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 23, 2007 at 6:02 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Mia Price who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present:	Gallian, Price, Schaake, Smith, and Stafford
Board Members Absent:	Ramsey
Arrived Late:	Alexander arrived at 6:30 PM
Left Early:	
School Personnel Present:	Braswell, Rutherford, Wilson, Stripling, Monschke, Sisk, Stephens, Cox and Stevenson.
Others:	Sarah Chacko, <i>Denton Record Chronicle</i> ; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students
Pledges:	The pledges to the flags were led by Hawk Elementary Students.
Presentations/ Recognitions January 23, 2007	The late Mildred McCauley Hawk was an extremely well-known Denton resident and literacy advocate, whose mission was to help others - especially young people. Her mission statement was "We're here to help others." One of her great joys was helping elementary students with their reading skills. During the 1999-2000 school year, she established the Hawkeye Reading Contest for third-grade students. It greatly helped the Denton ISD Keys to Literacy program. Prior to her death in 2004, Mrs. Hawk donated \$50,000 to the Denton Public School Foundation to provide adequate funds to make this important literacy program an annual event. The third-grade students with the most Accelerated Reader or Reading Counts points during the established dates placed in the contest. Each winning student is given the following monetary award: • 1 st place award of \$25 and a 1 st place trophy • 2 nd place award of \$15 and a 2 nd place trophy • 3 rd place award of \$10 and a 3 rd place trophy
1 st Open Forum	No one wished to speak
Expedited and General State	The staff development and early release waivers used each year to build the district calendar expire for Denton ISD this school year

Waivers Report: January 23, 2007	 (2006-2007). Staff Development Waiver allows the district or charter school to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance in lieu of a maximum of three days of student instruction. Denton ISD is requesting 3 days. Early Release Waiver allows the district or charter school to conduct school for less than seven (7) hours for a total of six (6) days of student instruction to provide additional training in educational methodologies and/or to provide time to meet the needs of students and local communities. Denton ISD is requesting 6 days. Modified Schedule/TAKS Testing Days Waiver allows the district or charter school to modify the schedule of classes on TAKS testing days during the current school year to reduce interruptions during testing periods. This waiver is approved yearly.
	The waivers have to be approved by the Board of Trustees and are approved for three years at a time – 2007-2008; 2008-2009; 2009-2010.
	This item is for information only. No action is required.
Denton Reads Program Report: January 23, 2007	Denton Reads is an upcoming city-wide Reading Incentive Promotion and if successful will be repeated on an annual basis.
	This year's theme for Denton READS is "About the Environment". The children's book chosen is <u>The Lorax</u> by Dr. Seuss. The adult book chosen is <u>The Legacy of Luna</u> by Julia Butterfly Hill. It centers on Hill's two-year stint living in a tree she called Luna. In December 1997, Hill climbed the tree and refused to come down, hoping to bring attention to Pacific Lumber's plans to destroy a forest of California redwood trees. 738 days later, after reaching an agreement that provided permanent protection for the tree and a buffer zone around it, Julia Butterfly Hill descended from the tree.
	The Julia Butterfly Hill's Luna Foundation would like to see how Denton fosters the relationship between community, city, and educational leaders by interviewing some community leaders.
	If this becomes a yearly community event then the budget impact would be approximately \$8000 per year. Each hosting entity (UNT, TWU, Denton Public Library, and DISD) would contribute \$8000 towards the budget and other expenses would be raised through community donations.
	This item is for information only. No action is required

2 nd Open Forum	No one wished to speak.
No. 16879 Consent Agenda: January 23, 2007	Motion by Virginia Gallian and seconded by Charles Stafford
	To approve (the minutes of the January 9, 2007 Board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; approval of the Budget Amendments as of December 31, 2006; approval of the Investment Reports as of November 30, 2006 and December 31, 2006; approval of travel to a Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, In-State for Strickland Middle School Orchestra to attend the Director's Choice Alamo Showcase in San Antonio, Texas May 4-6, 2007; approval of travel to a Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, In-State for Ryan High School Orchestra to attend the South Coast Music Festival in Galveston/Houston, Texas, April 27-29, 2007; approval of travel to a Non-State-Sanctioned Activity performance, March 15-19, 2007; approval of travel to a Non-State for Guyer High School Orchestra to attend the South Coast Music Festival performance, March 15-19, 2007; approval of travel to a Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, In-State for Guyer High School Orchestra to attend the South Coast Music Festival in Corpus Christi, Texas May 3-6, 2007; approval of Out-of-State travel for Guyer High School Speech and Debate Team to attend the Harvard University in Cambridge, MA, February 15-19, 2007; approval of the Resolution and agreement to join the Tarrant County Cooperative Purchasing Association to allow the District to purchase from bids approved by the Cooperative)
	The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
No. 16880 Approval of High School Course Selection Guide: January 23, 2007	Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jean Schaake
	To approve the High School Course Catalog for the 2007-2008 school year.
	The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
3 rd Open Forum	No one wished to speak.
Closed Session	The Board convened into closed session at 6:37 PM.
Open Session	The Board reconvened into open session at 11:00 PM.
	Motion by Jean Schaake and seconded by Charles Stafford

For Denton ISD to approve and accept the mediation settlement agreement in the case styled *Doe v. Emenhiser and Denton I.S.D.*

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 PM.

No. 16881 Adjournment:

President

Secretary