

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, *Denton Record Chronicle*; 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:

- 1st place award of \$25 and a 1st place trophy
- 2nd place award of \$15 and a 2nd place trophy
- 3rd place award of \$10 and a 3rd place trophy

1st 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: (2006-2007).
January 23, 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 The Lorax by Dr. Seuss.

The adult book chosen is The Legacy of Luna 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.

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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.

No. 16881
Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 PM.

President

Secretary