

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, June 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

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

Board Members Present: Burns, Dunworth, English, Sosa-Sanchez, and Wright

Board Members Absent: Stafford

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Bible, Bomberger, Brown, Brownell, Garcia, Liewehr, O'Bara, Parham, Petito, Pierce, L. Rainey, J. Rainey, Robinson, Schulz, E. Smith, T. Smith, Stewart, and Thompson

Others: Cindy Breeding, *Denton Record-Chronicle*; citizens, staff, and students

Pledges The Pledges to the flags were led by staff.

Oath of Office Emily Smith, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to Anita Martinez-Strickland and Greg Petolick. The newly elected board members were seated on the board.

Closed Meeting The Board adjourned into Closed session at 6:10 pm

Open Meeting The Board adjourned into Open session at 6:25 pm

Election of Board Officers Motion by Greg Petolick and seconded by Anita Martinez-Strickland
To approve Barbara Burns, as President, Tanya Wright as Vice President and Sheryl English as Secretary and Emily Smith as recording secretary.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Presentations/ Recognitions Denton ISD has been recognized as one of the nation's Best Communities for Music Education by The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation for the 20th time. This prestigious award recognizes districts that demonstrate outstanding commitment to high-quality music education, evaluated through a rigorous application process. The district's

comprehensive music programs—including band, choir, orchestra, mariachi, jazz ensembles, and percussion—serve more than 33,000 students across all grade levels.

Denton ISD is honored to recognize Aly Delloro, a student at Guyer High School, who has been selected as the Broadway Dallas HSMTA Winner for Supporting Performer. This prestigious award celebrates exceptional achievements in high school musical theatre and recognizes the dedicated instruction provided by the music and theatre department.

Denton ISD celebrates outstanding student-athletes who have achieved state championship success in track and field. These exceptional competitors have demonstrated remarkable athletic ability, dedication, and perseverance. Their victories represent the culmination of hard work and the support of dedicated coaching staff.

- Macy Wingard, Braswell High School – 3200 Meter Run, 1st Place
- Sylvester Sims, Denton High School – 4x200 Relay, 1st Place
- Oryan Croaker, Denton High School – 4x200 Relay, 1st Place
- Omar Penaloza, Denton High School – 4x200 Relay, 1st Place
- Markell Jennings, Denton High School – 4x200 Relay, 1st Place

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

Open Forum

Community members that addressed the Board: Megan Boyden, Debra Hughey, Rebecca Bertoni, and Christina Saenz

Public Hearing for 2025-2026 Budget & Tax Rate

President Barbara Burns opened the Public Hearing for the 2026-2027 Budget and Tax Rate at 6:47 pm.

Jennifer Stewart, Executive Director of Budget, presented the 2026-2027 Budget Priorities:

- Allocation of resources to meet our greatest needs
- Maintain our primary focus on teaching and learning
- Program sustainability
- Competitive compensation plan
- Fund balance integrity
- Balanced budget

Denton ISD's total tax rate for 2026-2027 is \$ 0.7122 for Maintenance & Operations and \$0.48 for Debt Service for a total budgeted tax rate of \$1.1922. General Fund Revenue assumptions for 2026-2027 are based on current law with an average daily attendance of 30,800, Property Value Growth of 7% and growth in student populations (Special Education, CTE, Bilingual, etc.). Funding sources include 69.29% from local revenue, 30.08% from the State of Texas and 0.37% from the Federal Government. Proposed

2026-2027 General Fund revenue is \$308,339,974, proposed General Fund expenditures is \$380,014,432, with a net General Fund of \$325,542. Child nutrition budget and debt service budget were also covered.

President Burns closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 pm

Discussion of Bond Committee Update Larry Fisher, member of the Bond Committee, presented an update from the prior Bond Progress meeting which was held on May 27, 2026 at the Central Transportation Facility.

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

Discussion of Construction Report Brandon Boyter, Executive Director of Construction, Planning, and Growth, presented an update on current construction projects including Borman Elementary School, Ginnings Elementary School, Mia Price High School, and the Sam Houston renovation.

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

Discussion of 2026-2027 Student and Parent Handbook Dr. Leslie Guarjdo, Director of Student Support Services, presented changes to the *2026-2027 Student & Parent Handbook*. The purpose of this report is to provide Denton ISD's response to the requirements for Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code. The handbook provides Denton ISD students and their parents with a resource that will guide their understanding of general rules and guidelines for attending and receiving an education in our district. It will also communicate behavioral expectations that reflect our community's values and standards. Finally, this handbook will be a review of basic information available to administration, faculty, and staff to assist them with related board policies, administrative procedures, and district practices.

