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, September 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

**Board Members** 

Alexander, Burns, Chadwick, Martinez, Price, Smith and Stafford

Present:

**Board Members** 

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel

Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Lopez, Perkins, O'Bara,

Stevenson and Zwahr Present:

Others: Marshall Reid, Denton Record Chronicle; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney;

citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Denton High School JROTC.

Presentations/ Recognitions

Each year the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) honors businesses and organizations for their support and exceptional advocacy of local schools. This state-wide honor, as part of "Stand Up for Texas Public Schools," recognizes local businesses and community organizations who partner with districts, making a difference in the lives of local public-school students. As a Denton ISD Platinum Level Partner with Adopt-a-School and the official sponsor of our district Volunteer Program, DATCU employees are some of the first to volunteer in our schools, no matter the event. The Board recognized the Denton Area Teachers Credit Union (DATCU) for their continued support of Denton ISD and are this month's Community

Spotlight.

1st Open Forum Bryan Webb addressed the Board requesting consideration for nomination to

the Denton County Appraisal Districts Board of Directors.

**Public Hearing** on School "FIRST" Rating President Burns opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 pm

Vicki Garcia, Executive Director of Financial Operations reviewed the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report. The state's school financial accountability rating system ensures that Texas public schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and that they improve those practices. The system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to better manage their financial resources to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes. Denton ISD received a superior rating or the highest designation possible.

President Burns asked the public if anyone wished to speak and no one wished to speak. President Burns closed the hearing 6:26 pm

Discussion of Bilingual/Dual Language & ESL Programs Annual Report Teresa Luna-Taylor, Director of the Bilingual and ESL Programs presented an annual update on Denton ISD Bilingual/Dual Language & ESL Programs. English Learners makeup about 15% of the total student enrollment. The report emphasizes the need for the continual strengthening of the Bilingual Dual Language/ESL Programs to meet the demands of the steady growth of enrollment and the performance of secondary students participating in these programs. An increasingly diverse population of students speaking 48 other languages also requires additional focused campus support. The report emphasizes that Bilingual/Dual Language students are closing the gap in their STAAR Math performance and have demonstrated continued growth in other content areas such as reading. ESL students are performing near or at the same level of other ESL students in the state.

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

Discussion of Brightbytes Survey Results Ross Garrison, Director of Instructional Technology provided the Board of Trustees with an overview of the 2018-2019 Brightbytes technology survey and shared how the digital learning department plans to address the results in pursuit of their department goals.

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

Discussion of Denton County Appraisal District (DCAD) Board of Directors Nomination The Denton Central Appraisal District (DCAD) has requested its taxing jurisdictions to <u>nominate up to five people</u> to be considered for their Board of Directors. According to Section 6.03 of the Property Tax Code, it is the chief appraiser's responsibility to initiate this process. The chief appraiser does not have the authority, or duty to investigate, or judge, the qualifications of the nominees. The nominations must be returned to the Denton Appraisal District by October 15, 2019.

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

Discussion of Final Enrollment Update Angela Ricks, Director of Student Support Services provided the Board of Trustees with a summary of Denton ISD's current enrollment count for the 2019–2020 school year and to compare this data to previous years.

Denton ISD's 2019 10-day count was 30,617, and our current enrollment is 30,797. When compared to enrollment on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of school, Denton ISD has enrolled another 180 students. When compared to last school year's PEIMS submission data, Denton ISD has grown by 566 students. 9<sup>th</sup> grade

enrollment count increased by 167 students, followed by  $12^{th}$  grade with 144 students.  $4^{th}$  grade enrollment decreased by 120 students, followed by  $2^{nd}$  grade with 60 students.

The district has enrolled 716 more students this school year when compared to last school year.

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

Discussion of Quarterly Growth Report 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019 Bob Templeton, Templeton Demographics presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Growth Report. Denton's unemployment rate is 3% and Denton ISD has the 2<sup>nd</sup> most annual closings of any district in DFW, behind only Prosper in new home activity. Denton ISD had the most in new home closings in a single quarter in more than 12 years. The Union Park Elementary zone accounts for 40% of all district new home starts in the last 12 months. Denton ISD has more than 4,400 lots available to build on and the district has more than 32,400 planned future lots. Denton ISD can expect an increase of nearly 3,850 students during the next 5 years.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve (the minutes of the August 27, 2019 Board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; approve the purchase of district-wide Optical Equipment at a total project cost of \$2,046,576.61. The cost to the District of \$818,630.64 to be funded through the 2013 Bond Program utilizing RFP #1901-02 and the remaining \$1,227,945.97 to be funded by USAC E-Rate funding; approval of the names of parents, community members and district employees who are willing to serve on the 2019-2020 SHAC Committee; approval of the Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement between the City of Denton and the Denton Independent School District whereas the City shall provide Denton ISD with six (6) certified police officers to serve as school resource officers (SROs) assigned to Denton, Guyer, and Ryan High Schools and Calhoun, Strickland, and McMath Middle Schools and approval to apply for a maximum class size exemption waiver for Bell Elementary from the Texas Education Agency as required by Texas Education Code (TEA) 25.112).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Certification of Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Dorothy Martinez

Appraisal Roll, Collection Rate, And Voter Approval Tax To approve the 2019 Certified Appraisal Roll, tax collection rate at 100%,

and confirm the voter approval tax rate of \$1.4982.

Rates The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of Tax Rate Ordinance for 2019 Motion by Doug Chadwick and seconded by Dorothy Martinez

To approve the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.47, which is effectively a 1.6% percent increase in the tax rate.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:41 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:28 pm

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jim Alexander

To facilitate the construction of a planned softball field, tennis courts, locker facilities and additional parking the Board approves the Partial Abandonment of Surface Rights agreement with EagleRidge Energy II, LLC, which provides for the abandonment and capping of wells 2, 5, and 6, and for relocation of a portion of the existing gas pipeline location on Guyer High School property.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve the Resolution for Sale of 401 North Elm Street to the City of Denton with an amendment to the contract changing the Title Company and Escrow Agent to a City of Denton based Title Company.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Jim Alexander, Barbara Burns, Doug Chadwick, Dorothy Martinez, Mia Price, Jeanetta Smith and Charles Stafford.

To approve the increase of Dr. Jamie Wilson's base salary to \$310,000 effective July 1, 2019. His totally compensation would then be \$331,400.

	The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.		
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 10:41 pm		
		President	
		Secretary	