

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, March 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Harris, Martinez, Price, Smith and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, O'Bara, Stevenson and Zavala

Others: Caitlyn Jones, *Denton Record Chronicle*; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Pecan Creek Elementary school students.

Presentations/ Recognitions As part of Youth Art Month, three Denton ISD students' artworks were selected to be part of the Texas Art Education's Youth Art Month Capitol Celebration. Tyler Johnson, Ginnings Elementary; Charli Viering, Stephens Elementary; and Molly Wehbe, Adkins Elementary will be part of an exhibition that features works by students in PreK through 12th grades from across the state of Texas.

The LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex's "Team Bench Warmers" won the 2015 ESAB "A Cut Above Welding & Cutting" Contest with their entry of park benches that feature custom artwork highlighting each of school's programs. Team Bench Warmers includes Bobby Wallace (Ryan High), Eve Torres (Ryan High), Daniel Teniente (Ryan High), Andy Ochoa (Denton High) and Braden King (Pilot Point High). ESAB is a manufacturer of welding and cutting equipment, and they support education and students through this contest for high school students each year.

Learning Forward recently recognized Denton High School with a "Campus Excellence in Professional Learning Award" for their commitment to life-long learning and the success of students and teachers. The organization shows campus leaders how to plan, implement and measure high-quality professional learning so faculties can maximize student success. It connects educators through resources, systems and conferences to share coaching

strategies to build professional learning communities. As part of the award, Denton High will be featured at the Learning Forward-Texas Annual Conference hosted this June at the Hurst Convention Center.

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

1st Open Forum Andrew Braak resident of Denton addressed the board and is a proud parent of two Denton High School students and wants to commend the principal, Dan Ford and his staff on the great job they do.

Continued Discussion of 2016-2017 Budget Debbie Monschke, Asst. Superintendent of Administrative Services reviewed over time of several years the District's property values, tax rates, revenues and expenditures and enrollment and average daily attendance.

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

Truancy/ Attendance Update Darrell Muncy, Director of Student Support Services explained the Denton County Uniform Truancy Policy Committee and required changes in the Compulsory Attendance Law due to the passing of HB 2398. TEC 25.0916 (f) requires each county create a uniform process for filing truancy; uniform administrative procedures; uniform deadlines for processing truancy; local strategies to address truancy including prevention, intervention, and diversion methods; a system for tracking truancy information; and recommend any changes to the statutes and/or state agency rules.

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

Academic Behaviors Response to Intervention Vicky Christenson, Director of Secondary Academics reviewed campus intervention plans designed to help support students who are not developing important academic behaviors such as turning in their work on time or doing all of their assignments in order to strengthen their learning. Each campus has developed an intervention plan to work with students who are chronically turning in work late or not at all. The ultimate goal of changing our grading and assessment practices is to help our students to

- value learning over earning points,
- understand that errors are inherent in the learning process,
- recognize that feedback is a valuable tool to increase learning,
- develop time management skills, respect for meeting deadlines, and self-motivation, and
- take personal ownership of their own learning.

Principals Angela Ricks and Jason Rainey spoke regarding the interventions at the middle school level. Ryan High School Vernon Reeves addressed the interventions at the high school level.

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

Update of District Fiber Optic Projects

Ernie Stripling, Information Technology Officer updated the Board on the status of current and future fiber optic projects which are as follows:

- FM 2499 Fiber Relocation – Complete. District costs: \$121,929.45. Denton County costs: \$163,504.80.
- FM 2181 Fiber Relocation – In progress. District costs: \$75,704. Denton County costs: \$84,509.75.
- US 377 Fiber Relocation – In progress. District costs: \$27,442.20.
- Old Alton Bridge Fiber Repair – In progress. District costs: \$32,851.43. Denton County costs: \$32,851.43.
- Region XI Fiber Connection - Region XI is in the process of taking bids to connect all Region XI schools to Region XI through fiber for internet access purposes. The District should receive final pricing information by early April and be able to determine if this would make sense financially and functionally for the District.
- Denton ISD/Zayo Fiber Exchange

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

BLAST Update: Building Leadership and Academic Strengths Together

Dr. Richard Valenta provided the Board with the achievement data results from piloting the BLAST program at Ryan High School. BLAST program provides rigorous academic, social, and emotional advancement by focusing on how students are strong, not how they are wrong. BLAST also provides a curriculum that combines a proven one on one peer tutoring methodology with The Gallup Organization’s research-driven strategies for building student hope, engagement, and resiliency. BLAST students are observably more confident in their abilities to lead, mentor, and describe their future in a more positive forecast.

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

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve (the minutes for the February 23, 2016 board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; TEA Class Size Waiver as submitted; approve the proposed resolution identifying 2015-16 hazardous bus routes operated by DISD; approval of the Head Start grant application including the TTA and the Strategic Plan; approval of travel for Denton High School JROTC students to visit Altus AFB, OK on March 30, 2016; approval of Guyer High School debate students to travel out-of-state to the National Individual Event Tournament of Champions in Denver, Colorado, May 12-15, 2016; approval of the first extension of a term of one (1) year ending March 24, 2017 with Magazine Subscription PTP with the option to extend the proposal discount for one (1) additional term of one year; approval of the TIPS/TAPS quote in the amount of \$68,646.00 from Pathway Communications for the purchase

and installation of 23 interactive projectors; approval of the quote for administrative furnishings submitted by Plano Office Supply, Bid #101102-F in the amount of \$115,891.11; approval of US Communities quote for classroom furnishings for Bell Elementary submitted by Virco Manufacturing in the amount of \$160,229.68; approval of the BuyBoard quote from The Clavier Group, Inc./Steinway Pianos for acoustical Pianos for Braswell and Bell in the amount of \$104,694.50).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of Ordinance for Declaration of Election of Unopposed Candidates and Cancellation of the May 7, 2016 Election

Motion by Dorothy Martinez and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve of the Ordinance for Declaration of Election of Unopposed Candidates and Cancellation of the May 7, 2016 Election.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:07 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:20 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 pm

President

Secretary