

# Board Notes

## DeSoto ISD School Board Meetings



### **Monthly School Board Meeting Notes: Monday, September 27, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**

*Board notes are not the approved minutes of the DeSoto ISD School Board meeting but are just a recap of the major votes/actions of the meeting. To view the meeting's official minutes and agenda items, please [click here](#) or check the website at [www.DeSotoISD.org](http://www.DeSotoISD.org).*

#### **Closed Session:**

- The community was able to view the monthly Celebrations and Recognitions as well as a series of upcoming calendar items.
- 2.A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel) deliberations regarding Superintendent Evaluation
- 2.B. Legal advice from school attorney on personnel issues, and contract issues, regarding edits to DC (LOCAL) and DCD (LOCAL) related to personnel matters. Tex. Gov'tCode §§ 551.071 & 551.074
- 2.C. Discussion and Legal advice from school attorney on proposed edits to Section VII Communications of the DeSoto ISD Board of Trustees Operating Procedure regarding personnel matters. Tex. Gov'tCode §§ 551.071 & 551.074

#### **Celebrations and Recognitions** (Watch Video)

- **Celebrations:**
  - **District Highlights:**
    - DeSoto ISD celebrated National Gear Up week for 9-12 grade students.
    - DeSoto ISD hosted its first Education Go-Get-It week focused on college and career readiness for students in grades Pre-K to 8.
    - DeSoto ISD celebrated Hispanic Heritage month with activities and educational events and contests for staff, students, and the community.

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- DeSoto ISD hosted two of three job fairs to obtain more difference-makers for our students.
- DeSoto ISD began using School Status as a way to streamline parent and student communication.
- *Student Spotlight*
  - DeSoto High School Culinary Arts students served coffee at the soft opening of the Eagles Bistro.
  - DeSoto High School Seniors and band students received a visit from the Prairie View A&M University Marching Band.
  - DeSoto High School students also attended a virtual TACRO College Fair to make plans for their postsecondary future.
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### Recognitions

- DeSoto ISD wants to thank the following donors for their contributions and support of the district:
  - DeSoto ISD wants to thank the Nurturing Our Blessings Foundation for its donation and support to DeSoto High School.

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- Faith Bible Church stopped by to show support and encourage the Central Administration staff.

### Future Mentions

- DeSoto ISD and DeSoto High School are celebrating homecoming week on Oct. 5-8. The Homecoming Parade is October 6 so make plans to celebrate this week of Eagle pride.
- The DeSoto ISD PTA Council is partnering with the Raise Your Hand Texas Foundation to celebrate World Teachers Day on Tuesday, October 5th.
- The DeSoto afterschool enrichment and tutoring programs will open very soon. Stay connected to the district communication channels for application information.
- DeSoto ISD Fair Day is on Oct. 11. Campus and District offices will be closed.

### Public Session

- **Public Comments**
  - Several public comments were received for this meeting. There were five comments for agenda items and four for non-agenda items. The comments focused on COVID Response, staffing shortages and communication practices.
- **Board Monitoring**
  - This monthly progress monitoring session is designed to discuss student and teacher progress in selected areas as it relates to the board's goals.
  - The **high achievers' recognition for students and staff** honored students in grades Pre-K to 8 who showed the most significant percentage of academic growth in the course subjects of reading and math. This month, DeSoto ISD also recognized teachers who achieved the most significant academic growth of their students in English Language Arts/Reading and Math during the 2021 school year. Parents brought their students to receive this public recognition.

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- The progress measures covered in this agenda presentation included data review and conversations around **Board Goal 4: Individual Growth.**
  
- **Information (Discussion Only)**
  - The **Board Corrective Action Plan** update was presented by President Fleming.
    - This brief presentation of the Board Corrective Action Plan identified the completion of the Set the Vision objective regarding board-led Lone Star Governance training and the Implementing the Vision Objective regarding the literacy-focused progress measures.
  - The **Administration Corrective Action Plan** update was shared by Superintendent Weaver.
    - This brief presentation shared a significant percentage of improvement on the academic progress measures regarding instructional model and a smaller gain on the progress measure regarding a tiered system of support. The talent management objectives showed improvement with only two areas off-track and slightly off-track respectively.
  
- **Consent Items**
  - The Board unanimously **approved** all Consent Agenda Items.
  
- **Action/Discussion Items**
  - **Consideration and possible approval of Superintendent Evaluation - 2020-2021 SY**
    - The board **took no action** on this Item.
  - **Consideration Discussion and possible action to revise board policy DC (LOCAL)**
    - The board **unanimously approved** this Item.
  - **Consideration Discussion and possible action to revise board policy DCD (LOCAL)**

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- The board **unanimously approved** this Item.
- **Consideration Discussion and take possible action to revise Section VII Communications of the DeSoto ISD Board Manual regarding personnel matters.**
  - The board **unanimously** approved this Item.
- **Consideration and possible approval of Emergency and COVID Response Resolution**
  - The board **unanimously** approved this Item.
- **Consideration and possible approval of Staff Development Waiver**
  - The board **approved** this Item.
- **Consideration and possible approval of 1-to-1 Device Purchase Authorization - Continuation**
  - The board **approved** this Item.
- **Consideration and possible approval of DeSoto ISD CapEQ Collaborative SOW Phase III**
  - The board **did not approve** this Item.
- **Consideration and possible approval of Contract between DeSoto ISD and City Tutoring Program**
  - The board **unanimously approved** this Item as directed by the TEA Conservator.

### Next Meeting Information

The next meeting of the DeSoto ISD School Board is scheduled for **October 26, 2021**, at **6:30 PM**. The meetings are held at the DeSoto ISD Administration Building located at 200 E. Belt Line Road in DeSoto, Texas.

- In-person public comments must be submitted at least (15) fifteen minutes before the start of the meeting to be considered. During the Board Meeting, the public will read their comments to the board.

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- Viewers can access the meeting via the DeSoto ISD website or at this direct link: <http://desotoisdtx.swagit.com/live>.