The following information was **UPDATED** to the Denton ISD Student & Parent Handbook:

- New Subsections:
 - School Staff Misconduct (p.35)
 - Denton Digital (p. 50)
 - Private Spaces (p. 76)
 - Early Literacy Intervention (p. 85)
- Minor Updates:
 - Preface for Parents & Students (p. 9)
 - ADA Coordinator (p. 72)
 - Unauthorized Persons (p.91)

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

Discussion of 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct

Dr. Leslie Guarjdo, Director of Student Support Services, presented the 2026-2027 *Student Code of Conduct* which establishes clear standards for student behavior and defines how the district will respond when those standards are not met. Through a committee of Denton ISD administrators and stakeholder feedback, a yearly revision of the Student Code of Conduct provides families with clear guidelines that establishes behavioral expectation, defines disciplinary procedures and consequences, promotes consistency across the district, and supports a safe learning environment.

The following information was **UPDATED** to the Denton ISD Student Code of Conduct:

- Consider effect of Digital Denton on SCOC (TBD)
- Addressed AI-generated text without citation (p. 54)
- Reevaluation of Academic Integrity Folder in Appendix – documentation in eSchool

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

Discussion of Community Engagement Update

Nick Petito, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer, and his Communications team, presented the department's areas of focus, initiatives, and data, in alignment with the district's commitment to Reciprocal Family and Community Partnerships.

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

Discussion of TASB Update 127 With Revisions to FDB(Local)

Dr. Deron Robinson, General Counsel, presented TASB Policy Update 127 which includes revisions to legal policies based on legislative and regulatory changes that have immediate effect on the governance and management of the district.

Update 127 policies offered for consideration:

- BJCF(Local): Superintendent - Nonrenewal
- CAA(Local): Fiscal Management Goals and Objectives - Financial Ethics
- DC(Local): Employment Practices
- DH(Local): Employee Standards of Conduct
- DP(Local): Personnel Positions
- DPA(Local): Personnel Positions - Principals
- DPB(Local): Personnel Positions - Other Personnel Positions
- EHBB(Local): Special Programs - Gifted and Talented Students
- FFF(Local): Student Welfare - Student Safety

Additionally, there was discussion about moving policy FDB(local) from a local policy to the Administrative Regulations.

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

Federal Grant
Awards for the
Current School
Year

The District is providing annual notification to the Board of Trustees regarding federal grant applications that have been submitted and awarded during the current school year, in accordance with Board Policy CB (Local) and federal requirements. Board Policy CB (Local) and federal law require the District to provide public notice regarding federal grant applications and awards. Denton ISD publishes notices of federal grant opportunities and applications on the District website and provides opportunities for public input as required by law or the granting agency. This annual information item serves as notification to the Board of Trustees of federal grant applications submitted and awarded during the current school year.

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

2026-2027 Federal
Grants Programs:
Planned Use of
Funds

Federal law requires stakeholder consultation during the development of certain federal grant applications, including the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Special Education (IDEA-B), and Perkins V: Strengthening Career & Technical Education for the 21st Century grants. District staff will present the proposed use of grant funds and gather feedback from stakeholders prior to final submission of grant applications to Texas Education Agency (TEA).

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

6th Period
Attendance Report
and 2025-2026 End
of Year Attendance
Report

The purpose of this report is to provide campus and district ADA percentages for the 6th reporting period (RP 6) of the 2025-2026 school year (April 13 – May 22, 2026) and to compare this data to prior years.

Overall, Denton ISD slightly improved ADA in RP 6 from last year to this year, from 93.88% to 93.96%.

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

2025-2026 End of
Year Attendance
Report

The purpose of this report is to provide campus and district ADA percentages for the 2025-2026 school year (August 12, 2025 – May 22, 2026) and to compare this data to prior years.

Overall, the district's ADA has improved over the past 5 years. While the district's two highest reporting periods are always 1 and 2, there isn't consistency for the lowest RP in the past three years. All elementary schools, except two, saw an improvement in overall ADA from last year to this year, with Borman having the most significant increase (+1.75%). Five of nine middle schools increased in ADA % from last year to this year. Fred Moore and Guyer are the only high schools who did not see improvement in ADA from last year to this year.

