

## Regular Meeting

Monday, October 28, 2024 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 were: Trustee Traci McMcnairy , Trustee Chasiti McKissic, Trustee James Durham , Trustee Karen Lacy, Trustee Eboni Mitchell  
Trustees in attending Virtually: Trustee Abe Cooper Jr.  
Trustee Absent : Trustee Cynthia Watson-Banks

### 2. BOARD ORGANIZATION, OPERATIONS AND RECOGNITION

**Discussion:** 6:33 PM - 6:35 PM  
President Trustee McKissic recognized Natalia Hightower, District Bus Driver, who safely got all students off the bus during an emergency. Patricia Coleman with Bank of DeSoto presented a donation to DeSoto Independent School District with a donation of \$1,500.00 on behalf of The Moncrieff Family.

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

Invocation by: Pastor Lewis Hemphill, Jr, The Link Church

### 3. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

**Discussion:** Entered Closed Session at 6:39 PM /  
Returned from closed session at 8:21 PM  
Trustee Abe Cooper did not return virtually after closed session.

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

### 3.B. Texas Government Code Chapter §551.074 (Personnel matters)

### 3.C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.076 (Security) Safety and Security

### 3.D. 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

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

**Discussion:** 8:21 PM - No public comments on Agenda Items.

### 5. INFORMATION (Discussion Only)

**Discussion:** 8:21 PM - 8:34 PM

### 5.A. LSG Quarterly Evaluation

**Presenter:** Chasiti McKissic, Board President

5.A.1. Time Trackers

5.A.2. Evaluation

5.B. Policy Updates

**Discussion:** 8:34 PM - 8:43 PM

5.B.1. Policy Update 122 - EHBC (LOCAL) - First Read

**Presenter:** Karen Lacy, Trustee

5.B.2. Policy Update 123 - First Read - Policy Update 123 includes changes to Local Policies BBD, BBFA, CKC, CKEC, CQC, DCE, DGBA, EEH, EF, EFA, EFB, FNG, and GF

**Presenter:** Karen Lacy, Trustee

5.C. FIRST Rating Update

**Discussion:** 8:43 PM - 8:50 PM

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

5.D. Financial Updates

**Discussion:** 8:50 PM - 8:56 PM

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

5.D.1. Monthly Financials

5.D.2. Quarterly Investment Report

5.E. Review of Proposed Budget Development Timeline for FY '26

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

5.F. District Improvement Plan

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

5.G. Emergent Bilingual 2023-2024 Program Evaluation  
**Discussion:** 9:20 PM - 9:32 PM

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

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

**Discussion:** 9:32 PM - 9:33 PM

Motion made by Trustee Karen Lacy to approve Consent Items 6A - 6E / 2nd by Trustee Chasiti McKissic

Vote passed 5/0 (Trustee Abe Cooper Jr. and Trustee Cynthia Watson-Banks not present)

6.A. Consideration and Possible Approval of Financial Advisor RFP

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

6.B. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Panorama Climate Survey Contract (1-Year)

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

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

**Presenter:** Chasiti McKissic, Board President

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

**Discussion:** 9:33 PM - 10:05 PM

- 7.A. Consideration and Possible Approval of Budget Amendment # 2 **Presenter:** Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer

**Discussion:** Motion Made by Trustee James Durham to approve item 7A / 2nd by Trustee Ebonie Mitchell

Vote passed 5/0 (Trustee Abe Cooper Jr and Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks absent)

- 7.B. Consideration and Possible Approval for Consent to Sell Tax Foreclosed Properties Struck Off to Dallas County **Presenter:** Michael McSwain, Interim Chief Business Officer

**Discussion:** Motion Made by Trustee James Durham to approve item 7B / 2nd by Trustee Ebonie Mitchell

Vote passed 5/0 (Trustee Abe Cooper Jr and Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks absent)

- 7.C. Consider and Possible Action of LSG Quarterly Evaluation **Presenter:** Chasiti McKissic, Board President

**Discussion:** Motion Made by Trustee James Durham to approve item 7C / 2nd by Trustee Traci McNairy  
Vote passed 5/0 (Trustee Abe Cooper Jr and Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks absent)

- 7.D. Consideration and Possible Approval of Revised Goal Progress Measures GPM 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 **Presenter:** Dr. Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools

**Discussion:** Motion Made by Trustee James Durham to approve item 7D / 2nd by Trustee Traci McNairy  
Vote passed 4/1 (Trustee Abe Cooper Jr and Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks absent)

- 7.E. Consideration and Possible Approval of Revised Goal Progress Measures GPM 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 **Presenter:** Dr. Usamah Rodgers, Superintendent of Schools

**Discussion:** Motion Made by Trustee Traci McNairy to approve item 7E / 2nd by Trustee Ebonie Mitchell

Vote passed 4/1 (Trustee Abe Cooper Jr and Trustee Cynthia Watson Banks absent)

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

**Discussion:** 10:06 PM - 1006PM - There were no Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

**9. ADJOURN**

**Discussion:** Motion made by Trustee James Durham / 2nd by Trustee Traci McNairy  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 PM

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Board Secretary