

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, April 22, 2014 at 6:02PM. The meeting was called to order by president Charles Stafford who announced that a quorum was present.

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

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Bostic, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Sargent, Hicks, and Cox.

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

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by EP Rayzor Elementary school students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Harpool Middle School's Orchestra recently received a first-place award at the American String Teachers Association National Orchestra Festival in Louisville, KY. The Harpool orchestra was one of only three middle schools from across the country selected to compete at this national festival.

DISD choir students accounted for eight members or alternates on the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Choir. These Denton ISD students joined the other top choral singers in the state by performing at the annual TMEA State Convention in San Antonio in February.

Rebecca Williams, fifth-grade science teacher at Wilson Elementary School, has been awarded the 2014 Ernest and Sarah Butler Award for Excellence in Science Teaching by the Texas Medical Association.

1st Open Forum No one wished to speak.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Update The Board was provided an update of the current DP, MYP, and PYP activities at Denton High School, Calhoun Middle School, N. Rayzor Elementary School, and Borman Elementary School.

The IB programs have made inroads at each of these campuses in expanding the global perspective of academics and how students fit into that model. A recent evaluation from IB leaders was overwhelmingly positive with

recommendations given to continue the progress the IB curriculum is having in the district. Among the happenings at the district's IB campuses during the 2013-14 school year are:

- An increase in diploma candidate students, from 15 in 2013 to 27 in 2014 at Denton High
- A renewed focus on leadership skills with DP and MYP IB students from Denton High helping future IB DP students at Calhoun Middle and Houston Elementary in academic assistance and community service projects
- Implementing curriculum maps at Calhoun Middle to improve inquiry from students and communication among teachers
- The addition of French as a second language at Borman Elementary and the continued usage of technology and research skills in the PYP program at both Borman and Newton Rayzor

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

Utility
Management
Energy Audit

The Board received the mid-year report for energy consumption and utility management from Dan Edwards, Manager of Energy Project Development with TD Industries, and Paul Andress, Executive Director of Operations. The report showed that while the unit cost for electricity increased by 4.8 percent, the district's consumption decreased by the same number. Additionally, the irrigation unit cost increased by 9.7 percent, yet district consumption decreased by 21 percent – even with the addition of Myers Middle to the district's total square footage. Overall, the district maintained a cost of \$1.46 per square foot, the same as its average during the 2009-10 school year, through its energy conservation and green measures. Mr. Edwards pointed out that the district's total utility costs increased by approximately \$612,000, which he attributed to higher natural gas prices and the longer than normal winter.

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

Examining
Grading
Practices

Vicki Christenson, Director of Secondary Curriculum, provided the Board an overview of the district's updated secondary grading practices that is designed to provide a better method of reporting student knowledge. Mrs. Christenson outlined the steps the Academic Leadership Team has taken during the past two years to implement grading practices that fall in line with the district's goals. The district gathered input from international educational experts, local administrators, as well as district teachers and parents. The end result was a grading system developed by the ALT that ensures parents and students can understand if students are learning and mastering the content, while not penalizing the students for behavioral issues. The new system provides students more feedback than just a number. This system will require a 9-week grading period to allow teachers more time for

feedback and accurate assessments and will:

- Hold students accountable for learning the curriculum tied to standards;
- Provide “value learning” over earning numerical points; therefore, it will not be acceptable to just “take a grade” when learning has not occurred;
- Recognize that feedback is a valuable tool to increase learning;
- Understand that errors are part of the learning process;
- And allow students to take personal ownership of their own learning.

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

Child Nutrition
Meal Prices

Robin Wantland, Director of Child Nutrition provided the Board with information on upcoming lunch price increases. For school year 2014-2015, school food authorities that, on a weighted average, charged less than \$2.65 for paid lunches in school year 2013-2014 are required to adjust their weighted average lunch price or add non-Federal funds to the non-profit school food service account. Although a waiver may be requested, there is an application process with no guarantee of approval. The waiver, if granted, would apply only for one year. Denton ISD currently has an average weighted lunch price of \$2.62.

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

2014-2015
Budget
Discussion

Debbie Monschke, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, presented the budget changes for the 2014-15 school year.

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

Extended School
Day (ESD)
Report

Steve Johnson provided the Board with an update on the Extended School Day program for the 2014-15 school year.

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

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Rudy Rodriguez and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve (the minutes of the March 25, 2014 and March 26, 2014 Training and Special Board Meetings; Personnel matters, leaves and absences; Investment Report as of March 31, 2014; Budget Amendments as of March 31, 2014; AWSYC Head Start Monthly Compliance Reports; Textbook Proclamation for 2014; Catalog Discount Proposal for Instructional Supplies and Equipment First Extension CSP130220; Athletic Equipment & Supply

Proposal 130219-ATH; Approval of Widepoint Solutions Corp. to conduct a telecom audit on the District's phone bills; Shelter Agreements Between DISD and American Red Cross for Calhoun, Crownover, McMath & Strickland Middle Schools and Denton and Ryan High Schools).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
TASB Update 99
Local Policies on
1st Reading

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve TASB Update 99 Local Policies on first reading.

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 9:55 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:20 pm

Motion by Glenna Harris and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez

To move the Denton ISD approve the Resolution authorizing the conveyance of land to the City of Denton for the purpose of enhancing and improving the provision of electrical services to the citizens of Denton, Texas. This Resolution will provide the City of Denton an enlargement of its current easement situated on the Denton ISD tract of land on the northern right-of-way of Loop 288.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:53

President

Secretary