Texas to win three straight individual cross country titles in the UIL’s largest classification.

Denton Independent School District’s Fine Arts Theatre Departments have earned Exemplary status, the highest designation in the Texas Educational Theatre Association’s (TxETA) Award of Distinction Program. The Award of Distinction program evaluates districts on excellence in theatre programming, including UIL participation, theatrical design, production quality, community engagement, and access to strong instructional and technical theatre opportunities.

Denton ISD has been named a 2025 District of Distinction by the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA), placing the district among the top 8 percent of visual arts programs statewide. This honor recognizes districts that provide exemplary visual arts programming, foster student creativity, support social-

emotional learning, and build strong connections between students, schools, and the community. More than 1,200 districts and learning institutions were eligible for this recognition, with only 109 meeting the rigorous 14-point rubric required for selection

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

Open Forum Community members that addressed the Board: Nicole Cano and Rebecca Bertoni.

Public Hearing for
Targeted The public hearing began at 6:33 pm.

Improvement and
Turnaround Plans Robin Brownell and Luci Shulz, Area Superintendents, presented the targeted improvement and turnaround plans for the school improvement framework. The campuses currently supported through Target Improvement Plans are Alexander ES, Cross Oaks ES, Paloma Creek ES, and Martinez ES. Turnaround Plan campuses are Ginnings at Evers ES, Providence ES, and Rivera. The guiding levers used in forming the plans include strong school leadership and planning, strategic staffing (TIA), positive school culture, high-quality instructional materials, and effecting instruction. The district created the Performance Playbook to be used by campuses for the 2025-2026 school year. The playbook outlines the essential practices and expectations for improving student outcomes across all Denton ISD campuses. Areas of focus provided by the TEA are student outcome goals, school improvement strategy, curriculum and instruction alignment, capacity building, milestones, and performance management and reflection.

No one wished to speak and the public hearing concluded at 6:55pm.

Discussion of
Energy Audit Paul Andress, Executive Director of Operations, and Brandon Hoke with TD Industries, provided the Energy Audit. The purpose of the energy audit is to inform the Board of Trustees of utility management processes in all Denton ISD's facilities from July 2024 – June 2025. The previous energy audit was March 25, 2025

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Discussion of the
2026-2027
Calendar Dr. Lacey Rainey, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Programs and School Leadership, presented the draft calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. Calendar requirements include the following:

- Must provide 187 staff contractual days;
- Must embed two inclement weather days;
- Must provide a minimum of 75,600 minutes;
- Embed PLC and staff development days throughout the year to provide an opportunity for effective professional learning; and
- Fall semester concludes prior to winter break and spring semester concludes prior to Memorial Day.

Stakeholder groups included in the calendar feedback received included the Denton Educational Improvement Committee (EIC), Denton ISD Superintendent

Cabinet, including all department directors, PTA Council, Denton ISD campus-based faculty and staff, and Teacher Communications Committee (TCC).

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

Discussion of Child
Nutrition Update

Liz Raftery, Director of Child Nutrition, provided the annual child nutrition report highlighting key aspects of the department. Operational information included in the update includes total meals served, socio-economic data, status of Federal programs provided, and nutritional enhancements to the menu as well as outline future growth and challenges.

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

1st Quarter
Investment Report

The objective of the report is to share information in detail about the District's investment portfolio on a quarterly basis as required by the Public Funds Investment Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 2256, Subchapter A). At Sept. 30, 2025, all investments book value is \$965,104,735. The quarterly interest earnings is \$9,614,810. The fiscal YTD interest earned is \$9,614,810.

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

2nd Period
Attendance Report

The purpose of this report is to provide campus and district ADA percentages for the 2nd reporting period (RP 2) of the 2025-2026 school year and to compare this data to prior years. Overall RP 2 improved from last year's PR 2 (94.89% to 95.41%). This report also identifies current truancy prevention measures being used on Denton ISD campuses to increase student attendance.

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

Intruder Detection
Audit Report

The objective of this report is to communicate the recent audits that have been performed within Denton ISD. Region 11 is conducting Intruder Detection Audits pursuant to updated legal requirements. To date twelve (12) 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.

Head Start Annual
644 Financial
Compliance Report

This report is provided to the Board of Trustees as a summary of the Head Start Administrative Requirements and Standards from Section 644 of the Head Start Act. Annually, each Head Start Program must report the following information from the most recently concluded fiscal year:

- The total amount of federal grant funds received for the program;
- The number of children and families served during the most recently concluded fiscal year;
- A summary of how program funds were expended including cost categories and match requirements;
- Results of the most recent financial audit or federal review;

- A summary of the agency's self-assessment and program monitoring resulting in progress/improvement efforts;
- A summary of services provided to children and families and program outcomes related to school readiness; and
- Additional information the agency determines relevant to accountability, transparency or continuous improvement.

Head Start is funded by a federal grant in the amount of \$1,716,257 and is housed at Ann Windle SYC. The award for 2024-25 reflects a COLA of \$38,320. The grant requires a local match of 20% or \$429,064.

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

TASB Policy Update 126

TASB Policy Update 126 includes revisions to legal policies based on legislative and regulatory changes that have an immediate effect on the governance and management of the district. Changes at Update 126 are based almost exclusively on legislation from the 89th Regular Legislative Session. Unless otherwise noted, references to legislative bills throughout the explanatory notes refer to Senate Bills (SB), House Bills (HB), or House Concurrent Resolutions (HCR) from the 89th Regular Legislative Session. All referenced bills have already gone into effect unless otherwise noted.

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Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve (the minutes of the October 21, 2025 joint meeting and October 28, 2025 board meeting; personnel matters, leaves, and absences; Budget amendments as of October 31, 2025; FRP# 2510-14 Fine Arts Supplies, Services, Equipment & Repair; Purchases in accordance with Board Policy CH(Local) – Purchasing; Change order Number 001 to the Contract Price for the Earthwork and Irrigation at Country Lakes; HB 3372 Outside Employment Disclosure and Contract/Agreement Requests; Recurring Request for Proposals (RFP)).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of the 2025 Certified Tax Roll

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Lori Tays

To approve the 2025 Certified Tax Roll with net taxable value of \$34,955,520,784 and beginning levy of \$394,748,302.07.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of the DCAD Nominating Voting Resolution

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve the Board Resolution allocating its 252 votes to the Board of Director Candidate for Denton Central Appraisal District for Jordan Villareal.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Targeted Improvement and Turnaround Plans	Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Buddy Dunworth To approve the Targeted Improvement and Turnaround Plans as presented. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:30 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:18 pm Buddy Dunworth moved to approve the interlocal agreement with the City of Denton to exchange approximately 3.433 acres of property located on Congress Street for approximately 9.4 acres of land located at South Lakes Park in order to expand student facilities at McMath Middle School, and authorize the Superintendent to sign all necessary documents and take any other action necessary for executing this exchange. Seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

President

Secretary