

DICKINSON ISD BOARD MEETING RECAP



December 10, 2024

The Dickinson Independent School District Board of Trustees met on Monday, December 10, 2024 for a regular Board Action meeting. This is a recap of the highlights from the meeting.

2025-2026 Academic Calendar Approved

At the December meeting, The Board of Trustees approved the district's academic calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

Before coming to the Board for approval, the calendar was approved by the District Education Improvement Council and it was the option favored by parents and employees in a survey conducted in November.

New Director of Facility Services and Silbernagel Principal named

Dickinson ISD is welcoming two familiar faces to new positions. Ezequiel "Zeke" Contreras has been promoted to Director of Facility Services. With 17 years of dedicated service to Dickinson ISD, Zeke has demonstrated exceptional leadership and technical expertise in various roles, including Facility Manager and Operations Coordinator.

Dr. Leone Clark brings over 30 years of educational experience to her new role as Principal of Silbernagel Elementary. She has a proven passion for maximizing student growth and empowering educators. Dr. Clark has previously served as the Director of Advanced Academics and Dean of Instruction at Dickinson High School, among other leadership roles.



Zeke Contreras



Dr. Leone Clark

| 2025-2026 Academic Calendar | | Dickinson Independent School District | | |
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| First Semester August 14 - December 19, 2025 | | August 2025 | September 2025 | October 2025 |
| Second Semester January 7 - May 21, 2026 | | November 2025 | December 2025 | January 2026 |
| Student/Teacher Holidays September 1, 2024 October 10 & 14, 2025 November 24-28, 2025 December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026 January 19, 2026 March 9-13, 2026 April 3, 2026 May 25, 2026 Transition Day August 13, 2025 | | February 2026 | March 2026 | April 2026 |
| New Teacher In-Service August 1 and August 4-5, 2025 | | May 2026 | June 2026 | July 2026 |
| Teacher In-Service/Student Holiday August 6-8 and August 11-12, 2025 September 22, 2025 January 5-6, 2026 February 16, 2026 May 22, 2026 | | School Hours for the 2025-2026 school year | | |
| Early Release All Campuses (2 hours early) December 19, 2025 - May 21, 2026 | | Elementary (grades PK-3) 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | | |
| Dickinson Continuation Center Graduation May 20, 2026 - DHS Auditorium | | Middle School & Junior High (grades 4-8) 7:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. | | |
| Dickinson High School Graduation May 21, 2026 - Sam Vizzana Stadium | | High School (grades 9-12) 7:05 a.m. - 2:35 p.m. | | |
| Nine Weeks: Grading Cycle | | PENDING BOARD APPROVAL | | |
| 1st 9-weeks 39 days 17,550 minutes | | | | |
| 2nd 9-weeks 44 days 19,680 minutes | | | | |
| 3rd 9-weeks 41 days 18,450 minutes | | | | |
| 4th 9-weeks 48 days 21,480 minutes | | | | |
| 5th 9-weeks 48 days 21,480 minutes | | | | |
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| 30th 9-weeks 48 days 21,480 minutes | | | | |
| 31st 9-weeks 48 days 21,480 minutes | | | | |
| Total Instructional 172 days 77,160 minutes | | | | |
| SD Waiver Days 0 minutes | | | | |
| Grand Total 172 days 77,160 minutes | | | | |

The Board of Trustees also approved:

- The 2025-2026 Dickinson High School Academic Handbook, which is moving to an online format on the DHS website.
- The Instructional Materials Review and Approval List and purchase of State Board of Education-Approved Instructional Materials.
- The Public Information Act 10 designated nonbusiness days for the 2025 calendar year.
- A request from Texas New Mexico Power Co. to purchase an easement right of way along the west side of the Dickinson Junior High property.

Written Reports:

- Texas Education Agency District Vulnerability Assessment Report
- Intruder Detection Audit
- Student Attendance Report for the second nine weeks
- October 2024 Tax Collection Report

Silbernagel Elementary Choir provides holiday entertainment at December board meeting

The Silbernagel Elementary Second Grade Choir treated everyone attending the December Board of Trustees meeting to some special holiday entertainment at the beginning of the meeting. They performed Jingle Bell Polka, Frosty Weather, Christmas Medley, and Cray Cray Christmas. They are led by music teacher Kelsey Helton.



Board Recognitions

District Christmas Card Artwork Honoree

Dickinson ISD holds an annual contest for a student to create artwork for the cover of the district Christmas card. The contest alternates each year between elementary students and secondary students. This year, the contest was offered to students at the three junior high campuses and Dickinson High School to create artwork depicting a holiday/winter theme. The winner of this year's contest is Juliana Guidry, a sixth-grade student at Dickinson Junior High. Her artwork depicts a happy gator under hanging ornaments. She is taught by Dickinson Junior High art teacher Audrey Lufkin.



