

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, November 12, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

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

Board Members Present: Bundgus, Burns, English, Price, Sosa-Sanchez, Stafford, and Tays

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present:

Others:

Pledges

Presentations/
Recognitions

Brown, O'Bara, Parham, Pierce, Rainey, Robinson, Russell, Schulz, Stevenson, Stewart, Thompson, and Wilson

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

The Pledges to the flags were led by Hodge Elementary School students.

Braswell High School junior Macy Wingard won her second consecutive Class 6A cross country state championship on Friday, Nov. 1. Macy finished the 5,000-meter race in 17:07.9 to claim the gold medal. In addition to winning the 6A state title, Macy also won the District 5-6A and 6A Region I championship, as well.

Eight Denton ISD students were chosen to have their artwork displayed at the Texas Association of School Administrators and Texas Association of School Boards (TASA/TASB) conference. Each year, the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) presents an exhibit of artwork created by Pre-K-12th grade students representing schools from across Texas. The TASA/TASB conference is attended by school board members, superintendents, and district administrators. The conference provides a unique and prestigious opportunity for the selected students to display their artistry to a broad audience of educational leaders and professionals.

Jennifer Wyman, the AP Human Geography Teacher at Braswell High School, was recently recognized as the Texas Council for the Social Studies (TXCSS) Outstanding High School Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Wyman was one of only six teachers statewide that received recognition from TXCSS. The TXCSS Outstanding Teacher of the Year award is given in recognition of active participation in local, state, and national social studies councils, as well as outstanding social studies teaching at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

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

Annual
Comprehensive

Carl Deaton with Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn, Seay & Scarborough LLC provided the Board of Trustees with the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Financial Report
Year Ended June
30, 2024

for the fiscal year 2024. According to the Texas Education Code, it is mandatory for all school districts to submit a series of financial statements to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) within 150 days after the conclusion of each fiscal year. These financial statements must adhere to the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and undergo an audit conducted by a licensed certified public accounting firm in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The purpose of the independent audit is to offer reasonable assurance that the District's financial statements are accurate and do not contain significant errors. This process includes selectively reviewing evidence that supports the figures and information in the financial statements, evaluating the accounting principles and key estimates made by the management, and assessing the overall presentation of the financial statements. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report is divided into four main sections: introductory, financial, statistical, and single audit.

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

Discussion of
Boundary Rezoning

The purpose of the report is to provide an overview to the Board of Trustees on the proposed attendance boundary modifications for Reeves Elementary and areas in the southwest region of the district to ensure equitable access and optimal learning opportunities for all students. This report contains current and projected enrollment data for Reeves Elementary school.

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

Discussion of the
2025-2026
Calendar

Current state law requires that school does not begin prior to the fourth Monday in August. With acceptance of the proposed DOI plan, Denton ISD may pursue an exception to this legal requirement. Based upon the current survey and feedback from multiple stakeholders, including staff, EIC, Principals, Council PTA and Executive Cabinet, the following considerations were made in developing these calendars:

- HB 2610 requirement of 75,600 instructional minutes.
- Ending the first semester prior to Winter Break.
- Equalizing the instructional days/minutes in each semester to the greatest extent possible.
- Maintaining a consistent holiday schedule with prior years and alignment of spring break with local universities.
- Potential waiver minutes of 2100 for professional development.
- Maximizing use of instructional minutes prior to state testing.
- A student/staff holiday at least once per month.
- Ongoing PLC time for professional learning

Input has been sought from district leadership, campus administrators, campus staff, the Educational Improvement Committee, Council PTA, Campus Leadership Teams, Campus PTA Boards, and currently from the Board of Trustees. Approving the 2025-2026 calendar will allow staff and parents time to plan activities for the next school year.

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

Discussion of
Legislative
Priorities

The purpose of this report is to continue the discussion and plan for the Board of Trustees' legislative priorities in anticipation of the 89th Legislative Session. As the District continues to advocate for improved and sustainable funding of the school finance system as well as sensible accountability for all Texas schools that receive public funds, we recognize the power of a clear set of legislative priorities in advocating for policies that directly impact our staff, students, families, and community.

