

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, May 11, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

Pursuant to the Governor Abbott's Temporary Suspension of Open Meetings Laws issued on March 16, 2020, this meeting will be conducted via videoconference, which will be audible to the Board and public and allow for two-way communication. The Board President, presiding officer of trustees were physically present at one location, a quorum will be required for the meeting on the videoconference or phone. The public may access this meeting or obtain an electronic copy of the agenda packet at <https://www.dentonisd.org/trustees>.

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

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Chadwick, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Niven, Mattingly, Pierce, Perkins, O'Bara, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Stevenson, Valenta and Zwahr

Others: Marshall Reid, *Denton Record Chronicle*; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by virtually by Hawk Elementary students

Presentations/ Recognitions There were no presentations scheduled.

COVID-19 Update Dr. Matt Richardson, Denton County Public Health Department provided the Board with the COVID-19 update. The current COVID-19 statistics are 3,347 active cases with 71,139 total recoveries and 506 total deaths. As of 9 am Monday, May 10th the Denton County Health Department had invited all of the 507,414 individuals that were on the waitlist. Friday, May 14th is the final drive-thru clinic at the Texas Motor Speedway. The FDA has now authorized the Pfizer vaccine for school aged children 12-15.

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

Budget Discussion 2021-2022

Dr. Scott Niven, Chief Financial Officer and Jennifer Stewart, Director of Budget provided updated budget information. Jennifer provided the Board with information on the first preliminary property values, 2021-2022 Projections for ADA, Revenue and expenditures, preliminary discussion on the compensation plan and a ESSER funding update. The district's property values are 2.8 billion above what we received this time last year and has added 1 billion in property growth and depicts the amount of growth within our district. Jennifer provided a seven-year history of property value growth comparisons and will continue to monitor this. The District is expecting to receive certified values in July. The District is also exploring the possibility of providing employees an additional \$500 in the month of June funded through ESSER if allowed.

Discussion of Early Childhood Education

Cecilia Holt, new Early Childhood Coordinator provided information regarding the Early Childhood Education department for the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Holt discussed the continuation and expansion of Early Childhood Education programs and available space in current buildings, current enrollment, and additional programs to serve all eligible students. The Denton ISD Early Childhood Education program provides an outstanding instructional program and services for the social and emotional development for children ages birth through age 5 as well as community support and partnerships for parents.

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

Discussion of Expansion of Dual Language Programs

Teresa Luna-Taylor, Director of Bilingual and ESL provided the Board with an updated information regarding the campus location for the expansion of the dual language program in the Braswell High School (BHS) Zone for the 2021-2022 school year.

The expansion of the dual language program at Cross Oaks Elementary in the BHS zone will allow PreK Spanish-speaking emergent bilingual students to receive the recommended language services closer to their homes. Parents will have easier access to enroll their PreK child in the LPAC recommended dual language program instead of accepting the ESL services currently offered at their zone campus. These DL students greatly benefit as studies show they outperform non-DL peers in two important ways: English learners reached English proficiency at higher rates and DL students performed as well as or better than their peers in the core content areas. More importantly, students maintain their native language while adding another language, and they develop pride in their own culture while developing an understanding of others. The rigorous academic curriculum in two languages prepares students to be successful in a college bound, globalized future.

This item is for information only. No action is required

International
Baccalaureate
(IB) Report

Dr. Dan Ford, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction provided the Board of Trustees with a 2021 IB report. The International Baccalaureate Programmes in Denton ISD continues to be a premier destination for outstanding instruction and college prep. This report is provided to the Board of Trustees as an update on the current status of the District's IB programme.

Each individual programme has provided rich information so the Board can see how we have adapted through the global pandemic to continue our rigorous curriculum and guided students to success. In addition, each of our IB campuses are working to fulfill requirements set forth by the IB Organization. Due to the global pandemic, the training of teachers was extremely limited. As a result, the number of teachers we typically train will double.

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

Legislative
Updates for the
87th Legislative
Session Report

Deron Robinson, General Counsel and Dr. Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent provided updates and resources to the Board of Trustees regarding the 87th Legislative Session.

