

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, January 11, 2022, at 6:01 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Chadwick who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Chadwick, English, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Niven, Mattingly, Pierce, Perkins, O'Bara, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Stevenson, and Zwahr

Others: Cindy Breeding, *Denton Record Chronicle*; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Blanton Elementary School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Twenty Denton ISD students have been chosen out of 1.6 million total entrants to be semi-finalists or commended scholars in the National Merit Scholarship Program for this year's graduating class. The College Board named Joyce Hu, Christian Luevano, Erica Peterson, and Eta-Maru Tako of Guyer High to the distinguished list of National Merit Semi-Finalists. The four join a pool of just 16,000 National Merit Semifinalists in the entire country. High school students are selected into the program based on their top scores on the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

The Class of 2022 commended scholars include Jonathan Oliver of Denton High: Akintomiwa Akinniyi, Madison Baer, Dylan Davies, Olivia Hodgson, Carter Howard, Joseph Hwang, Sarah Jenkins, Ethan Jones, Ah-Young Kim, Isabella Rohlik, Siddhartha Shah, Gabriella Smith, Aaron Taylor, Jackson Williams, and Ethan Woodman of Guyer High.

The College Board honored 192 Denton ISD high school students with distinctions for 2021, according to their annual list of recipients who are named Advanced Placement Scholars. The national program recognizes individuals who have demonstrated college-level achievement through exceptional scores in AP courses and on AP exams. Students are awarded

based on four levels including: AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, AP Scholar with Distinction and National AP Scholar. Students receive an award certificate from The College Board and although there is no monetary award, this achievement is acknowledged on any score report that is sent to colleges. AP Scholars from Braswell and Denton High schools were recognized during this Board meeting.

The Board recognized the Coats for Kids Ride is the event's founder, Greg Sawko, Sawko & Burroughs Attorney-at-Law along with many other community individuals who helped to make this event possible. Since 2011, the Coats for Kids Ride has collected 19,000 coats for students in Denton ISD and other Denton County school districts. Bringing together motorcycle enthusiasts and community volunteers, this annual event focuses on providing warm coats for students in need, enabling families to focus their priorities on other necessities. The 2021 Coats for Kids Ride recently collected 1,400 coats during its November ride.

For their decade long commitment to the health and safety of our students and the student of Denton County, we wish to express our gratitude and honor the volunteers who conceived and sponsor this annual event.

District staff, including teachers, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, administrators, custodial, maintenance and support staff, have pledged more than \$74,583.53 to the United Way of Denton County following the 2021-2022 campaign kick-off. The total represents a very generous contribution by our staff. Gary Henderson, United Way Executive Director, and representatives of UWDC were here to accept the donation from district staff. Dr. Buddy Dunworth and Dr. Beth Kelly, principals, coordinated the district's campaign.

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

1st Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Public Hearing for Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)

Dr. Mike Mattingly, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction conducted the Public Hearing on the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) 2021 which replaced the AEIS report. The 2021 Accountability Rating was "Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster" (Covid-19). Given the impact of COVID-19, all districts and schools received a label of Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster for their 2021 accountability ratings. Dr. Mattingly gave an overview of student performance for Denton ISD, the class of 2020 had a total of 2096 graduates and the credit for College, Career & Military Readiness (CCMR) credit was 63.1%. The District's graduation rate for 2020 was 97.1%.

President Chadwick closed the TAPR Public Hearing at 7:00 pm

Discussion of Denton ISD Utility Management Report From July 2020- June 2021

Paul Andress, Executive Director of Operations and Brandon Hoke, TD Industries presented the trend data comparing 2020 to 2021. Our utility cost runs around \$1.23 per square foot. The Board was also provided an update as to the solar system at Union Park Elementary. The Operations Department continues to have bi-weekly utility audits to review any problem area.

