SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BE IT REMEMBERED that the DeSoto County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the office of the Superintendent of Education in Hernando, MS, with the following present, to-wit: Board Member and President Michele Henley; Board Member and Secretary Jerald Wheeler; Board Members Charles Barton, Shelia Riley, and Josh Sullivan (by phone). Also present were the Superintendent of Education Cory Uselton; Assistant Superintendents Van Alexander, Ryan Kuykendall, Amanda Samples, and Keith Williams; Board Attorney Jim Keith; and Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board Belinda Eldred and Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Lauren Margeson.

Approve Agenda

Approval of the November 6, 2025 Agenda.

Election of Officers

Michele Henley opened the floor for nominations for Board President. Shelia Riley nominated Jerald Wheeler for Board President. There were no other nominations. Motion was made by Charles Barton and second by Josh Sullivan to elect Jerald Wheeler as Board President. Motion put to vote and passed upon the following results:

AYE - Sullivan, Henley, Wheeler, Riley, Barton

Jerald Wheeler opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary. Charles Barton nominated Shelia Riley for Board Secretary. There were no other nominations. Motion was made by Charles Barton and second by Jerald Wheeler to elect Shelia Riley as Board Secretary. Motion put to vote and passed upon the following results:

AYE - Sullivan, Henley, Wheeler, Riley, Barton

Superintendent's Report

Request for consideration of Executive Session.

Attorney's Report

None.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes of the October 16, 2025 Board Meeting and the October 17, 2025 Special Called Board Meeting.

Consent Agenda

The Board voted for:

A. Approval of October 2025 Docket of Claims

B. Approval of the September 2025 Activity Fund Receipts and Disbursements Report.

C. Approval to accept the Donations and Contributions.

D. Approval was granted to submit and receive grants.

E. Approval of an affiliation agreement with BMG MidSouth Imaging.

F. Approval of an affiliation agreement with Oak Tree Animal Clinic.

G. Approval of an amended contract with The Costumer.

H. Approval of an amended contract with Transfinder Corporation.

I. Approval of an articulation agreement with Mississippi University for Women.

J. Approval to participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

K. Approval of a contract with B. E. Publishing, Inc.

L. Approval of a contract with B. E. Publishing, Inc.

M. Approval of a contract with Cengage Learning, Inc.

N. Approval of a contract with Charleston Wrap.

O. Approval of a contract with Cline Tours, Inc.

P. Approval of a contract with Continued.com, LLC.

Q. Approval of a contract with Curriculum Associates LLC.

R. Approval of a contract with Cypress Hall.

S. Approval of a contract with Dance Team Union.

T. Approval of a contract with Deep South Cheer & Dance.

U. Approval of a contract with Empire Truck Sales LLC.

V. Approval of a contract with Francotyp Postalia (FP) dba FP Mailing Solutions.

W. Approval of a contract with Hemker Portraits.

X. Approval of a contract with Hicks Convention Services.

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Z. Approval of a contract with Hometown Entertainment LLC dba Urban Air Collierville.

AA. Approval of a contract with Imagine Learning LLC.

BB. Approval of a contract with Mandy Shelby Little.

CC. Approval of a contract with Mears Destination Services Inc. dba Mears Transportation Group.

DD. Approval of a contract with Mears Destination Services Inc. dba Mears Transportation Group.

EE. Approval of a contract with Navistar, Inc. (through Rush Truck Center, Memphis).

FF. Approval of a contract with Playhouse on the Square.

GG. Approval of a contract with Playhouse on the Square.

HH. Approval of a contract with Pure Data Consulting, Inc.

II. Approval of a contract with Scholastic Book Fairs.

JJ. Approval of a contract with Scholastic Book Fairs.

KK. Approval of a contract with SIVAD, Inc.

LL. Approval of a contract with Sports Floors, Inc.

MM. Approval of a contract with TEC of Jackson, Inc. dba TEC.

NN. Approval of a contract with TEC of Jackson, Inc. dba TEC.