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

2020-2021 5th
Reporting Period
Attendance
Report

Angela Ricks, Director of Student Support Services provided the Board with the attendance report for the 5th reporting period for 2020-2021 school year (March 1, 2021, through April 16, 2021) and to compare this data to prior years. This report will also identify current truancy prevention measures being used on Denton ISD campuses to increase student attendance.

There are 27 instructional days in this 5th Reporting Period. The district ADA% for 2020-2021 Reporting Period 5 is 96.78%, we do not have any data to compare this to from last school year due to COVID-19.

EP Rayzor had the highest attendance percentage for elementary campuses in Denton ISD at 98.54%. Crownover had the highest attendance percentage for middle school campuses in Denton ISD at 98.6%. Guyer had the highest attendance percentage for high school campuses in Denton ISD at 97.38%. Denton ISD campuses had **39,921** unfunded absences in the 5th reporting period. Elementary School had 10,387 excused absences and 13,050 unexcused absences. Middle School had 2,801 excused absences and 8,788 unexcused absences. High School had 1,892 excused absences and 3,003 unexcused absences.

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

Open Forum These comments were provided virtually, and all Trustees were given copies of the submitted comments. Written comments were received from the following individuals:

Kandy Davis, Amber Dean, Rebecca Farrar, Tiffanie Fowler, MaryAnn Hines, Landee Martin, Ashlee Mayer, Christy Msal, Amanda Patton, Carolyn Rachaner, and Lupe Tenney

Consent Agenda Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve (the minutes for the April 27, 2021 Board meeting; personnel matters; approval of leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of April 30, 2021; approval of RFP #170615 Pest Control Services award to Adams Exterminating Company, Inc. for a term of two (2) years beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023; approval to extend the RFP #170615 Security Services award to Investigation Technologies, Inc dba International Investigators for a term of two (2) years beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023; approval to extend the RFP #1904-10 Grounds Maintenance – Athletic Fields Maintenance award to Sports Field Solutions for a term of two (2) years beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023; approval to extend the RFP #1904-11 Grounds Maintenance – Flowerbed and Tree Maintenance award to Classic Landscapes, Inc. for a term of two (2) years beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023; approval to extend the RFP #1904-12 Grounds Maintenance – District at Large / All Other Facilities Maintenance award to M.E.T. Lawn Care, LLC for a term of two (2) years beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023; approval to extend the RFP #1907-14 Miscellaneous Services and Supplies award for a term of two (2) years beginning August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2023; approval of the quote from Dell in the amount of \$212,822.28 for the District’s annual Microsoft Enrollment for Education Solutions school licensing renewal to run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; approval of the quote from TD Industries in the amount of \$383,983.00 for the upgrade of the HVAC & Access Controls at Evers Park Elementary School; approval of the quote from TD Industries in the amount of \$380,930.00 for the upgrade of the HVAC & Access Controls at Hodge Elementary School; approval of the quote from TD Industries in the amount of \$379,118.00 for the upgrade of the HVAC & Access Controls at McNair Elementary School; approval of the quote from Netsync Network Solutions in the amount of \$235,650.22 for the technology infrastructure project at two Guyer High School fieldhouses; approval of the Resolution Establishing Fund Balance Procedures Required by GASB 54; approval of the Job Order Contract for portable repairs and approval of Surplus Property as submitted.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda Jacqueline San Miguel-Lozano, principal of Fred Moore High School, was named the new principal at Calhoun Middle School. She replaces Paul Martinez, who was recently named as the replacement for Anthony Sims who is retiring as principal of Sparks Campus. Dr. Sheryl Alden was named Director of Transportation replacing Jim Watson, who is retiring from the district at the end of the school year after more than 28 years in public education. Dr. Alden's promotion will take effect on July 1.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
Setting Date and
Time for the
Budget and
Proposed Tax
Rate Hearing

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Mia Price

To approve the setting the date and time for the Budget and Tax Rate Hearing to be June 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Denton ISD Dennis E. Stephens Central Administration Building at 1307 N. Locust, Denton, Texas 76201.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:48 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:05 pm

Moton by Jim Alexander and seconded by Doug Chadwick

To approve the Access Easement Agreement granting Urban Logistics Realty the right to travel across DISD land on Sam Bass Boulevard.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm

President

Secretary