The Board of Trustees of Denton Independent School District, State of Texas, met in a Joint meeting with the City of Denton City Council at the City of Denton Development Services Department, 401 N Elm St, Denton, TX 76201. Denton, Texas, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 11:06 AM.

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

Board Members Present:	Burns, English, Price, Stafford
Board Members Absent: Arrived Late:	Bundgus, Sosa-Sanchez, Tays
Left Early:	
School Personnel Present:	O'Bara, Robinson, Stevenson, Thompson, Waddell
City Personnel Present:	Sara Hensley, City Manager, Mack Reinwand, City Attorney, Cassey Ogden, Deputy City Manager, Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager Frank Dixon, Assistant City Manager, Dustin Sternbeck, Chief Communications Officer, Kristi Fogle, Chief of Staff.
City of Denton Council Present:	Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Paul Meltzer, Mayor Pro Tem, Vicki Byrd, Council Member, Brian Beck, Council Member, Joe Holland, Council Member Brandon Chase McGee, Council Member, Jill Jester, Council Member
Discussion of City of Denton Construction Projects Surrounding Denton ISD Campuses	 Seth Garcia, Interim Director of Capital Projects, reviewed capital projects within the City of Denton. Bonnie Brae Phase 6 - US 380 to US 77 Project Scope: Roadway Widening Pedestrian Facilities Utility Installation Traffic Signals and Lighting
	The project construction start –Q1 2025 and construction completion is scheduled for –Q2 2027.
	 Riney Road East – West of Hardaway Road to US 77 Project Scope: Roadway Widening Pedestrian Facilities Utility Relocations Park Trails The Project Schedule: Current Phase – 90% Design Construction Start – Q3 2025
	• Construction Complete – Q2 2026
	The trail system is aligned with the opening of Reeves Elementary School

- Westgate Road Project including Windsor Drive
 - Roadway Widening
 - Pedestrian Facilities
 - Utility Installation
 - Drainage Installation

The Project Status:

- 90% Design N/S phase
- Bidding/Award E/W phase (100% Design)
- Construction Start Q2 2025
- Construction Complete Q4 2027
- Safe Routes to Schools-Pecan Creek/Nette Shultz
 - Project Scope: 5-foot sidewalks near Pecan Creek and Nette Shultz Elementary Schools

The Project Status:

- Construction Start May 2025
- Construction Complete Q4 2026

♣ Safe Routes to Schools – Ginnings/Alexander

• Project Scope: 5-foot sidewalks near Ginnings and Alexander Elementary Schools

The Project Status:

- Construction Start May 2025
- Construction Complete Q4 2026

This item is for information only.

Discussion of the Status of Denton ISD's Legislative Priorities and Funding Dr. Jeremy Thompson, Deputy Superintendent and Dr. Deron Robinson, General Council provided an overview of Texas Public School Finance. Denton ISD encompasses 186 sq. miles, we have 33,372 students, 4690 educators/staff and 45 campuses (PreK-12) and we serve 18 different communities. Dr. Thompson explained that the district's property values have been increasing, Denton ISD receives less funding from the state. Texas continues to rank in the bottom 10 states nationally for state spending on education trailing the national average by over \$4,400 per student. Every legislative session, the state saves billions from local home and business property value growth, but the Legislature is not reinvesting these billions of dollars back into public education. Texas has an equalized school funding system, meaning when local school taxes increase, the state has to contribute less money it increases school funding formulas.

Denton ISD's Legislative Priorities are:

- Increased Funding In order to continue providing excellent opportunities for student and value our teachers.
- Sensible Accountability Reduction in mandatory assessments and reliance on high stakes testing

	 Local Control over Student Discipline – Provide local authority to address disruptive students that affect others' learning or compromise safety.
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Discussion of City of Denton's Legislative Priorities	 Kristi Fogle, Chief of Staff provided the City of Denton's Legislative Program which are focused on the following items: Community Focus City Services Land Use & Development Municipal Court Taxation & Financial Strategies Transportation & Aviation Utilities
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Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm

President

Secretary