

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, July 29, 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, and Smith

Board Members Absent: Stafford

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Sargent, Hicks, 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 staff.

Presentations/ Recognitions: There were no presentations or recognitions scheduled.

1st Open Forum: No one wished to speak

Update on New Grading Practices: The secondary Academic Leadership Team (ALT) and the Secondary Curriculum, Instruction, and Staff Development Department have been examining the District's grading practices in an effort to make sure practices support beliefs about learning, assessment, and grading. The result of that work will be the implementation and phase-in of new grading guidelines and procedures for the upcoming school year. This report is to provide an update on this process since the discussion with the Board on April 22, 2014.

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

Certified Property Values: Debbie Monschke, Asst. Superintendent of Budget & Finance presented the Board with the Denton County's release of appraised property values. The appraised values for Denton ISD increased by \$1.2 billion over last year's appraisals. Mrs. Monschke said the tax values are much better than in previous years and provided the Maintenance and Operations Budget to increase by \$3 million. On the debt service budget, the district could pay down an additional \$4 million and the keep tax rate for the Interest and Sinking Fund at 49 cents. If the district increases the tax rate to 50 cents – it could pay down an additional \$5 million in debt. This item is for information only. No action is required.

Special
Education
Determination
Status Report

The Texas Education Agency makes the determination regarding the District's Special Education performance based on several categories. These categories are Performance on State Performance Plan (SPP) compliance indicators 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13; Submission of valid, reliable, and timely data on indicators 7, 11, 12, 13, and 14; Uncorrected noncompliance from other sources (complaints resolution, due process, and monitoring); Any financial findings; Performance-Based Monitoring (PBM) Program Effectiveness (stage of intervention for the special education program area) and significant disproportionality.

Based on the May 30, 2014 letter, the Determination status of "Meets Requirements" indicates that processes and systems implemented by the Department's Special Education Leadership, the support staff and campus staff have resulted in meeting various compliance timelines and improved programming for students with disabilities.

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

Update on
District Weather
Damage

Paul Andress, Executive Director of Operations provided the Board an overview of the damage across the district from storms that hit the Denton area in April. The district sustained approximately \$3.2 million in hail damage at 39 of its buildings, with approximately \$3 million covered through insurance. Mr. Andress said that repairs to these facilities has begun and estimated that they would be completed by 2015.

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

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Mia Price requested item 7A Board Meeting minutes be pulled for further discussion

Motion by Mia Price and seconded Barbara Burns

To approve Consent Agenda items 7B-G

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded Dorothy Martinez

To approve the minutes for the June 24, 2014 board meeting making the correction to date

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
Instrument
Usage Fee

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Dorothy Martinez
To approve Option 1 with those qualifying for free lunch status will pay \$25
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 8:08 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:46 pm

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Dorothy Martinez

To deny the grievance.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

The board reconvened into Closed Session 9:47 pm

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:08 pm

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Dorothy Martinez

To postpone the calendar discussion to the agenda setting meeting.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 pm

President

Secretary