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, June 9, 2015, at 6:02 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

**Board Members** 

Alexander, Burns, Harris, Martinez, Price, Smith and Stafford

Present:

**Board Members** 

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

Present:

School Personnel Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Sargent, Hicks, Stevenson

and Zavala

Others: Brittany Tabor, *Denton Record Chronicle*; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney;

citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by staff.

Presentations/ Recognitions

Three Denton ISD students won medals at the UIL Academic State Meet held at the University of Texas at Austin for headline writing; persuasive speaking and editorial writing.

Two Adkins Elementary students Emily Justice and Kaylee Schmidt were recently recognized by the Texas Association of School Boards for their participation in the Texas Public Schools Rock state video contest. Students were asked to create videos that tell what makes their school exceptional, how their school has earned the support of the community, or what makes Texas public schools the best choice for families.

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

**Public Hearing** For 2015-2016 Budget & Tax Rate

President Barbara Burns called the Budget Hearing opened at 6:10 pm.

Debbie Monschke, assistant superintendent of administrative services, presided over the budget hearing and shared that the focus for the 2015-16 budget process has been to address a projected increase in student enrollment of 2.91 percent or 771 students and maintain current programs.

The 2015-16 budget includes a 2 percent salary increase from the determined midpoint for all employees and an additional \$25 contribution by the district for employee benefits and healthcare coverage. The district will now

contribute a total of \$260 per employee for this purpose.

The district is projected to receive a decrease in state funding of approximately \$4.9 million as compared to the prior year's adopted budget and property tax collections are expected to increase by \$16 million. The Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Tax Rate will remain at \$1.04.

No one wished to speak and the Hearing was closed at 6:20 pm

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Glenna Harris

To move the three report items up on the agenda.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Discussion & Review of TASB Local Update 102 Update 102 addresses several recent changes in state and federal law; such as amendments to the Texas Administrative Code on special education services, community and student engagement, and community-based fine arts programs; and revised federal rules on the definition of spouse under the Family and Medical Leave Act. Update 102 also includes a reorganization of the DE series of policies addressing compensation to focus the series on the primary component—the board-adopted compensation plan.

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

Update: New Grading & Assessment Practices

Dr. David Hicks, Exec. Director for Academic Programs and Vicky Christenson, Director of Secondary Academics provided an update and the feedback that has been gathered and to outline next steps that they believe will best support teachers' and students' efforts. For the past two years, the secondary Academic Leadership Team (ALT) and the Secondary Curriculum, Instruction, and Staff Development Department have been examining our grading practices in an effort to make sure our practices support our beliefs about learning, assessment, and grading. The result of that work has been the implementation and phase in of new grading guidelines and procedures beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. During this year, our district staff has worked to implement these new procedures with great care and an emphasis on student success.

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

Discussion & Review of 2015-2016 Student Code of Conduct Dr. David Hicks, Exec. Director for Academic Programs provided the Board with a draft of the 2015-2016 *Student and Parent Handbook* and the *Student Code of Conduct* which will be provided to staff, students and parents at the beginning of the school year and serve as an information resource describing

& Student Handbook

district support programs, expectations for academic and personal excellence, and guidelines for personal and professional conduct.

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

Discussion of Learning Management System Dr. Mike Mattingly, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction along with Dwight Goodwin, Director of Instructional Technology provided the Board with information about Canvas, a new cloud-based student learning management system that will be available to teachers and students in the fall of 2015. A Learning Management System (LMS) is a way to simplify teaching and learning by connecting all the digital tools teachers use in one easy place.

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

Legislative Update

Dr. Jamie Wilson, Superintendent reviewed the legislative bills which have passed and those that have not moved forward.

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

Denton ISD 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Growth Report Rocky Gardner presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Growth Report which span's January –March 2015. Denton ranked second in the DFW area for the most annual housing starts and annual closings. Denton ISD will reach over 28,000 in student enrollment by the fall of 2016 and over 30,000 in the fall of 2018. Paloma Creek, Cross Oaks and Pecan Creek elementary zones have the most home activity, representing almost 50% of the total starts for the district. The information provided by this report will give the Denton ISD Board of Trustees an understanding of trends in residential home sales, multi-family occupancies and growth in student population.

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

Bond Progress Report Sheryl English, Bond Progress Committee member presented the Board with and overview of the last Bond Progress Committee meeting.

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

Construction Report Gary Ryan with Balfour Beatty Construction provided the Board with an update of the current construction projects.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve (the minutes for the May 26, 2015 Board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of May 31, 2015; approval of the resolution to commit total fund balance of Campus Activity Funds, delegate authority to assign fund balance as appropriate to the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent Administrative Services, and strive to maintain an annual fund balance in the general operating fund in which the unassigned fund balance is at 25 percent of the total operating expenditures; approval of the Memorandum of Understandings between Denton ISD and Aubrey ISD, Argyle ISD, Lake Dallas ISD, Ponder ISD, Pilot Point ISD, Krum ISD, and Sanger ISD for students that attend the ATC; approve the final extension of two additional years with Adams Exterminating for Pest Control services; approval of Tower Tech Services, be awarded the vendor for the cooling tower repairs at Guyer High School for \$69,372.00; approval of the contract renewal for tax collection with Denton County; approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Denton ISD and Fred Moore Day Nursery to continue the Fred Moore @ Gonzalez partnership; approval of the final extension of one additional year with Fulcrum Consulting, Inc. for Fiber Optic Locate Services ending June 24, 2016 for \$70,383.96; approval of the contract with Corgan Architects to build Middle School No. 8; approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Denton ISD & Highway 380 (MMD) Municipal Management District No. 1 and approval of waiver of penalty and interest for account number 35770DEN).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

By approval of the Consent Agenda the Board named Cody Moore, the athletic coordinator and head football coach of Braswell High School. Braswell High, Denton Independent School District's fourth comprehensive high school, is scheduled to open in the fall of 2016.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of District Improvement

Plan (DIP)

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Dorothy Martinez

To approve the District Improvement Plan as presented.

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

Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:38 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:05 pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:15 pm

 President	
 Secretary	