

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees DeSoto Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of DeSoto Independent School District was held Monday, September 22, 2014, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Dalton L. James Administration Board Room, 200 E. Belt Line Rd., DeSoto, Texas.

1. **BOARD ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION – CALL TO ORDER AT**

6:34PM

Board Members Present: Warren Seay Jr; Carl Sherman Jr; Karen Daniel; Jerry Hall; Aubrey C. Hooper; and Don Gant.

Absent: Van Stripling

- A. Welcome, Invocation
- B. Pledge Students of the Month - Northside Elementary
- C. District Mission Statement
- D. Establish Quorum
- E. Highlighted School - Northside Elementary
- F. Special Recognitions
- G. Celebrations
- H. Proclamation - Hispanic Heritage Month (Woodridge Elem. PTA Parents)

Citizen Participation – Mr. James Durham (Collegiate vs. AP Classes)

2. **CONSENT ITEMS – APPROVED**

Motion made by Aubrey C. Hooper, seconded by Don Gant to approve as presented.

Vote called, motion passed 6 - 0

- A. Maximum Class Size Waiver
- B. Minutes from Previous Meetings

3. **REPORTS**

- A. Public Hearing and Report on 2014 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (First) Report Card
- B. August Tax Collections
- C. August Financials
- D. Purchasing Management Fees Report
- E. First Reading of GKA (Local) District Bag Policy Update

F. Advise TX Agreement

G. WINGS - DeSoto ISD Education Through Prevention and Recovery

H. Employments/Resignations of Administrative/Professional Employees

4. **ACTIONS/DISCUSSIONS - APPROVED**

Motion made by Aubrey C. Hooper to allow the Superintendent and Administration to explore options to expand Magnet Program, seconded by Jerry Hall.

Vote called, motion passed 6 - 0

A. Woodridge Fine Arts Magnet Academy Needs

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - NO ACTION TAKEN**

Executive Session As Authorized under Government Code of Texas: Attorney Consultation §551.071, Real Property §551.072, Prospective Gifts §551.073, Personnel Matters §551.074, Student Discipline §551.082, Employee-Employee Complaints §551.082, Security Devices §551.076, Economic Development Negotiations §551.087, Homeland Security §418.183 (f), Student Information §551.0821, Medical or Psychiatric Records §551.0785, Education Code, Assessment Instruments §39.030 (a).

A. Move into Executive Session under 551.074 (Personnel) Travel Request/Administrative Recommendations and 551.071 (Attorney Consultation)

B. Closed Session Items: Consideration of Recommendation on Term Contract Employee – **TIME 7:59PM**

1. Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071 and 551.074 - Consultation with District's legal counsel regarding procedural and legal issues with proposed termination and/or proposed nonrenewal of term contract employee.
2. Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.074 and 551.074 - Consultation with District's legal counsel regarding District hiring practices.
3. Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.074 - To deliberate the appointment, employment evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including the proposed termination of term contract employee.
4. Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.074 - To deliberate the appointment, employment evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including recommendation for proposed nonrenewal of term contract employee.

C. Reconvene in Open Session to Vote (if necessary) on Matters Discussed in Closed Session. – **TIME 10:19PM**

1. Consider and take possible action on recommendation for proposed termination of term contract employee.
2. Consider and take possible action on recommendation for proposed nonrenewal of term contract employee.

6. COMMENTS

A. BOARD

- Thanks to Dr. Harris and Curriculum Staff for receiving a GEAR-UP Grant totaling over \$7 million dollars.
- Applauded Woodridge Elementary Fine Arts Program
- Northside Elementary – Still 100% in Attendance
- Congratulations to the DeSoto Eagles Football Team
- Eagles that SOAR – Commended Dr. Sheppard

B. SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Harris recommended Ms. Jennifer Cowan – IB Coordinator
Ms. Monique Page – Parent Engagement and Professional Learning Coordinator
Motion was made by Aubrey C. Hooper to accept the recommendation, seconded by Don Gant.

Vote called, motion passed 6 - 0

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 6-7:30pm - Bilingual/ESL Parent Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7:30pm - Volleyball vs. S. Grand Prairie, DHS
Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:30pm - Special Education Parent Meet and Greet, BLCC
Friday, Sept. 26, 7:30pm - Football vs. Grand Prairie at Gopher Warrior Bowl
Friday, Sept. 26, 7:30pm - Volleyball vs. Grand Prairie, Grand Prairie
Tuesday, Sept. 30, 7:30pm - Volleyball vs. Cedar Hill, Cedar Hill
Monday, October 6 - State Fair Day - Student Holiday; Staff Development
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 7:30pm - Volleyball vs. Midlothian, DHS
Wednesday, October 8, 6pm - Homecoming Parade
Friday, Oct. 10, 7:30pm - Football vs. Mansfield at Eagle Stadium (Homecoming)
Friday, Oct. 10, 7:30pm - Volleyball vs. Mansfield, DHS
Monday, October 13, - Early Release; Parent Conferences
Monday, Oct. 13, 6:30pm - Board Meeting

7. ADJOURN – TIME 10:27PM