

The Board of Trustees of Denton Independent School District, State of Texas, met in a special meeting at the Denton ISD Central Services building, 1307 N. Locust St., Denton, Texas, on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Glenna Harris who announced that a quorum was present.

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

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early: Stafford left at 9:45

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Sargent, Hicks, Stevenson and Zavala

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

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

Presentations/ Recognitions The Texas School Nurses Organization recently chose Josh Boring a Denton High School student as the recipient of its annual President's Award for his work in promoting the advancement of healthy practices for students of all ages and the advancement of standards for professional school nurses. In September, he represented Texas and Denton ISD on Constitution Day at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. and spoke to Congressman Michael Burgess and one of the aides of Senator Ted Cruz on the importance of having registered nurses on every school campus – a practice implemented by the district.

The College Board honored 155 Denton ISD high school students with distinctions for 2014, according to their annual list of recipients who are named Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars. The national program recognizes individuals who have demonstrated college-level achievement through exceptional scores in AP courses and on AP exams. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams are named AP Scholars. Denton ISD had 105 students earn the AP Scholar distinction. Students who earn an average score of 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and score of three or higher on four or more exams earn the AP Scholar with Honors certification. Denton ISD had 22 students who were awarded this honor.

Three Denton ISD seniors have joined an elite group of scholars by earning one of the highest academic honors in the country. Guyer High School's

Max Malone, Eliza Price and Zachary Wade are among the highest scoring entrants from the state of Texas in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship program.

Additionally, 12 Denton ISD students were recognized as Commended Scholars by the National Merit Scholarship program. There are less than 34,000 students recognized nationwide, placing these student's scores on the PSAT/NMSQT in the top five percent.

The district also had eight students received recognition as National Hispanic Scholars or National Achievement Scholars. The National Merit program recognizes students that are at-least one-quarter Hispanic or Latino and are among the top 5,000 high scoring individuals on the PSAT/NMSQT exam.

The National Achievement Scholarship program recognizes scholars that annually score in the top three percent of more than 16,000 Black Americans who request consideration in the National Achievement program. Denton ISD recipients include: Jubei Del Rosario Vinales, Guyer High; Derek Watson, Guyer High.

1st Open Forum

Cheryl Hassell addressed the Board and sees the new grading policy work and feels this prepares our students for the future. It gives children the chance to learn.

Cora Daily addressed the Board regarding middle school dance and is a certified dance teacher. Would like to see dance classes on a daily basis within the middle schools.

Michele Martin addressed the Board regarding the grading policy and feels this has been a great change and sees her son improving and realizing he his learning the concepts before moving on to a new idea and better preparing him for college.

Public Hearing for Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)

Public Hearing Opened at 6:40 pm.

Members of the division of curriculum, instruction and staff development conducted a Public Hearing on the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), which replaced the AEIS report. Lyneille Meza, coordinator of data and assessment gave an overview of student performance for Denton ISD.

Marcia Kellum, coordinator of reading recovery, presented the Early Literacy Inventory (ELI) and the Spanish Early Literacy Inventory (SELI) reports. The purpose of the ELI/SELI report is to provide the following 2013-2014 assessments results:

Early Literacy Inventory

All Kindergarten, First and Second grade students will progress in their

literacy skills and be on level by the end of the year. **94%** of the kindergarten students, **92%** of the first graders and **87%** of the second graders were **Stage 2-3 (Progressing / On- Level)** by the end of the year. The outcomes also show significant growth in all the literacy measures.

Spanish Early Literacy Inventory

The report highlights that **89%** of the bilingual kindergarten students, **89%** of the first graders and **88%** of the second graders were **Stage 2 -3 (Progressing / On-Level)** by the end of the year. The outcomes also show significant growth in all the literacy components.

The Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that all academic classroom teachers* must be Highly Qualified (HQ) in the areas they are assigned to teach. In general, under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), the Highly Qualified (HQ) teacher must possess the following:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Full State Certification
- Demonstrated competency in the core academic subject taught
(passing of the appropriate content area test)

For the 2014-15 school year, Denton ISD is reporting 100% of its teachers being Highly Qualified under the NCLB requirements.

Public Hearing closed 7:07 pm.

Motion made by Dorothy Martinez and seconded by Jim Alexander to move the Bond Progress Report up.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Quarter Growth Report

Rocky Gardner from Templeton Demographics provided the Board with the 3rd quarter growth report. This report will give the Denton ISD Board of Trustees an understanding of trends in residential home sales, multi-family occupancies and growth in student population. Denton ISD ranks second to only Frisco ISD in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area in third quarter closings and housing starts. The district is projected to grow by almost 3 percent during the next 10 years, a projected rate of almost 830 students per year. With that growth, the district is expected to have an enrollment of 30,680 in five years and surpass 35,000 students during the 2024-25 school year.