Lions Club Peace Poster Contest

Three Kranz Junior High students were recognized in November by the Lions Club as top honorees in their International Peace Poster Contest. They included Anabelle Maya in first place, Laila Alvarez in second place, and Hannah Moreno in third place. They are taught by Kranz Junior High art teacher Laura Pregeant. Out of 12 artworks submitted, Kranz came home with awards for first, second, and third place. The students received cash prizes and were honored at a Lions Club Banquet on November 13. The first-place honoree will represent Kranz Junior High and Dickinson ISD at the next level of competition.



Celebrating Heroic Leadership: Kobie Rodriguez's Exemplary Act of Sportsmanship

The Dickinson High School Swim Team recently competed in the Texas City ISD Turkey Bowl Meet on Friday, November 22 alongside 21 other teams. During the meet, a swimmer from another team experienced a medical emergency mid-lap and began to struggle in the water. In a remarkable display of quick thinking and selflessness, Dickinson High School senior Kobie Rodriguez immediately recognized the swimmer in distress. Without hesitation, Kobie jumped into the water, performed a lifeguard hold, and safely swam the individual to the pool's edge, where a lifeguard took over.



Dickinson ISD is incredibly proud to recognize and celebrate Kobie Rodriguez for her heroic actions. Her courage, swift response, and willingness to assist in a life-threatening situation embody the core values of a Dickinson Gator. Kobie exemplifies what it means to be a compassionate, collaborative, and courageous Gator -- someone who is always ready to step up and make a difference.

Kobie's actions at the meet not only helped save a life but also demonstrated the true spirit of sportsmanship, setting an inspiring example for her teammates, her school, and her community. Please join us in congratulating Kobie Rodriguez for her outstanding representation of Dickinson ISD and for showing what it means to be a Gator for life!

Board Recognitions

SuperGator Alumni

At each Board of Trustees meeting, Dickinson ISD recognizes alumni who are going above and beyond to volunteer in the school district and campuses on a regular basis. These alumni are giving back and making a difference in the lives of students and staff by giving of their time to inspire future Dickinson ISD alumni. "Once a Gator, Always a Gator!" December honorees include:

Martha Flores is a proud Dickinson High School graduate from the Class of 1978 who is a tremendous help to Silbernagel Elementary and Kranz Junior High, where she has granddaughters in kindergarten and sixth grade. At Silbernagel, she is a volunteer during lunches to assist pre-kindergarten students needing extra help. She volunteers with the PTO, helps with school dances, assists with school book fairs, and works in the school store on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As the school office staff said, "She helps with whatever is needed." At Kranz, Martha volunteers in the school front office when extra help is needed. She answers phones, assists parents and visitors, and helps with regular office duties.



"Once a Gator, Always a Gator!"

Marjorie Morgan, a proud graduate of Dickinson High School's Class of 1986, is a cornerstone of the Dickinson community. She generously supports Dickinson ISD programs and events and shares her skills and resources as a small business owner to make each occasion shine. Beyond her contributions to the school district, Marjorie serves as a City of Dickinson First Responder, compassionately stepping up to help those in need during critical moments. She also serves on the Board of the M.I. Lewis Social Service Center which aids individuals with emergency needs and encourages them toward self-sufficiency.



Administrator Retirement

Jimmy Anderson is the district's Director of Facility Services. He is retiring after 39 years of service to public education, all in Dickinson ISD. Jimmy joined the district in 1986 as a part-time electrician in the Maintenance Department and a part-time kitchen equipment technician in Food and Nutrition Services. He eventually moved into a full-time position as kitchen equipment technician before accepting the role of Assistant Director of Maintenance in 2000. He moved into the director's position in 2005, where he has remained for almost 20 years.



Board of Trustees Meeting - December Pledge Leaders

Thank you to Beckett Sauers, Cannon Sauers, Colt Sauers, Preslyn Sauers, and Saige Sauers, all students at Lobit Elementary, for leading the pledges to the American flag and the Texas flag at the December 10 board meeting.



2024-2025 Board of Trustees

The Dickinson ISD Board of Trustees consists of seven members each elected to serve a single-member district for a three year term. Board meeting agendas are posted at least 72 hours before the start of a meeting. For more information about the Board of Trustees, visit the Dickinson ISD website at www.dickinsonisd.org/page/board.home.

Working along with Superintendent Dr. Rebecca Brown, the Board of Trustees includes President Corey Magliolo, Vice President Jessica Rodriguez, Secretary Veanna Veasey, and trustees Mary Anthamatten, Kenna Cotton, Mike Mackey, and Jonathan Mills.

