

Regular Meeting

Monday, June 16, 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 Chasiti McKissic.
Trustees in attendance: Trustee Traci McNairy, Trustee Cynthia Watson - Banks, Trustee James Durham, Trustee Karen Lacy and Trustee Eboni Mitchell
Trustee not in attendance: Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Discussion: 6:30 PM - 7:05 PM

2.A. PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Presenter: Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer

2.B. Citizens Comments on Proposed Budget

Discussion: 7:05 PM - There were no public comments on the Proposed Budget

2.C. Close Public Hearing

Discussion: 7:06 PM

3. BOARD ORGANIZATION, OPERATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Discussion: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President McKissic.
Trustees in attendance: Trustee Abe Cooper Jr., Trustee Chasiti McKissic, Trustee James Durham, Trustee Karen Lacy
Trustee attending virtually: Trustee Traci McNairy, Trustee Eboni Mitchell
Trustee absent: Trustee Cynthia Watson -Banks

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

Invocation: Pastor Mike Hogue, Faith Bible Church

Discussion: 7:06 PM - 7:09 PM

3.B. District Accolades

Presenter: Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools

4. BOARD MONITORING

4.A. Campus and Student Recognition

Discussion: 7:09 PM - 7:15 PM

Presenter: Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer

4.B. Goal Progress Monitoring

Discussion: 7:16 PM - 8:00 PM

4.B.1. GPM 3.1 Math Kinder - iReady (EOY) GPM3.2 Math 1st - iReady (EOY) GPM3.3 Math 2nd - iReady (EOY)

Presenter: Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools

5. INFORMATION (Discussion Only)		
Discussion:		
5.A. Financial Updates	Discussion: 8:00 PM - 8:12 PM	Presenter: Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer
5.B. Board Corrective Action Plan	Discussion: 8:12 PM - 8:14 PM	Presenter: Chasiti McKissic, Board President
5.C. Administration Corrective Action Plan		Presenter: Dr. Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools
5.D. Draft 2025-2030 Board Goals and GPMs		Presenter: Chasiti McKissic, Board President
5.E. Draft 2025-2030 Superintendent Constraints and Progress Measures		Presenter: Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools
6. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS		
Discussion: The Board entered closed session at 8:40 PM and returned at 11:00 PM		
6.A. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.071 (Legal advice with school attorney)		
6.B. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.072 (Deliberation regarding real property)		
6.C. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.074 (Personnel matters)		
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY		
Discussion: 11:00 PM - There were no Public Comments on Agenda Items.		
8. CONSENT ITEMS (All items may be acted upon at the same time by Board of Trustees)		
Discussion: 11:00 PM - 11:02 PM		
Motion made by Trustee Eboni Mitchell / 2nd by Trustee Traci McNiary		
Vote passed 5/0		
8.A. FY 2025 - 2026 DeSoto ISD Gates Foundation Subgrant Agreement		Presenter: Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer
8.B. Possible Consideration and Approval for Teach Town Curriculum		Presenter: Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer
8.C. Consideration and Possible Approval for Grant to Fund Early Literacy Coordinator Position		Presenter: Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer
8.D. Possible Consideration and Approval for Schoollinks Platform		Presenter: Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer
8.E. Consideration and Possible Approval of Goalbook (Enome)		Presenter: Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer
8.F. Consideration and Possible Approval of Frontline Education Services (eSped)		Presenter: Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer
8.G. Consideration and Possible Dallas Regional Day		Presenter: Stephanie

School Program for the Deaf	McCloud, Chief Academic Officer
8.H. Consideration and Possible Approval of Contracted Services for the Special Education Department	Presenter: Stephanie McCloud, Chief Academic Officer
8.I. Consideration and Possible Approval of Board Meeting Minutes	Presenter: Chasiti McKissic, Board President
9. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS (Action Requested) Discussion: Motion made by Trustee Eboni Mitchell / 2nd by Trustee Traci Mitchell Vote passed 4/1 (Trustee Karen Lacy Abstained)	
9.A. Consideration and Possible Approval of Budget Amendments Fourth Quarter 2024-2025 School Year Discussion: Motion made by Trustee Eboni Mitchell / 2nd by Trustee Traci McNairy Vote Passed 4/1 (Trustee Karen Lacy Abstained)	Presenter: Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer
9.B. Consideration and Possible Approval of 2025-2026 Budgets for General Operating (199), Child Nutrition (240) and Debt Services (511) Discussion: Motion made by Trustee Traci McNairy / 2nd by Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks / Motions were withdrawn by Trustee Traci McNairy and Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks/ After discussion regarding the compensation plan, Dr. Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent, proposed that no action be taken at this time and it will be added to the Special Called Meeting scheduled for Monday. Trustee Traci McNairy withdrew her motion / 2nd by Trustee Chasiti McKissic to Table Item 9B	Presenter: Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer
9.C. Resolution: Designate Officer Responsible for Calculating and Reporting the No New Tax Rate and Voter Approved Tax Rate Discussion: Motion made by Trustee Eboni Mitchell / 2nd by Trustee Traci McNairy/ After discussion, the motion was withdrawn, and no action was taken at this time.	Presenter: Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer
9.D. Consideration and Possible Approval of Order authorizing the issuance of unlimited tax-refunding bonds, appointing a price officer and delegating the pricing officer the authority to approve the sale of bonds. Discussion: The item was removed and no action will be taken at this time.	Presenter: Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer
9.E. Consideration and Possible Approval of the 2025 - 2026 Compensation Plan Discussion: This item was removed and no action will be taken at this time.	Presenter: Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer
9.F. Consideration and Possible Approval of Executive Director of Administrative Services Discussion: Motion made by Trustee Eboni Mitchell / 2nd by Cynthia Watson Banks / vote passed 5/0 Dr. Michelle Neely was named Executive Director of Administrative Services	Presenter: Lawrence Davis, Director of Human Capital Management
9.G. Consideration and Possible Approval of the	Presenter: Lawrence

Director of MTSS

Discussion: Motion made by Traci McNairy / 2nd by Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks

Vote passed 6/0

Dr. Buford was named the Director of MTSS

Davis, Director of Human Capital Management

9.H. Consideration and Possible Approval of Campus Principal at McCowan Middle School

Discussion: Motion made by Trustee Trustee Eboni Mitchell / 2nd by Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks
Vote passed 6/0

Ms. Boston was name Principal at McCowan Middle School

Presenter: Lawrence Davis, Director of Human Capital Management

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

Discussion: 11:15 PM - One public comments on Non-Agena Items

11. **ADJOURN**

Discussion: Motion made by Trustee Eboni Mitchell / 2nd by Trustee Karen Lacy

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 PM

Board Secretary