

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, December 13, 2016 at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Barbara Burns who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Alexander, Burns, Chadwick, Martinez, Smith and Stafford

Present:

Board Members Price

Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Wilson, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Lopez, Perkins, O'Bara, Stevenson and Zavala

Present:

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

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Catherine Bell Elementary school students.

Presentations/  
Recognitions

The Guyer High School Rhapsody Orchestra earned an eighth-place finish at the annual Texas Honor Orchestra Competition, the most competitive orchestra competition in the state. Guyer secured a top ten finish for the first time in school history after recording its submission at the Allen Performing Arts Center in October. The Rhapsody Orchestra reached the finals portion of the competition for the second time in six years and was the only Denton County high school in the top 15.

The College Board honored 66 Denton ISD high school students with distinctions for 2016, according to their annual list of recipients who are named Advanced Placement Scholars. The national program recognizes individuals who have demonstrated college-level achievement through exceptional scores in AP courses and on AP exams. Students are awarded based on four levels including: AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, AP Scholar with Distinction and National AP Scholar.

Fourteen Denton ISD students have been chosen out of 1.6 million total entrants to be semi-finalists or commended scholars in the National Merit Scholarship Program for this year's graduating class.

The district also had three 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.

Collin Jones is the Physical Education teacher at Cross Oaks Elementary and has been at the school since the building opened in 2010. Mr. Jones is an

avid fisherman and wanted to pass his love of the outdoors to his students. He started a fishing club at the school to do just that. Mr. Jones also incorporates science and math into his activities with the kids in the fishing club. Known for his patience and kindness with students, Mr. Jones' goal is to get kids out of the house and into the outdoors more often so they can lead healthy and active lives.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Public Hearing  
For Texas  
Academic  
Performance  
Report (TAPR)

Public Hearing opened at 6:50

Marcia Kellum, Coordinator of reading recovery, and Carmen Lipscomb, Reading Recovery Teacher/Leader, presented the Early Literacy Inventory (ELI) and the Spanish Early Literacy Inventory (SELI) reports. The annual report of kindergarten literacy with highlights that show 93 percent of the kindergarten students, 91 percent of the first graders and 91 percent of the second graders were Stage 2-3 (Progressing / On- Level) by the end of last school year. The outcomes also show significant growth in all the literacy measures. The Spanish component highlights that 92 percent of the bilingual kindergarten students, 90 percent of the first graders and 89 percent 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.

Lyneille Meza, Director of Data and Assessment conducted a Public Hearing on the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), which replaced the AEIS report. Lyneille Meza, Director of Data and Assessment gave an overview of student performance for Denton ISD.

Lyneille also reported Denton ISD was 100% compliant with the Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. This 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)

No one wished to speak and President Burns closed the Hearing at 7:18 pm

Public Hearing  
For District of  
Innovation  
Proposed Plan

Public Hearing opened at 7:20 pm

Chris Shade presented the information the DOI Committee has identified as barriers to student and achievement and local control in the following four areas: 1) teaching and learning; 2) student opportunities; 3) school culture/climate; 4) growth/management; and it has crafted a plan to provide for a comprehensive educational program for the district that identifies the Texas Education Code provisions from which the District of Innovation should be exempted which includes the following:

- Sec. 25.0811. FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION
- Sec. 21.003. CERTIFICATION REQUIRED
- Sec. 25.092. MINIMUM ATTENDANCE FOR CLASS CREDIT OR FINAL GRADE
- Sec. 11.251. PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESS
- Sec. 11.252. DISTRICT-LEVEL PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING
- Sec. 11.253. CAMPUS PLANNING AND SITE-BASED DECISION-MAKING
- Sec. 11.255. DROPOUT PREVENTION REVIEW
- Sec. 21.351. RECOMMENDED APPRAISAL PROCESS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
- Sec. 21.354. APPRAISAL OF CERTAIN ADMINISTRATORS
- Sec. 21.3541. APPRAISAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM FOR PRINCIPALS

No one wished to speak and President Burns closed the hearing at 7:26

Innovation Zone

Ross Garrison with the Instructional Technology department highlighted Karen Zaruba, math teacher at Crownover Middle School showcasing a sample of student learning through innovative teaching and resources, specifically via the use BreakoutEDU. The use of BreakoutEDU as a gamification platform supports interaction, whether initial or review, with content presented in class in a way that supports the development of 21st century skills among students. Teachers use custom or pre-made “breakouts,” games in which students are provided with tasks and clues that lead to the eventual opening of several locks that keep a prize or objective locked in a box in the classroom. Students can interact with content knowledge and skills in a way that necessitates the use of creative and collaborative problem solving, critical thinking, and effective and clear communication. Students are encouraged to approach BreakoutEDU games with the freedom to solve clues and perform tasks in ways that suit them. Students work together in teams to solve problems using content knowledge and skills aligned with district and state standards for learning.