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

1st Quarter
Investment Report

Vicki Garcia, Executive Director of Business Operations, provided the Board of Trustees with an overview of the 1st quarter investment performance for the fiscal year 2024.

As of September 30, 2024, the combined book value of investments for the District's General Fund, Debt Service Funds, Capital Projects Funds, and Special Revenue Funds amount to \$971,547,017. Earnings from Temporary Deposits and Investments reached \$11,987,883 for the quarter, contributing to a fiscal year-to-date total of \$11,987,883 across all funds. This total includes both accrued earnings yet to be realized and earnings amounting to \$9,743,342 for the quarter.

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

Head Start Annual
644 Financial
Compliance Report

This report is provided to the Board of Trustees as a summary of the Head Start Administrative Requirements and Standards from Section 644 of the Head Start Act. Annually, each Head Start Program must report the following information from the most recently concluded fiscal year:

- The total amount of public and private funds received and the amount from each source.
- An explanation of budgetary expenditures and proposed budget for the fiscal year.
- The results of the most recent review of the financial audit.

Head Start is funded by a federal grant in the amount of \$1,677,337 and is housed at Ann Windle School for Young Children (AWSYC). The award for 2023-2024 reflects a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) and Quality Improvement (QI) in the amount of \$139,554. The grant requires a local match of 20% or \$419,335. As a result of the Head Start Program, Denton ISD was able to serve 189 students in a full day Head Start program implemented by 11 highly qualified/certified, degreed teachers. The program includes a management staff providing oversight in the areas of child development and education, health services, nutrition services, family and community partnerships and disability services.

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

2nd Period
Attendance Report

The purpose of this report is to provide campus and district ADA percentages for the 2nd reporting period (RP 2) of the 2024-2025 school year (September 23 – November 1, 2024) and to compare this data to prior years. This report will also

identify current truancy prevention measures being used on Denton ISD campuses to increase student attendance. There were 29 instructional days in the 2nd reporting period. The district ADA for 2024-2025 reporting period 2 is 94.89%. The district ADA% for RP 1 for this school year is 95.69%.

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

Energy Audit

The Purpose of this audit is to inform the Board of Trustees of utility management processes in all Denton ISD's facilities from July 2023 – June 2024. This audit includes the following:

- 1) Total consumption and cost comparison.
- 2) Analysis by utility type.
- 3) Percentage change of energy use.

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 10 (ten) 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.

1st Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Sheryl English

To approve (the minutes of the October 22, 2024 board meeting, personnel matters, leaves, and absences; Budget Amendments as of October 31, 2024; Ann Windle School for Young Children Monthly Compliance Report for September 2024; approval of the Total Probable Cost including the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$ **12,331,935.00** submitted by BWC Education Group for a Total Probable Cost of \$ **13,853,511.00** for the installation of all- weather track surface and artificial turf for phase II of the middle school projects at Harpool, Navo and Strickland Middle Schools. This project will be funded from the 2023 Bond Authorization; Interlocal Agreement between the City of Denton and Denton ISD for the use of the City of Denton's P25 Radio System; approval of the following proposals be awarded to all responding vendors on the bid tabulation.

RFP #2306-08B Miscellaneous Services & Supplies from 6/15/2024-6/26/2025. Datas award to 7/31/25 with three (3) one-year auto-renewals; RFP #2410-10 In-Building Fiber Upgrade be awarded to Lantek Audio Video Communications, LLC; approval of purchases in accordance with Board Policy CH(Local) - Purchasing and Acquisition and approval of purchases in accordance with Board Policy CH(Local) - Purchasing and Acquisition).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider Approval of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024	Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Patsy Sosa Sanchez To approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2024, The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of the 2024 Certified Tax Roll	Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Sheryl English To approve the 2024 Certified Tax Roll with a combined levy of \$378,603,557.18 The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
Consider Approval of DCAD Nomination Voting Resolution	Motion by Lori Tays and seconded by Sheryl English To approve the Board Resolution allocating its 636 votes to the Board of Director Candidate(s) for Denton Central Appraisal District for Charles Stafford The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.
2 nd Open Forum	Rebecca Bertoni and Donna Smith addressed the Board.
Closed Meeting	The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:20 pm
Open Meeting	The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:22 pm
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm

President

Secretary