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

Discussion of High School Course Planning Guide 2022-2023

Lisa Thibodeaux, Director of Secondary Academics presented the High School and Middle School Course planning guides. Updates are made to the planning guides each year to reflect changes in course offerings and other related policies and practices. The purpose of this report is to share with the Board of Trustees the changes that will be reflected in the 2022-2023 Denton ISD High School Course Planning Guide. The Course Planning Guides undergoes general reformatting, corrections, revisions, and editing. It also provides clarifications to current practice:

- GPA calculation worksheet
- CBE options, available exams
- Examples of mathematics acceleration
- 5th year English GPA option

Changes to current practice:

- New options for world language credits for transfer students

Course changes recommended by course committee:

- Dual Credit Chemistry
- Astronomy
- AP Biology (grade level change)
- Strategic Learning for High School Mathematics
- Money Matters (for LaGrone)
- CTE course updates

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

Discussion of Middle School Course Planning Guide 2022-2023

Lisa Thibodeaux, Director of Secondary Academics presented the Middle School Course planning guide. Updates are made to the planning guides each year to reflect changes in course offerings and other related policies and practices. The purpose of this report is to share with the Board of Trustees the changes that will be reflected in the 2022-2023 Denton ISD Middle School Course Planning Guide. The Planning Guides updates include:

General reformatting, corrections, revisions, editing

Clarifications to current practice:

- Credit Recovery
- "Courses taken in middle school"
- Spanish for Spanish Speakers additional information

Course changes recommended by course committee:

- Middle School Dance 2
- Robotics 1
- Principles of Applied Engineering
- Gateway to Technology I-IV

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

Discussion
Extended School
Days (ESD)
Program

Lesli Guajardo, Director of District Services presented a report on Extended School Day for the Board of Trustees to consider the following:

- Increase of tuition for ESD
- Early Release Plan for 2022-2023 school year

In order to keep the current (temporary) pay increase, ESD will have to raise tuition. Without the temporary pay increase for ESD instructors, the program would continue to be significantly short-staffed resulting in waitlists for all campuses.

The Early Release Plan will require additional preparation and training for ESD instructors. It will also require cooperation from campus paraprofessionals and the substitute teacher office (ESS).

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

COVID Report

The Board was provided the most recent update of student/staff Covid cases.

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

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve (the minutes of the December 14, 2021 Board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of December 31, 2021; Investment Report as of November 30, 2021; Approval of TASB Update 118 Local Policies on 2nd Reading; approval to renew the RFP #1912-17 Paint Supplies, Equipment & Services to include Mural Artists award for a term of two (2) years beginning February 1, 2022, through January 31, 2024; approval of the quote from Greenwood Publishing Group, LLC dba Heinemann in the amount of \$434,433.62 for teacher instructional resources for Sandbrock Ranch ES; approval of the quote from TD Industries in the amount of \$403,656.00 for the upgrade of the HVAC & Access Controls at Crownover Middle School; approval of the quote from Dell Marketing L.P. in the amount of \$4,017,000.00 for the purchase of new Chromebooks to replace the TEA-subsidized Chromebooks using 100% reimbursement from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Emergency

Connectivity Fund (ECF) at a net zero cost to the District for the devices; approval of the quote from School Health Corporation in the amount of \$824,318.00 for the purchase of air purifiers and accessories; approval of the quotes from Plano Office Supply in the amount of \$169,816.07 for the furniture refresh purchase for the Ramsey Professional Development Center and the Sisk Service Center Annex; and approval of the District of Innovation update and renewal as presented).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

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| Consider Approval & Acceptance of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for LaGrone Academy, Advanced Technology Complex | Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve of the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$16,489,325.00, with a total construction cost of \$16,681,326.00, submitted by Steele & Freeman for construction of LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex additions.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting |
| Consider Approval of Order of Trustee Election for May 7, 2022 | Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve of the Order of Trustee Election to be held on May 7, 2022

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 9:04 pm |
| Open Meeting | The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:26 pm |
| Adjournment: | The meeting adjourned at |

President

Secretary

