

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 8, 2012 at 6:10 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Mia Price 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, 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 Stephens Elementary school students.

Presentations/ Recognitions 15 students from Denton, Ryan and Guyer High Schools competed in the UIL Region I academic meets. They are:

Denton High:

Computer Science: William Root, first place.

Number Sense: Team Denton (William Root, Omar Akram, Wade Cope, Kevin Ye), first place; William Root, first place.

Spelling & Vocabulary: Team Denton (Omar Akram, Ana Mitchell, Emily Fu, Rebecca Fu), first place, and Omar Akram and Rebecca Fu, second place (tie).

Guyer High:

Poetry Interpretation: Andrew Hansen, second place

Ryan High:

Literary Criticism: Team Ryan (Kathryn Hokamp, J.D. McClanahan, Meghan Kajihara, Rachel Rosenberg), first place; J.D. McClanahan, first place;

Poetry Interpretation: Conner Belt, third place; Prose Interpretation: Cody Vann, third place, and Ready Writing: Sarah Miles, third place.

Guyer High School Theatre won at the UIL Class 5A Region I One Act Play competition at Texas Tech University. The school's performance of *Les*

Liaisons Dangereuses posted a high-score of 34, and advancing Guyer Theatre to the UIL state competition in Austin.

Denton ISD earned four top-five finishes at the Health Occupations Students of America State Leadership Conference in San Antonio. They are as follows:

Ryan High:

The parliamentary procedures team earned fifth place at the competition. Team members included: Jocelyn Almaraz, Paloma Arellano, Salman Hasan, Chris Hoye, Valerie Lawrence and Matthew Ogenche.

Lilyana Cole finished fourth in extemporaneous writing.

Maggie Evans (healthy lifestyles) and Gifty Arhin (researched persuasive speaking) also represented Ryan at the state HOSA conference.

Denton High:

Christopher Murillo posted the district's highest individual finish – with the state runner-up title in medical math.

The DHS community awareness team of Krystina Blevins, Vivian Olabamiji and Bre'Ana Walker finished fourth.

As the state runner-up, Christopher will compete at the HOSA National Conference in Orlando, Fla. in June.

Denton ISD's BPA students won at the Texas Business Professionals of America State Conference and also at the National BPA conference.

Ryan High

Ryan High's parliamentary procedures team earned first place at the state competition and finished as runner-up at the National BPA Conference in Chicago.

Team members included: Jocelyn Almaraz, Paloma Arellano, Salman Hasan, Chris Hoye, Valerie Lawrence and Matthew Ogenche.

Chris Hoye and Salman Hasan placed in the top five in the parliamentary pro-concepts category as individuals at the state level. Salman Hasan was named National Champion at the Chicago conference. Chris Hoye and Mathew Ogenche placed in the Top 10 in individual testing.

Guyer High

Guyer High had two teams qualify and compete at the state conference:

Financial Analyst Team - Robert Bradford, Brandon Dominguez and Jeremiah Owen.

Administrative support team - Jahanara Hoque, Reed Phillips and Carol Scott.

Also representing Guyer at the state BPA conference were Jeremiah Owen, payroll accounting; Scott Carol, keyboarding; Robert Bradford,

advanced accounting, and Brandon Dominguez, spreadsheet applications.

Denton High students recently earned three wins, five top-five finishes at the Texas Technological Student Association state competition in Waco. They are:

Best in state: Nathan Gray, Ignacio Palomino and Chyanne Nichols earned the top award as project designers for their work on a barbed wire roller, hydraulic wire tension device and welding rod warmer.

State Runner-up: Gabriel Castro was named runner-up for his project in the architectural project category.

Other state winners: Christian Diaz, third place, architecture; Daniel Carrillo, fourth place, architecture; Rachel Kim, fifth place, architecture; and MariPenn Yeatts, fifth place, animitronics.