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

Energy Utility Management Report for July 2013-June 2014

Dan Edwards of TD Industries monitors the district's energy, gas and water usage on an annual basis. The Energy Utility Management Report is to inform the Board of Trustees of utility management processes in all Denton ISD's facilities from July 2013 – June 2014. This report includes total consumption and cost comparison; analysis by utility type and percentage change of energy use. Denton ISD maintained an average expenditure of \$1.50 per square foot – the same as it spent four years ago – during the 2013-

14 school year according to the most recent Utility Management report.

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

New Grading &
Assessment
Practice Update

Vicky Christensen, Director of Secondary Curriculum, provided the Board an update on the district's new secondary grading policy. For the past two years, the secondary Academic Leadership Team (ALT) and the Secondary Curriculum, Instruction, and Staff Development Department have been examining our grading practices in an effort to make sure our practices support our beliefs about learning, assessment, and grading. The result of that work has been the implementation and phase in of new grading guidelines and procedures beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. The district went about gathering feedback from teachers, students and parents in order to better help students take ownership of their learning. School principals highlighted examples of how they developed better communication and gathered feedback from each of these groups to provide effective revisions to the grading policy.

Based on the feedback gathered from the various groups, Mrs. Christensen said the Academic Leadership Team and campus administrators recommend applying revisions to the grading policy districtwide that include:

- Assign grades on a 70/30 percent ratio (major summative/minor summative) in AP and Pre-AP courses and 60/40 percent ratio in regular courses
- Publish one grade weekly using at least three major summative assessments
- Increase the time for relearning and reassessing to 10 school days
- Communicate so both students and parents are aware of academic progress, topics of study, assignments and assessment dates
- Seek continuous feedback and monitor effectiveness of implementation
- Support and build instructional expertise for all staff around grading practices

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

Bond Progress
Report

Sheryl English, Bond Progress Committee member provided the Board with an update from their last committee meeting on November 12, 2014.

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

Construction
Report

The Board was provided an update of the current construction projects.

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

Announcement of Board Continuing Education Hours	<p>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.</p> <p>President Glenna Harris announced that all members of the Board of Trustees – President Glenna G. Harris, Vice-President Barbara Burns, Secretary, Dr. Jeanetta Smith and trustees Dr. Jim Alexander, Dorothy Martinez, Mia Price and Charles Stafford have exceeded the required hours of training in continuing education this year.</p> <p>This item is for information no action is required.</p>
12 Week Attendance Report	<p>Darrell Muncy, Director of Student Support Services provided the Board with a report showing the attendance percentages for each grade level for the first 12 weeks of 2014/2015 (October 6, 2014 – November 7, 2014). The total attendance average for the Denton ISD for the 12 week period is 96.36%. The lowest total attendance averages are for 12th graders at 93.94% followed by 11th graders at 94.67%. and the highest attendance averages are in the 5th grade at 97.28% followed by 4th and 6th graders tied at 97.18%.</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
Special Education Compliance Status Report	<p>Annually the Texas Education Agency (TEA) informs the district of its status related to special education compliance for State Performance Plan (SPP) indicators 11, 12 and 13. Based on a letter from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) dated October 14, 2014, Denton ISD has met the 100% compliance standard for SPP indicators 12 and 13. However, for 2013-2014 Denton ISD did not meet the 100% compliance status for SPP indicator 11 (often referred to as the child find indicator).</p> <p>This item is for information only. No action is required.</p>
2 nd Open Forum	No one wished to speak
Consent Agenda	<p>Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Jim Alexander</p> <p>To approve (the minutes for the December 9, 2014 board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of November 30, 2014; Investment Report as of October 31, 2014; TEA Class Size Waiver; approve the Property/Casualty Insurance and the TASB Risk Management Fund Interlocal Participation Agreement; approve the Memorandum of Understanding for participation in the School Nutrition and Meal Cost Study (SNMCS); approval of the third extension for HON furnishings with Plano Office Supply for a term of one year; approval of travel for Denton High School Band to travel for public performances/clinic in San Diego, California, March 11-17, 2015; approval of a travel for Ryan High School</p>

Orchestra to travel to the Universal Studios Clinic in Orlando, Florida, April 23-27, 2015; approval of travel for Strickland Middle School Choir to travel to the Director's Choice Music Festival in San Antonio and Austin, Texas, May 8-10, 2015; approval of travel for Strickland Middle School Orchestra to travel to the Director's Choice Alamo Showcase of Music in San Antonio and Austin, Texas, May 1-3, 2015; and approval of travel for Crownover Middle School Choir to travel to the Choice Events Music Festival in San Antonio, Texas, May 1-3, 2015).

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 9:48 pm

Open Meeting The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:46 pm

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Dorothy Martinez

To approve Denton ISD accept the bid for real estate exchange submitted by Hillwood, also known as H4 Little Elm, LP.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:50 pm.

President

Secretary