

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 28, 2020 at 6:02 PM.

Pursuant to the Governor Abbott's Temporary Suspension of Open Meetings Laws issued on March 16, 2020, this meeting will be conducted via videoconference, which will be audible to the Board and public and allow for two-way communication. The Board President, presiding officer of trustees will not be physically present at one location, but a quorum will be required for the meeting on the videoconference or phone. The public may access this meeting or obtain an electronic copy of the agenda packet at <https://www.dentonisd.org/trustees>.

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

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Chadwick, Martinez, Price, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members Absent:
Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Lopez, Perkins, O'Bara, Stevenson and Zwahr

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

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

Presentations/ Recognitions: The Denton ISD Purchasing Department has earned its first-ever Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) Award of Merit for Purchasing and Operations, honoring its commitment to professional standards in acquiring goods and services. To determine award recipients, TASBO reviewed various procedures and practices ranging from organization, policies, contract operations, staff training and certification to technology use, communication, and management of cooperative programs. The Award of Merit for Purchasing Operations recognizes the achievements of educational organizations in implementing best practices in the area of purchasing. The honorees demonstrate professional purchasing operations and share their best practices in policies and procedures with colleagues throughout the state.

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

2020-2021
Budget Planning
Discussion

Jennifer Stewart, Director of Budgeting stated typically the District has received its property values by April 1 however due to COVID-19 we will not receive them until the end of April. Jennifer reviewed the Assigned Fund Balance as of June 30, 2019 which depicts the percentages for such items as Career & Technology, Major Maintenance, Vehicles, District-Wide Equipment, Campus Budgets, Athletics, Fine Arts, Campus Start-ups, and Local Grants. For 2019-2020 large major maintenance items Administrative Services tracks items like general maintenance, bus purchases, roofing, playground equipment, paint/flooring.

Jennifer also reviewed the budget change% sheets and reviewed the 2020-2021 Budget Requests with personnel being 74%, Contracted Services-13%, Supplies & Materials-7 %, Substitutes – 4%.

Some items the Board still needs to consider is playground replacement cycle, year 2 of Teacher computer refresh for middle schools, computer lab refresh and the D-Tek program for student Chromebook.

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

Discussion of
Employee
Medical
Insurance Health
Care Plans

Chris Bomberger, Exec. Director for Risk Management presented an update of information regarding the TRS medical plan changes for 2020-2021 as well as medical plans provided by Texas Schools Health Benefits Program. On February 21, 2020 TRS Board selected Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas to serve as the new health plan for TRS medical benefits and will take effect Sept. 1, 2020.

Denton ISD open enrollment is scheduled for July 15 – August 23, 2020. The District contribution will remain at \$260 per eligible employee per month.

Russ Edwards reviewed alternative medical plans to give employees an additional plan other than TRS. Texas School Health Benefits Summary which is a fully funded program. Mr. Edwards reviewed the comparisons between TRS Active Care to the Texas Schools Health Benefit Programs.

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

COVID-19
Update

Chris Bomberger, Executive Director of Risk Management and Child Nutrition presented an overview of the super bundle meals the Nutrition department has been providing to District families in need. More than 80,000+ meals were served last week. Campus administrators help in the meal distribution. The Nutrition department has received two grants this past week 1-Dairy Max -\$2000 per site and Department of Defense (DoD Produce) - \$53,000 in additional funds.

Dr. Jeff Russell, Area Superintendent presented a report on the teacher/student connection by campus during COVID-19.

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

Professional Staff
Appointments,
Resignations &
Employment

During the COVID-19 pandemic the Board of Trustees gave Dr. Wilson the authority to hire and contractual personnel including classroom teachers and administrators. The Board was provided a list of those approved transaction. Dr. Wilson announced DeCorian Haley as the new principal of Braswell High School. Mr. Haley has been an Assistant Principal at Guyer High School.

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

COVID-19
Resolution Items

Deron Robinson, General Counsel provide an update on the COVID-19 Resolution and the delegation of authority given to the Superintendent. This Resolution has been updated as to items Dr. Wilson has approved since the April 14, 2020 Board meeting.

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

Instructional
Materials High
School ELA &
ESL/Middle
School ESL
Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with an overview of the resources recommended for purchase for High School Instructional materials as well as background information that supports the instructional directions of the ELA and ESL programs. TEA Instructional Materials Proclamation 2020 are instructional materials for high school English Language Arts courses in grades 9-12, (including English as a Second Language courses in grade 9-10), as well as English as a Second Language courses in grades 7 and 8.

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

Open Forum

As of 4:00 today there were no requests to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Doug Chadwick and seconded by Mia Price

To approve (the minutes for the April 14, 2020 Board meeting; approval of quote from Whirlix in the amount of \$152,571.50 for the playground structure purchase at Adkins Elementary; approval of the quote and statement of work from Dell EMC in the amount of \$985,507.20 for the elementary teacher and office staff computer refresh equipment; approval of the quotes from WeBuildFun in the amount of \$279,927.82 for the playground replacement projects at Houston Elementary; approval of the quote from HMI Utilities, LLC in the amount of \$160,700.39 for the extension of the District's fiber infrastructure from the Professional Development Center to the Technology Building located at 200 W.

Congress; approval of the Head Start COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) and QI (Quality Improvement) grant application for FY20; approval of the Ann Windle School For Young Children Head Start 2019-2020 Community Assessment Update; approval of the Ann Windle School for Young Children Head Start Compliance Report for February 2020; approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the Region 10 Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative and the Denton Independent School District and approval of a resolution to accept a revised offer of \$21,788 from the City of Denton for the conveyance of real estate necessary for the widening of McKinney Street on the frontage of Ryan High School).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
Audit
Engagement
Letter

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Jeanetta Smith

To Approve of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn and Seay for the 2019-2020 fiscal year audit

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:17 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:40 pm

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve the offering Dr. Jamie Wilson a proposed new contract for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2020 through and including June 30, 2023

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm

President

Secretary