William Root, Denton High sophomore, recently qualified to take the American Invitational Mathematics Examination – one of the top student math competitions in the world. William qualified by taking the AMC 12 as a sophomore. If he becomes a top performer on AIME, he will be invited to participate in United States of America Mathematical Olympiad.

Denton High recently had 47 students take the National Spanish Exam and placed above the national average.

Gold Medal:

Freshman Alejandro Ruiz took the bilingual Level 2 exam and scored in the top one percent of all students in the nation, earning a prestigious Premio de Oro gold medal and the highest score.

Other Premio de Oro: Kody Jones, freshman; Gabriela Godina, junior; Vanessa Jimenez, freshman; Omar Akram, sophomore; Elena Souris, junior; Ariana Rodriguez, junior, and Yolanda Narcisso, senior.

Silver Medals:

Silver: Giovanni Gomez, freshman; Flor Macias, freshman; Taylor Beatty, sophomore; Rosalena Granados, freshman; Danielle Jacobson, freshman; Katy McGregor, senior; Christopher Penny, sophomore; Anna Ryu, sophomore; Isaac Warriner, sophomore; Cynthia Hernandez, junior; Nico Cortes, junior; George Roberson, sophomore; William Root, sophomore; Cristal Benitez, junior.

Bronze Medals:

Bronze: Stephen Ashcraft, freshman; Andy Ye, freshman; Pedro De Santana, sophomore; Gus Cocchiarella, sophomore; Cynthia Panteleon, sophomore; Tasnya Rasheed, sophomore; Nicole Beisel, junior; Emily Gray, junior.

Honorable mention:

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1st Open Forum Jennifer Engelbrecht a teacher at Ann Windle addressed the Board regarding the Pre-K issues at her campus and the current overcrowding.

The following parents all addressed the Board regarding Autism education and programing for DISD autistic students: Jana Edwards, Tess Sullivan & Brandon Woltman.

Discussion & Review of 1st Quarter Growth Report Rocky Gardner, representative from Templeton Demographics, and Rod Reeves, Facilities Coordinator, presented the first quarter growth report for 2012. Mr. Gardner highlighted that the Dallas-Fort Worth area is second nationally in housing starts in the first quarter of 2012, with Denton County ranking fourth overall. Denton ISD posted the fourth largest number of homes closing in the area during that same time period and posted a 26 percent growth in number of housing starts compared to the first quarter of 2012.

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

Discussion of Budget 2012-2013 Debbie Monschke, Executive Director of Administrative Services, continued updating the Board with a preliminary budget for the 2012-13 school year. The board is considering a proposed budget that includes a salary increase of about 3 percent with a \$700 minimum per employee. The district has not provided salary increases to exempt and support staff in two years and one year for teachers.

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

Continued Discussion of Elementary Programs Mary Helen Martin, Director of Elementary Curriculum provided the Trustees with the most up-to-date projections for 2012 – 2013 elementary staffing so that the best decisions can be made on behalf of students, families, campuses, and the district.

At Ann Windle every classroom is currently used for students including: 12 Head Start Classrooms, 3 Prekindergarten Classrooms, 3 PPCD Classrooms, and 1 Deaf Education Classroom (19 classroom units occupying 18 classroom spaces). Classrooms are 730 square feet versus the current

elementary prototype for prekindergarten of 900 square feet.

Newton Rayzor Elementary is projected to have increases in enrollment, 36 of 36 classrooms will be utilized for Prekindergarten through 5th grades. That leaves Foreign Language, EXPO, Social Adjustment Class, Math Interventionist, Play Therapy, and Community in Schools without space in the building and three portables in need of renovation as the only remaining option.

Paloma Creek Elementary has 12 appropriate rooms for prekindergarten through 1st grade. These rooms are 900 square feet and have restrooms within each of the classrooms. Projections for 2012 - 2013 include 2 prekindergarten classes, 6 kindergarten classes, and 6 first grade classes. There are 14 classes that need to use the 12 spaces available for prek-1st grade. All classrooms are currently in use for Prekindergarten - 5th grades and other special programs at the campus with projections for 2 additional general education positions for 2012 - 2013.

