

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, February 10, 2009 at 6:02 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Charles Stafford 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, Stripling, Monschke, Sisk, 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 Woodrow Wilson Elementary School students.

Presentations/ Recognitions During the 1999-2000 school year, Mildred Hawk established the Hawkeye Reading Contest for third-grade students. It greatly helped the Denton ISD literacy programs. Mrs. Hawk donated \$50,000 to the Denton Public School Foundation to provide adequate funds to make this important literacy program an annual event. The third-grade students with the most Accelerated Reader or Reading Counts points during the established dates placed in the contest. Each winning student is given the following monetary award:

- 1st place award of \$25 and a 1st place ribbon
- 2nd place award of \$15 and a 2nd place ribbon
- 3rd place award of \$10 and a 3rd place ribbon

The district winners will receive: First place: \$125, Second place: \$75
Third place \$50

The District winners are: 3rd Place – Jazmyn Robles, Lee Elementary;
2nd Place – Edith Rojas, Ginnings Elementary and 1st Place – Ciara Carlson-Hargis, L.A Nelson Elementary

1st Open Forum No one wished to speak.

Discussion of Budget Development 2009-2010 Debbie Monschke, Executive Director of Finance provided the Board of Trustees with information regarding the budget process for allocating funds for the Per Pupil Budget. Additional Funding for campuses based on special population counts include the following:

- Free and Reduced Counts - \$10 per student
- LEP (Limited English Proficiency) - \$12 per student

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

TASB Update 84 Update 84 includes redeveloped policies regarding special education, authority to dispose of property no longer needed by the district, transportation safety, and student cell phone use. The Update also addresses numerous other issues, including new material from commissioner rules regarding exemptions from student physical activity requirements; state assessments for limited English proficient students; courses for no pass, no play purposes; and dual language immersion programs.

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

Continued Discussion of S.T.E.A.M. Initiative Dr. Mike Mattingly and Ernie Stripling provided the Board with an update on the S.T.E.A.M. Initiative plus the plans for the upcoming Jim Brazell visit. The STEAM committee is studying ways to better integrate the learning of science, math, engineering, technology and the arts for the purpose of creating students that are able to solve real-life problems and challenges. STEAM hopes to build a foundation by which students are better prepared for 21st

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Construction Report Garry Ryan and Carlos Garza from Charter Builders presented an update on the District's current Bond construction projects.

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

Update on State and Federal Legislation Dr. Ramsey briefed the Board on state and federal information he received while attending the National School Board Association's Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington D.C.

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

4th Quarter Growth Report Rod Reeves, Facilities Coordinator presented the Board of Trustees with the general DFW housing market economic indicators and Denton I.S.D. residential activity for the 4th Quarter. This information will give the Board an understanding of trends in

residential home sales and growth in student population.

The Board of Trustees requested to have a report that shows the projected enrollments of elementary, middle school and high school students by grade level within these housing developments.

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

Announcement
of Trustee
Continuing
Education Credit
Hours

The Board of Trustees must annually announce the name of each board member who has completed the required continuing education, who has exceeded the required hours, and who is deficit in the required continuing education. The State Board of Education required continuing education is divided into three Tiers.

Tier I pertains to Local Orientation for new members only and, for all trustees, an orientation to the Texas Education Code. Dr. Rudy Rodriguez as a new member completed *The Texas Education Code Training on May 20, 2008.*

Tier II pertains to the required team-building session with the Board and Superintendent and *was completed on November 18, 2008.*

Tier III pertains to additional continuing credit hours, based on assessed needs and the Framework for Governance Leadership. I am pleased to inform you that all members of the 2008-2009 Board of Trustees – President Charles Stafford, Vice-President Jim Alexander, Secretary, Mia Price and trustees Dr. Glenna Harris, Dr. Curtis Ramsey, Dr. Rudy Rodriguez and Dr. Jeanetta Smith have exceeded the required hours of training in continuing education this year.

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

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Rudy Rodriguez

To approve (minutes for the January 13, 2009 board meeting; personnel matters and personnel leaves and absences; Investment Report as of December 31, 2008; approval on 2nd reading Policy Revision to GRA (Local) Relations with Government Entities; TEA Textbook Waiver; approval of RHS Orchestra to travel in-state to the Director's Choice Music Festival in South Padre Island, Texas, April 16-19, 2009; and approval of the Strickland Middle School Orchestra to travel in-state to the Director's Choice Alamo Showcase of Music in San Antonio, Texas, May 8-10, 2009)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of Call
for the May 9,
2009 Trustee
Election

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve the Call for Election to be held on May 9, 2009 to elect to the Board of Trustees of the Denton Independent School District two (2) Trustees for a full three (3) year term; one Trustee for each position; each position designated as Place 1 and Place 2

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of
Denton County
Election Contract

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve the Contract for Election Services between Denton County and Denton Independent School District for the addition of an election day polling site, and a change in election day polling site for voters in precinct 118 from City of Denton Library, North to City of Corinth.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Approval of
Southern
Association of
Colleges &
Schools (SACS)
District
Accreditation
Process

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Curtis Ramsey

To approve the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS) District-wide Accreditation.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

President

Secretary