OO. Approval of a contract with TEC of Jackson, Inc. dba TEC.

PP. Approval of a contract with TEC of Jackson, Inc. dba TEC.

QQ. Approval of a contract with TEC of Jackson, Inc. dba TEC.

RR. Approval of a contract with TEC of Jackson, Inc. dba TEC.

SS. Approval of a contract with TEC of Jackson, Inc. dba TEC.

TT. Approval of a contract with TEC of Jackson, Inc. dba TEC.

UU. Approval of a contract with Tennessee Shakespeare Company.

VV. Approval of a contract with The Adventure Museum.

WW. Approval of a contract with The Goodheart-Willcox Company, Inc.

XX. Approval of a contract with The Pines at Shrub Oak International School.

YY. Approval of a contract with Theatre Memphis.

ZZ. Approval of a contract with Theatre Memphis.

AAA. Approval of a contract with Topgolf Events.

BBB. Approval of a contract with UniFirst Corporation.

CCC. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.

DDD. Approval of contract with YMCA of Memphis and Mid-South.

EEE. Approval of Final Pay Change Order #001 for Classroom Addition at Hernando Hills Elementary School.

FFF. Approval of Final Pay Change Order #002 for DCS Lighting Renovation Phase 2.

GGG. Approval of Final Pay Change Order #001 for Playground Improvements at Hope Sullivan Elementary School.

HHH. Approval to advertise for bids for county vehicles for the DeSoto County School District.

III. Approval to advertise for bids for furniture for Lewisburg High School 9th Grade Building Addition for the DeSoto County School District.

JJJ. Approval to advertise for bids for Horn Lake High School Playground for the DeSoto County School District.

KKK. Approval to take requests for proposals for Hernando Middle School Partial Rewire (ERate reimbursable) for the DeSoto County School District.

LLL. Approval of the FY26 Consolidated Federal Programs Application (MCAPS) for Title I, Title II, and Title IV funds.

MMM. Approval of Student Enrollments and Transfers.

New Business

A. Approval of the architectural services contract with Allen & Hoshall, PLLC for preschool playground at Horn Lake High School.

B. Approval of a bid for Bus A/C Retrofit for Transportation for DeSoto County School District from Waters International Trucks, Inc.

C. Approval of a bid for Cafeteria Décor Package for Lewisburg High School Rebid.

D. Approval of a bid from for the HVAC Renovations project at Hope Sullivan Elementary School.

E. Approval of a contract with JC Hartsfield Co., Inc.

F. Approval of Bids for the janitorial cleaning and paper supplies for DeSoto County School District.

G. Approval to pay BluSky Restoration Contractors for the emergency purchase for repairs to the roof that was blown off the Emergency Storm Shelter and remove all debris.

H. Approval to pay vendor.

I. Approval to pay vendor.

J. Approval to pay vendor.

K. Approval to purchase vehicles.

L. Approval of the September 2025 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures.

M. Approval of the September 2025 Combined Balance Sheet.

N. Approval of the September 2025 Statement of Cash Flow.

O. Approval of the September 2025 Certification of Bank Reconciliations.

P. Approval of personnel recommendations.

Q. Request for Executive Session.

Request to Appear

P.P. voiced concerns regarding a “board member who refused to withdraw a character letter.”

J.C. voiced “epistemological ideas/opinions, etymology of photosynthesis, intrinsic value of multiplication.”

T.J. voiced concerns regarding “unfit leadership exhibited by school board member.”

D.F. voiced concerns regarding “transportation safety and accountability.”

Public Comment

H.H. called for the immediate resignation of a board member.

N.C. voiced concerns regarding the scheduled time of regular board meetings and suggested changing the meeting time. She also challenged the board to research an incident that occurred at a Loundoun, Virginia school board meeting.

K.S. asked the board for systemic changes in board policy to protect students and requested the immediate resignation of a board member.

Executive Session

The Board heard student discipline matters, the personnel contract matter and the use of facilities matter.

There being no further business to come before the board, the board recessed until Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.