Mrs. Martin presented several options to alleviate the overcrowding at these three campuses.

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

Briefing on the
National School
Board
Association
(NSBA)
Conference

The board briefed the audience on the National School Board Association conference where Trustee Rudy Rodriguez and Superintendent Ray Braswell presented on the Bilingual/ESL program and Trustee Glenna Harris and Dr. Braswell gave a session on the Advanced Technology Complex. They reported that both sessions had standing room only.

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

Discussion of
Texas
Association of
School Boards
(TASB)
Advocacy
Resolution
Proposals

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) invites school boards to submit new Advocacy Resolutions to be included in the 2012-14 Advocacy Agenda. The Advocacy Agenda is the plan of action TASB pursues during the legislative biennium which consists of two parts:

- Advocacy Priorities - a set of legislative goals arising from TASB's grassroots process.
- Advocacy Resolutions - district-submitted stances guiding TASB's response to other issues that might arise before the Legislature and other governmental entities.

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

Ann Windle

Phyllis Hollinshead, Principal reviewed the governing bodies responsibilities

Head Start Policy Council Report	and the Program Team Summary Report as well as the management responsibilities for maintenance of a quality Head Start program. This item is for information only. No action is required.
NSBA Resolution Reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)	The Board discussed the reauthorization of “No Child Left Behind” and that is was more than three years overdue for reauthorization and the accountability requirements will result in more than three quarters of America’s public schools will be labeled as failing in the 2011-2012 school year. This item is for information only. No action is required.
2 nd Open Forum	No one wished to speak.
Consent Agenda	Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Glenna Harris To approve (the minutes for the April 10, 2012 and April 17, 2012 board meetings; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Investment Report as of March 31, 2012; Resolution for Green Valley School Historical Society; approval of travel to a non-state sanctioned activity, out-of-state for Denton High School HOSA to travel to Orlando Florida on June 19-24, 2012; Renewal of the Innovative Course Internetworking Technologies 1 (Cisco Networking) and Internetworking Technologies II). The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting. Dr. Braswell announced that Amy Lawrence was named the new Director of Counseling for Denton ISD. Amy had been a counselor for 12 years and was recently named the Texas High School Counselor of the Year. She will resume the director’s role for the 2012-13 school year and is replacing Melanie Lewis, who is retiring in June.
Consider Approval of TASB Update 93 and Policy DC (Local) Employment Practices – 1 st Reading	Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Curtis Ramsey To approve on first reading the adoption of TASB Update 93 local policies including policy FFB (Local) Student Welfare: Crisis Intervention and revisions to DC (Local) Employment Practices The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of Board Operating Procedures	Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Charles Stafford To approve the Board Operating Procedures as presented.

Consider Approval of Elementary Program Modifications	The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez
	To approve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering the small PPCD class expected to return to AWSYC next school year, repurpose the teaching unit and serve the one returning student in an existing PPCD class. • Move the two Prekindergarten classes from Paloma Creek Elementary to Savannah Elementary. • Move the Prekindergarten classes from N. Rayzor Elementary to Borman Elementary until a future date when space is available for their return to N. Rayzor Elementary.
	The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of Resolution Concerning High Stakes Standardized Testing of Texas Public School Students	Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jim Alexander To approve the TASA Resolution Concerning High Stakes Standardized Testing of Texas Public School Students.
	The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of Changes to Eligibility, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance Plan (ERSEA)	Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Glenna Harris To approve the Ann Windle Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance Plan (ERSEA) changes to assure Head Start program compliance with upcoming changes in eligibility requirements.
	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 9:13 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:22 pm
	Motion by Curtis Ramsey and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez To approve its offer to release Ray Braswell from his contracts in consideration of Ray Braswell releasing Denton I.S.D. from its contractual

obligations.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve the naming of James K. Wilson, III as the sole finalist being considered for the position of Superintendent of the Denton Independent School District.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm

President

Secretary