

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, March 8, 2011 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Jim Alexander who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Harris, Price, Ramsey, Rodriguez, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Braswell, Rutherford, Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Stephens, Cox and Stevenson.

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

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Olive Stephens Elementary students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Two DISD elementary students from Paloma Creek and Ginnings had their artwork displayed at the State Capitol in Austin during Youth Art Month, which is sponsored by the Texas Art Educators Association. Their works were selected from more than 50 school districts and private schools across the state.

The counselors at Guyer High School have been named recipients of the CREST Award, which annually recognizes the top counseling staffs in the state, by the Texas School Counselors Association. CREST stands for Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas. The Guyer counseling staff includes: Kathleen Ashton, Jeanie Bragg, Christina Dorton, Amy Lawrence, Lisa Tsakonas, Andrea Wyatt and Donna Jones, who is dean of students.

Kevin Brown, librarian at Hodge Elementary, has been appointed to Texas Bluebonnet Award Program Committee. The Texas Bluebonnet Award Committee is made up of librarians from districts across the state in the Texas Library Association. Mr. Brown will be involved in developing lessons and activities for children to help promote books on the Texas Bluebonnet Award list.

Robert Bostic, director of instructional technology for the Denton

Independent School District, was a finalist for the Technology Administrator of the Year award. The competition is sponsored by the Texas Computer Education Agency.

1st Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Discussion of
TASB Policy
Update 89

Update 89 contains 39 legal policies and 6 local policies of which there are 4 local policies and 2 legal policies being deleted. Update 89's key focus was on reorganizing section "E" addressing Instructional policies. The section of "E" policies was reorganized due to new options available to students to earn credit through distance learning and the Texas Virtual School Network. New policies have been developed to address alternative methods for earning credit.

Additional policy changes in Update 89 include student admissions, academic assessments administered to students in DAEP, permissible physical education substitutions, adult education programs, board member vacancies and the board's rights and responsibilities regarding appraisal districts.

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

Discussion of
Revision to
Policy GKC
(Local)

Dr. Rutherford presented the proposed revisions to policy GKC (Local) which limits the length of time and how often parents may visit instructional classrooms.

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

Discussion of
Accelerated
Degree Plans

Marty Thompson and Dr. LeAnn Nutt from NCTC presented the Board with information about the development and implementation of the "Accelerated Degree Plan". This plan will provide motivation and opportunities for students to accelerate career goal via: Baby steps, early advanced credit and stacking skills to maximize benefit. Students will have the opportunity to complete an Associate's degree within 1-2 semesters after graduation and a Bachelor's degree within two years of high school graduation.

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

Update on
Mayhill Road
Improvements

Rod Reeves, Facility Coordinator and Frank Payne, City of Denton provided information to the Board about the City of Denton's project to widen and improve Mayhill Road. The project proposes to widen Mayhill Road to a four lane, divided roadway from its intersection with Colorado Boulevard to the south to its intersection with US-380 on the north.

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

Discussion of
Inclement
Weather Waiver

Dr. Rutherford presented the Board with information about the District's waiver request for missed instructional days due to weather related issues to be excused for February 3rd, 4th, and 9th. This waiver will be sent to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for approval. The Board was also presented with a resolution to compensate employees for days absent due to inclement weather.

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

Continued
Discussion of
Budget 2011-
2012

Dr. Braswell explained the state's revenue shortfall is attributed in part to the legislature compressing the property tax rate for school districts. To fund this tax reduction, the legislature implemented a business franchise tax. However, only \$3.9 billion of the estimated \$6.4 billion in revenue has been realized at the state level.

Dr. Braswell outlined scenarios being presented by the Texas Senate subcommittee and the impact they would have on Denton ISD:

Scenario 1: Cap target revenue at \$4, 872 per student - \$33 million loss for Denton ISD

Scenario 2: An across-the-board reduction of \$323 per WADA throughout the state or about 6.05 percent reduction for districts - \$11 million loss for Denton ISD

Scenario 3: A percentage reduction necessary to reduce the hold harmless rule (with a 9 to 10 percent reduction) - \$18.1 million loss for Denton ISD

Hybrid model: Combines reductions to revenue targets and hold harmless for additional state aide for tax reduction - \$14.3 million loss for Denton ISD

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

The Board recessed at 8:20 pm and reconvened at 8:27 pm

Denton ISD
Demographic &
Housing
Analysis

Rocky Gardner, Templeton Demographics presented the fourth quarter economic and housing analysis which included a 10-year enrollment projection. Denton ISD ranks among the top five (fourth) in the DFW area in home closures and second in inventory for future housing. The district will likely see less than 900 new home closures in 2011, forecasting a projected growth of 862 students or a 3.6 percent growth district-wide. Denton ISD will continue to grow at an average rate of 3.75 percent for the next five year, projecting a total of 28,900 students for the 2015/16 school year.

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

2nd Open Forum No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve (minutes for the December 16, 2010; January 29, 2011 and February 15, 2011 board meetings; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; approval of the Verizon long distance services through Verizon Business Services agreement with MiCTA; Budget Amendments as of February 28, 2011; Investment Report as of January 31, 2011; approval of all textbooks on the Commissioner's list for Proclamation 2011; approval of a twelve month contract extension to Adams Exterminating for Pest Control Services; approval of surplus equipment for one 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 25 Pickup Truck, VIN-1GBHC24U25E191891; approval of proposal #110223-ATH. for Athletic equipment/supplies, Training equipment/supplies, Trophies/Awards, Letter Jackets, Monogramming/Embroidery, and Cheer, Dance & Drill Team clothing and accessories; approval of policy DFF (Local) Termination of Employment Reduction in Force-2nd reading; approval of District ESL Textbook Selection Committee; approval of the District Elementary textbook selection committee for Grammar, Handwriting & Spelling and approval of the District Pre-Kindergarten textbook selection committee).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
TEA General
State Waiver For
Missed
Instructional
Days And
Continuation of
Employee
Salaries/Pay

Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez

To approve the Resolution and the Texas Education Agency Waiver Application for missed instructional days on February 3rd, 4th, and 9th and to compensate employees for days absent due to the inclement weather.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
TASB
Resolution for
Media Honor
Roll Nomination

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve the Resolution nominating Britney Tabor for the TASB Media Honor Roll

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and

voting.

Consider Approval of Modification To Early Resignation Incentive Program	Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez To approve the Modification To Early Resignation Incentive Program as presented. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
3 rd Open Forum	No one wished to speak.
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:46 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:24 pm
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 10:33 pm

President

Secretary