

Regular Meeting

Monday, April 28, 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 6:30 PM by President McKissic.

2. BOARD ORGANIZATION, OPERATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Discussion: Board Members Present: Trustee Abe Cooper, Jr. , Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks, Trustee Traci McNairy, Trustee Chasiti McKissic, Trustee James Durham, Trustee Karen Lacy, Trustee Eboni Mitchell

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

Invocation: Rev. Willacin Gholston, Manager of Pastoral Services, Methodist Charleton Medical Center

Discussion: 6:30 PM

2.B. District Accolades (Students, Faculty and Staff)

Discussion: 6:34 PM - 6:39 PM

Presenter: Dr. Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools

2.C. Recognition of Spelling Bee Campus Winners

Discussion: 6:39: PM - 6:55 PM

Presenter: Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer

2.D. Plant Services and Custodial Staff Recognition

Discussion: 6:55 PM - 7:03PM

Presenter: James Thomas, Chief of Maintenance and Operations

3. INFORMATION (Discussion Only)

3.A. Updates for Amber Terrace Elementary Pre-K Program

Discussion: 7:03 PM - 7:06 PM

Presenter: Keishla Coleman, Principal

3.B. Financial Updates

Discussion: 7:06 PM - 7:11 PM

Presenter: Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer

3.C. Annual Announcement of Board Training Credit

Discussion: 7:11 PM - 7:15 PM

Presenter: Chasiti McKissic, Board President

4. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Discussion: Entered Closed Session at 7:15 PM / Returned from Closed Session at 9:03 PM

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

4.A.1. Discussion regarding *Hawkins v. DeSoto ISD, et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:25-cv-00652-D.

4.B. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.072 (Deliberation regarding real property)

4.C. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.074 (Personnel matters)

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Discussion: 9:03 PM - There were no Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

Discussion: 9:03 PM - 9:05 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham to approve Consent Items 6A - 6J / 2nd by Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.,
Vote Passed 7/0

6.A. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Paxton - Patterson Curriculum and Equipment

Presenter: Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer

6.B. Consideration and Possible Approval of 2025-26 Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials

Presenter: Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer

6.C. Consideration and Possible Approval Expansion Solutions for Summer Enrichment

Presenter: Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer

6.D. Consideration and Possible Approval of the 2025 - 2026 Academic Calendar

Presenter: Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer

6.E. Consideration and Possible Approval of Roof Repairs at DeSoto High School Gymnasium 2 and Gymnasium 3

Presenter: James Thomas, Chief of Maintenance and Operations

6.F. Consideration and Possible approval of the purchase of Safe and Civil Schools Curriculum and Training Program.

Presenter: Gene Morrow Jr., Executive Director of Student Support Services, Operations & Engagement

6.G. Consideration and Possible approval for the purchase of the Character Counts Curriculum.

Presenter: Gene Morrow Jr., Executive Director of Student Support Services, Operations & Engagement

6.H. Consideration and Possible Approval of Network Cabling System Provider (CDW)

Presenter: Michael White, Executive Director of Technology

6.I. Consideration and Possible Approval of 2024-2025 Independent Financial Auditor

Presenter: Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer

6.J. Consideration and Possible Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Chasiti McKissic, Board President

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

7.A. Consideration and Possible Action on the Renewal and Awarding of Probationary and Term Chapter 21 Contracts of Specified Certified Employees for the 2025- 2026 Contract Year, Including but Not Limited to Campus Professionals, Campus Administrators, and

Presenter: Lawrence Davis, Director of Human Capital Mangement

Principals.

Discussion: 9:05 PM - 9:07 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham/ 2nd by
Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

Vote Passed 7/0

- 7.B. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve
Recommendation to Terminate Certain Probationary
Contract Employees at the End of the Contract
Period, in the Best Interest of the District
Pursuant to Chapter 21 of the Texas Education
Code

Discussion: 9:07 PM - 9:08 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by
Trustee Abe Cooper, Jr.

Vote Passed 7/0

Presenter: Lawrence
Davis, Director of
Human Capital
Mangement

- 7.C. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve
Proposed Non-Renewal of Certain Term Contract
Employees Pursuant to Chapter 21 of the Texas
Education Code and Board Policy DFFB(LOCAL).

Discussion: 9:08 PM - 9:09 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durhman / 2nd by
Trustee Abe Cooper, Jr.

Vote Passed 7/0

Presenter: Lawrence
Davis, Director of
Human Capital
Mangement

- 7.D. Policy Updates 1. Policy Update 124 - EHBC
(LOCAL) -

Discussion: 9:09 PM - 9:15 PM

Motion made by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by
Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

Vote Passed 7/0

Presenter: Karen
Lacy, Trustee

- 7.D.1. First Read: Policy Update 124 - First
Read - Policy Update 124 includes changes to
Local
Policies: CAA, CDA, CY, DH, EHB, EHBB, FFG,
and GKA

Presenter: Karen
Lacy, Trustee

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

Discussion: 9:15 PM - There were no Public
Comments on Non-Agenda Items

9. **ADJOURN**

Discussion: Motion made by Trustee Abe Cooper, Jr
to adjourn / 2nd by Trustee James Durham
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Board Secretary