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

Denton ISD  
Quarterly  
Growth Report

A representative with Templeton Demographics reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Growth Report. Denton’s unemployment rate is currently below 4%. The district has had more than 4,500 home sales so far in 2016, and roughly a

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third were of new homes. The average sale price in 2016 for a new home is \$262,158. The average sale price in 2016 for an existing home is \$250,748. The Hwy 380 corridor saw the largest year-over-year rise in new students to Denton ISD, with 43% of those students enrolled in high school. Denton ISD can expect an increase of approximately 4,300 students during the next 5 years.

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

Energy Utility  
Management  
Report July  
2015- June2016

Matthew Merchant, Ryan High School student, Bob Wilken and Justin Claybrook with TDI presented the Energy Utility Management Report

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

Discussion of  
School Calendar  
for 2017-2018

Susannah O'Bara, Area Superintendent presented two calendar proposals for consideration by our Board of Trustees. Input has been sought from district leadership, campus administrators, and the Educational Improvement Council and currently from the Board of Trustees.

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

Bond Progress  
Report

Kathy Lawson, committee member presented the Bond Progress Committee report from the last meeting.

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

Construction  
Report

Garry Ryan presented the current construction report for Rodriguez Middle school and Braswell High School

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

Announcement  
of Board  
Continuing  
Education Hours

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.

President Burns announced all members of the Board of Trustees – President Barbara Burns, Vice-President Dorothy Martinez, Secretary Dr. Jim Alexander and trustees Doug Chadwick, Mia Price, Dr. Jeanetta Smith and Charles Stafford have exceeded the required hours of training in continuing education this year.

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

Attendance  
Report-2<sup>nd</sup>

Darrell Muncy provided the Board with the attendance report.

Grading Period      The total attendance average for the Denton ISD for the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle is 96.91%. The lowest total attendance averages are for 12<sup>th</sup> graders at 93.47% followed by 11<sup>th</sup> graders at 94.95%. The highest attendance averages are in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at 99.41% followed by 7<sup>th</sup> graders at 99.39%.

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Legislative Update in Preparation for the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session      Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent updated the Board of Trustees on the District's partnership with the State and Federal Joint Commission with Denton County. This report also includes a summary of Lt. Governor Patrick's legislative priorities for this session.

Legislative Session      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 Jeanetta Smith

To approve (minutes of the November 15, 2016 Board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of November 30, 2016; Investment Report as of October 31, 2016; TEA Class Size Waiver; approval of FFA (Local) Wellness Policy on second reading; approval of quote from Longhorn Sales in the amount of \$1,367,856.00 for bus purchase. North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) will reimburse the District \$691,000.00 as part of the Clean Fleets North Texas 2015 Call for Projects. The net financial impact to the District is \$677, 656.00; Head Start Monthly Compliance Reports for November 2016; approval for Braswell High School Choir to travel to perform at the Lincoln Center/Alice Tully Hall in New York City, NY departing November 9, 2017 and returning November 13, 2017; approval for the ATC CTE Engineering to attend the Schoolhouse Texas Capitol in Austin, TX departing on January 29, 2017 and returning January 30, 2017; approval for the ATC Cosmetology to attend the Skills USA Texas Skills District 4 Competition in Waco, TX departing on February 16, 2017 and returning February 18, 2017; approval for the Ryan High School HOSA to travel to the HOSA Area 5 Leadership Conference in Killeen, TX on February 2, 2017 and returning on February 4, 2017; approval for the Ryan High School Strutters Drill Team to travel to compete in the Daneline Hill Country Regional Dance/Drill Team Competition in Fredericksburg, TX and San Antonio, TX departing on February 17, 2017 and returning on February 20, 2017; approval for the Navo Middle School Student Orchestra to travel to attend the Performance in the Space City Showcase of Music in Houston/Galveston departing on April 20, 2017 and returning on April 22, 2017; approval for a request by DHS Jazz Band to travel to New Orleans, departing on January 4, 2017 and returning on January 6, 2017; approval of Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement between the City of Denton and the Denton Independent School District

whereas the town shall provide Denton ISD with six (6) certified police officers to serve as school resource officers (SROs) assigned to Denton High School, Ryan High School, Guyer High School, Calhoun Middle School, Strickland Middle School, and McMath Middle School; approval for first extension of four available one year extensions of the Athletic Partnership proposal with Under Armour and approval of surplus property to be auctioned, disposed of or recycled).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

With the approval of the Consent agenda Dan Ford, principal of Denton High is now the Exec. Director for Curriculum and Instruction.

Kevin Franklin was named the Wide Area Network (WAN) Manager.

Consider  
Approval of  
2017-2018  
Attendance  
Boundary  
Modifications

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Doug Chadwick

To approve the attendance boundaries as proposed for McMath and Myers Middle School, and the Proposal 3 for Navo Middle School and Rodriguez Elementary.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider  
Approval of  
District of  
Innovation  
Proposed Plan

Motion by Dorothy Martinez and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve the District of Innovation Proposed Plan and the posting for 30 days.

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 10:20 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:15 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 pm

  
President

  
Secretary