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

Discipline Report	The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of DAEP data for the 2025-2026 school year. This report provides insight into discipline consequence trends across the district at various educational levels. In addition, it highlights the district's efforts to utilize the District Tiered Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (DTMSS) framework to address students' social, emotional, and behavioral needs. This item is for information only. No action is required.
Intruder Detection Audit Report	Region 11 conducts Intruder Detection Audits pursuant to updated legal requirements. To date 43 Denton ISD schools have been reviewed. Further details, if any, have been provided to the Board in executive session and will be provided to the district's Safety and Security Committee in an upcoming meeting for the purpose of safety and security. This item is for information only. No action is required.
Medical Benefit Plan Report	The District's 2026–2027 benefits plan design, programs, and rates are focused on addressing rising healthcare and pharmacy costs while supporting long-term sustainability. On June 10, 2025, the Board approved self-insured medical plan rates from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX). The Administrative Services Only (ASO) contract with BCBSTX, along with individual stop-loss coverage of \$415,000 and aggregate stop-loss coverage of \$23,864,000, is in place for the 2025–2026 plan year to cover liability for claims. In addition, a Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) contract for prescription drug services was approved by the Board of Trustees during the May 12, 2026, board meeting. Medical plan cost increases is passed on to employees. This item is for information only. No action is required.
Mobility and Housing Report	This report provides the Denton ISD Board of Trustees with an executive summary concerning the general DFW housing market, economic indicators, Denton ISD residential activity and enrollment projections as of the 1st Quarter 2026 and its impact to the overall growth of the Denton ISD. This item is for information only. No action is required.
Consent Agenda	Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Buddy Dunworth. To approve (the minutes of the May 12, 2026 Canvass of Election and the May 12, 2026 Board meeting; Matters related to personnel; Budget Amendments as of May 31, 2026; Final AWSFYC Head Start Compliance Report; RFP #2605-03 Transportation Parts, Supplies, Services & Equipment Repairs; RFP# 2605-04 Building Maintenance, Repair and

Operation (MRO) Supplies, Services & Equipment; Purchases in accordance with Board Policy CH(Local); Approval of Out of County Travel – 2027 Ryan HS Choir; Low Attendance Waiver – EP Rayzor; Resolution Authorizing Authority to Establish and Manage Bank Accounts; Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives – TexPool; Addition of Authorized Representative – Lone Star; Library Materials Procurement; Change Order Number 001 to the Contract Price for the contract for Hodge Elementary School; Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement with City of Denton; Agreement for Usage of District Clinic).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of State
Compensatory
Education 2026-
2027 Budget for
Accelerated
Instruction

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Buddy Dunworth

To approve of the 2026-2027 Budget for Accelerated Instruction

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
at 2025-2026
Budget

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Greg Petolick

To approve of the adoption of the Proposed Budget for the 2026-2027 school year as presented in the budget book:

	Revenue	Expenditure
General Fund	\$380,339,974	\$380,014,432
Debt Service Fund	\$191,679,392	\$191,679,392
Child Nutrition Fund	\$ 22,000,000	\$ 22,000,000

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of TASB
Legislative
Advocacy
Resolution

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Anita Martinez-Strickland

To approve the Denton ISD Legislative Advocacy Resolution which represents the position statements of the Board of Trustees.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval
of 2026-2027
Student Code of
Conduct

Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Buddy Dunworth

To approve the 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct as presented.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of 2026-2027 Healthcare Rates	Motion by Tanya Wright and seconded by Greg Petolick To approve the Medical Benefit Plan rates for the 2026-2027 plan year. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider and Act Upon Adoption of an Order Authorizing the Issuance of up to \$15,850,000 Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds of the Denton Independent School District; Establishing Procedures and Delegating Authority for the Sale and Delivery of the Bonds; Levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax for the Payment of Said Bonds; and Enacting other Provisions Relating to the Subject	Motion by Tanya Wright and seconded by Buddy Dunworth Consider and act upon adoption of an order authorizing the issuance of up to \$15,850,000 Denton Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026; establishing procedures and delegating authority for the sale and delivery of the bonds; levying an annual ad valorem tax for the payment of said bonds; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject: 1. The proposed 2026 Refunding Program achieves a savings (net of all costs) of at least \$5,000,000; 2. Maximum principal amount of Series 2026 Refunding Bonds to be issued - \$15,850,000 (The principal amount of the eligible Series 2016 Bonds that may potentially provide a savings, if refunded); 3. Maximum “All-In” True Interest Rate (must not exceed) – 4.00%; 4. Final Maturity of the Series 2026 Refunding Bonds – August 15, 2038 (The same final maturity date as the eligible Series 2016 Bonds to be refunded at a savings); and 5. The Refunding Program must be completed prior to December 6, 2026 (i.e., 6 months). Unless each parameter listed above can be achieved, the Series 2026 Refunding Bonds would not be issued until additional direction is received from the District’s Board of Trustees. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:53 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:08 pm Motion by Sheryl English and seconded by Buddy Dunworth That the board approve the extension of the superintendent’s employment contract as discussed in closed session, effective July 1, 2026, with the revised contract reflecting continued employment through June 30, 2031. The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting. Motion by Greg Petolick and seconded by Buddy Dunworth

That the Board adopt the resolution identifying the approximately 14.420 acres of real estate situated at Denton County Appraisal District Property ID # 535387, in the area commonly known as Country Lakes in Denton County, Texas, as surplus property.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Motion by Buddy Dunworth and seconded by Tanya Wright

That the Board adopt the resolution identifying the approximately 81.089 Acres of real estate situated at Denton County Appraisal District Property ID # 1015526 and 38362, in the Town of Cross Roads, Denton County, Texas, as surplus property.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:15 pm

President

Secretary