

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, August 13, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

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

Board Members Present: Bundgus, Burns, English, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, Stafford, and Tays

Board Members

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present:

Brown, O'Bara, Parham, Pierce, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Schulz, Stevenson, Stewart, and Thompson

Others:

Cindy Breeding, *Denton Record-Chronicle*; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges

The Pledges to the flags were led by Sam Houston Elementary school students.

Presentations/
Recognitions

Three Crownover Middle School sixth-grade students were named to the Texas Choral Directors Association (TCDA) Texas Elementary Honor Choir this past spring. Sophia Holmes, Kennedy Pirkle and Ryleigh Wells each received this recognition while they were fifth-grade students at Hawk Elementary, where Christina Stratton is the music teacher.

Ryleigh was one of only 81 altos selected to the Texas Elementary Honor Choir, while Sophia and Kennedy were two of only 76 sopranos selected.

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

Discussion of
Legislative
Priorities

The purpose of this report is to discuss and plan for the Board of Trustees legislative priorities in anticipation of the 89th Legislative Session. As the District continues to advocate for improved and sustainable funding of the school finance system as well as sensible accountability for all Texas schools that receive public funds, we recognize the power of a clear set of legislative priorities in advocating for policies that directly impact our staff, students, families, and community. Deron Robinson, General Counsel reviewed the two main priorities:

- **Adequate Funding** - An increase in the basic allotment aligns with Board goals by supporting:
 - School security and student safety
 - Teacher pay raises, retention, and recruitment
 - Inflation adjusted indexed funding
 - Fund based on enrollment not on attendance

- Increase basic allotment which has not been increased since 2019
- Improve Texas from ranking 49th in state funding for public education
- Fully fund full-day Pre-Kindergarten program
- **Sensible Accountability** - Sensible accountability aligns with Board goals by supporting:
 - Enhanced understanding and engagement by families and communities
 - Local control and locally determined accountability frameworks
 - Reduction in mandatory state assessments
 - Reducing high stakes in the A-F rating system that impact students, teachers, and schools

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Discussion of
TASB Delegate
Assembly
Nomination &
Alternate

Delegates play a key role in TASB’s governance—helping develop the vision for the Association. The Board of Trustees may appoint one delegate and one alternate to serve as DISD’s representatives during the Assembly. The Delegate Assembly will include reports from various TASB committees; election of Directors and Officers; action on proposed Bylaws changes; and action on proposed changes to the 2024–2025 Advocacy Agenda. Continuing education credit will be granted for the keynote address and participation in the action on the Advocacy Agenda at the caucuses and Delegate Assembly.

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2024-2025
Enrollment Update

Dr. Lacey Rainey, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Programs provided the Board with the current enrollment numbers as of today. The objective of the report is to closely monitor the enrollment numbers and overall growth in student population at each Denton ISD campus in order to provide support and resources where needed. The analysis of Denton ISD’s enrollment data allows the district to ensure that all campuses remain in compliance with the state’s class size requirements. It also allows the district to ensure that plans are developed to meet current and future needs of the district.

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Professional Staff
Appointments,
Resignations and
Employment

To expedite the hiring of personnel during the Spring and Summer the Board of Trustees gave the Superintendent authority to hire any contractual personnel including classroom teachers and administrators. The Board was provided with a list of those approved transactions.

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- 1st Open Forum No one wished to speak.
- Consent Agenda Motion Mia Price by and seconded by Charles Stafford
- To approve (the minutes of the July 30, 2024 Board meeting; Budget Amendments as of July 31, 2024; approval of 2024–2025 administrator appraisers for the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS), the teacher appraisal system; approve the TASB Policy Update 123 update and revisions to CDC(Local) on 2nd reading; approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Denton ISD and DCCDS for the 2024-2025 school year and approval of the Region XI Master Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$282,554.68).
- The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
- Consider Approval of TASB Delegate Assembly Nomination & Alternate Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez
- To approve Lori Tays as the Delegate and Sheryl English as the alternate to the 2024 TASB Delegate Assembly.
- The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
- 2nd Open Forum Community members that addressed the Board were: Timothy Middleton; Donna Smith; Melinda Preston, Alana Taylor, and Rebecca Bertoni.
- Closed Meeting The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:18 pm
- Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:56 pm
- Motion by Mia Price and seconded Lori Tays
- To approve the sale of approximately 16.6 acres of Denton ISD property located North of Fishtrap Road and East of FM 1385, located in the Middle School #9 Plat located on or near Denton Way. I further move we authorize the Superintendent to sign all necessary documents and take any other action necessary for closing this purchase.
- The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
- Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

President

Secretary