

## Regular Meeting

Monday, February 24, 2025 6:30 PM

Dalton L. James Administration Board Room, 200 E. Belt Line Rd., DeSoto, TX 75115

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**Discussion:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by President Chasiti McKissic.

### 2. BOARD ORGANIZATION, OPERATIONS AND RECOGNITION

**Discussion:** Trustees in attendance: Trustee Traci McNairy, Trustee Cynthia Watson-Banks, Trustee Chasiti McKissic, Trustee James Durham, Trustee Karen Lacy, Trustee Eboni Mitchell, Trustee Abe Cooper, Jr.

#### 2.A. Welcome, Invocation, Pledges, District Mission Statement and Emergency Statement, Establish Quorum

Invocation: Dr. Keith L. Somerville, Lead Pastor, The Village United Methodist Church

#### 2.B. CTE Month Resolution

**Discussion:** 6:36 PM - 6:46PM

**Presenter:** Melinda Pugh, Director Career & Technical Education

#### 2.C. National Counselor Month

**Discussion:** 6:46 PM - 6:52 PM

**Presenter:** Anita Perry, Executive Director of CCMR

### 3. CONVENE PUBLIC HEARING:

#### 3.A. Presentation of the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)

**Discussion:** 6:52 PM - 6:57 PM

**Presenter:** Dr. Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools

#### 3.B. Public Comments on (TAPR)

**Discussion:** 6:57 PM - 6:58 PM

1 Public Comment

#### 3.C. Presentation of The Meadows Elementary (TME) Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP)

**Discussion:** 6:58 PM - 7:04 PM

**Presenter:** Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer

#### 3.D. Public Comments on TME TIP

**Discussion:** 7:04 PM - 7:22 PM

#### 3.E. Close Public Hearing

**Discussion:** The public hearing closed at 7:22 PM

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

**Discussion:** 7:22 PM No public comments

### 5. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

**Discussion:** Trustees enter closed session at 7:27 PM and returned at 8:39 PM.

#### 5.A. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.071 (Legal advice with school attorney)

#### 5.B. To discuss participation in multi-district litigation involving youth social media usage and related litigation and entering into a contingency fee contract with O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC and Eiland & Bonnin, PC to represent the District (Texas Government Code §551.071)

5.C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 for the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property

1. Review purchase and sale agreement for the purchase of land

5.D. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.074 (Personnel matters)

5.D.1. Discussion with legal counsel on matters related to Superintendent's contract amendments.

**6. INFORMATION (Discussion Only)**

6.A. Financial Updates

**Discussion:** 8:39 PM - 8:55 PM  
Monthly Updates

8:48 PM - 8:55 PM  
Budget Assumptions

**Presenter:** Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer

**7. CONSENT ITEMS (All items may be acted upon at the same time by Board of Trustees)**

**Discussion:** 8:56 PM - 8:57 PM

Motion was made by Trustee Abe Cooper, Jr. to approve Consent Items 7A - 7G / 2nd by Trustee James Durham  
Vote passed 7/0

7.A. Consideration and Possible Approval of Acceptance of the Project Lead The Way Grant

**Presenter:** Elizabeth Bostic, Budget & Grants Manager

7.B. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Purchase and Installation of Commercial Dishwashers at Identified Campuses

**Presenter:** Gene Morrow, Executive Director of Student Support Services

7.C. Consideration and Possible Approval to Amend the District Innovation Plan

**Presenter:** Lawrence Davis, Director of Human Capital Management

7.D. Consideration and Possible Approval of Cybersecurity Software Subscription Renewal (CrowdStrike)

**Presenter:** Michael White, Executive Director of Technology

7.E. Consideration and Possible Approval of Costs for the May 2025 Joint Election and to Enter into Election Services Contract

**Presenter:** Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer

7.F. Consideration and Possible Approval of Additional Expenditures for Special Education Contract Service Providers

**Presenter:** Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer

7.G. Consideration and Possible Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

**Presenter:** Chasiti McKissic, Board President

**8. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS (Action Requested)**

8.A. Consideration and Possible Approval to rename DeSoto High School Collegiate Campus

**Discussion:** 7:23 PM - 7:24 PM

Item 8.A was moved ahead of Closed Session.

**Presenter:** Dr. Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools

Motion made by Trustee James Durham to approve the renaming DeSoto High School Collegiate Campus / 2nd by Abe Cooper, Jr.  
Vote passed 7/0

8.B. Consideration and Possible Approval to rename the District Alternative Program Campus  
**Discussion:** 7:24 PM - 7:26 PM  
Item 8.B was moved ahead of Closed Session.  
Motion made by Trustee Abe Cooper, Jr. to approve the renaming District Alternative Program Campus / 2nd by Trustee James Durham  
Vote passed 7/0

**Presenter:** Dr. Usamah Rodgers,  
Superintendent of Schools

8.C. Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution Authorizing the County of Dallas to Resell Tax-Foreclosed Property  
**Discussion:** 8:57 PM - 8:58 PM Motion made by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. / 2nd by Trustee Traci McNiary  
Vote passed 7/0

**Presenter:** Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer

8.D. Consideration and Possible Approval of The Meadows Elementary (TME) Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP)  
**Discussion:** 8:58 PM - 8:59 PM  
Motion made by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. / 2nd by Trustee Eboni Mitchell  
Vote passed 6/1  
Trustee Karen Lacy Abstained

**Presenter:** Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer

8.E. Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution to Designate all DeSoto Independent School District Schools as Welcoming and Protective to the Fullest Extent of the Law  
**Discussion:** 9:00 PM - 9:06 PM  
Motion made by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. / 2nd by Trustee Chasiti McKissic  
Vote passed 7/0

**Presenter:** Chasiti McKissic, Board President

8.F. Consideration and Adoption of Resolution Approving Contingent Fee Legal Services Contract, including Findings Needed for Submission of Contingent Fee Legal Services Agreement and Request for Expedited Review by the Texas Attorney General  
**Discussion:** 9:06 PM - 9:07 PM  
Motion made by Trustee James Durham to approve items 8F & 8G together / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper, Jr  
Vote passed: 7/0

**Presenter:** Dr. Usamah Rodgers,  
Superintendent of Schools

8.G. Consideration and Adoption of Contingent Fee Legal Services Agreement with O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC and Eiland & Bonnin, PC.

**Presenter:** Dr. Usamah Rodgers,  
Superintendent of Schools

8.H. Discussion and possible action to approve amendments to Superintendent's contract.  
**Discussion:** 9:07 PM - 9:08 PM  
Motion made by Trustee James Durham to approve amendments to Superintendents contract / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

**Presenter:** Chasiti McKissic, Board President

Vote passed 7/0

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

**Discussion:** 9:07 PM There were no Public Comments

10. **ADJOURN**

**Discussion:** Motion made by Trustee Cynthia Watson

- Banks / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM

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Board Secretary