

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, August 14, 2021 at 6:02 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Chadwick who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Chadwick, English, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, and Stafford
Board Members Absent:
Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Niven, Mattingly, Pierce, Perkins, O’Bara, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Stevenson, and Zwahr
Others: Marshall Reid, *Denton Record Chronicle*; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by staff.

Presentations/ Recognitions: There were no recognitions or presentations

1st Open Forum: Evelyn Tarin-Morena addressed the Board in favor of a mask mandate.
Candace Grey Jackson addressed the Board in favor of a mask mandate.
David Moreno addressed the Board in favor of a mask mandate.
Grant Jackson is a 10th grader at Guyer High School and is in favor of a mask mandate.
Keri Caruthers addressed the Board in favor of a mask mandate.

COVID Update: Dr. Juan Rodriguez from Denton County Health Department provided a brief update on COVID-19 cases. Currently Denton County has 4615 active cases with a total of 33 deaths. There has been six weeks of continuous growth of COVID cases. The 0-19 is the largest age group of pediatric cases with most cases in the 12–19-year-olds which is about 300 cases or 20% of the current cases. The Denton County Health Department is encouraging individuals to receive the vaccine and there is no waitlist. The 12-15 age group are eligible to receive the vaccine.

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

Discussion of Certified Values: Jennifer Stewart, Director of Budget presented the Board with the property values as determined by the Denton Central Appraisal District that was released on July 26, 2021. Jennifer reviewed the 2021 property value growth as it relates to the 2020 Certified and under review values. The 2021

certified values increased \$1.8 billion over last year which was a 9.62% increase over the prior year.

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

2021 Projected
Enrollment Update

Susannah O'Bara, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Programs reviewed the current student enrollment numbers as of today which shows a potential enrollment of 32,127.

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

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez

To approve (the minutes of the July 27, 2021 Board meeting; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of July 31, 2021; approval of the quote from Advanced Connections Inc. in the amount of \$738,221.00 for the purchase of security cameras for the new Denton High School campus; approval of the quote from Netsync Network Solutions in the amount of \$1,225,323.90 for the purchase of the technology infrastructure for the new Denton High School campus; approval of the quotes from Conner Athletic Products, Inc. dba Power Lift in the amount of \$802,705.24 for the Jim Bateman Fieldhouse, indoor gym, and East Fieldhouse weight room equipment at the new Denton High School campus; approval of the quote from Lea Park & Play, Inc. in the amount of \$266,948.83 for the playground project at Sandbrock Ranch Elementary; approval of the Hazardous Bus Routes Resolution identifying 2021-2022 hazardous bus routes operated by DISD as submitted; approval of the tax collection contract with Denton County be approved effective October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022, then automatically renewing for subsequent one-year terms and approval of Jennifer Stewart be designated as Liaison to serve between Denton ISD and the County Tax office; approval of an Interlocal cooperation agreement between the Denton ISD (Joe Dale Sparks) and the Juvenile Board of Denton County and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Denton ISD and Argyle ISD, Aubrey ISD, Krum ISD, Lake Dallas ISD, Pilot Point ISD, Ponder ISD and Sanger ISD).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of Acceptance of
Guaranteed
Maximum Price
(GMP) for
Transportation East

Motion by Patsy Sosa-Sanchez and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve of the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$14,204,082.00, with a total construction cost of \$14,392,987.00, submitted by Steele & Freeman for construction of Transportation Facility - East. This project will be funded from the 2018 Bond Authorization.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3rd Open Forum

Susanne Gilbert addressed the Board and feels that masks don't work and encourage Trustees to allow people to make their own choices

Sharon Kremer is a retired Denton ISD teacher and is in favor of a mask mandate.

Lynne Thompson – addressed the Board regarding the mental health of children and the isolation that is created due to wearing of masks.

Amy Bundgus addressed the Board about COVID and hopes the District supports parents decisions on masks

Jeromy Sims addressed the Board in favor of a mask mandate.

Micah Carlson & daughter Charlie – wants children to be able to wear masks and supports the mask mandate.

Drew Christ addressed the Board in favor of a mask mandate.

Brett Davis addressed the Board in favor of a mask mandate.

Carolyn Rachaner addressed the Board and feels masks do not work.

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:08 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:27 pm

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve of the Resolution determining that Denton ISD property on the frontage of FM 720, between Mar Top Road and McCormick Road, is no longer suitable for an educational purpose.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.

President

Secretary