



Decatur Independent School District

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

To: Board of Trustees
From: Taylor Williams
Subject: Consideration of a Motion to Delegate Authority to the Superintendent or Designee to Establish a Date, Time, and Place for any Budget and or Tax Meetings and to Publish any Notices Required for the Adoption of a Tax Rate and or Budget and to Publish any Proposed Tax Rate not to Exceed the Maximum Allowed for the 2026 Tax Year and 2026-2027 School Year
Meeting Date: July 30, 2026
Type of Item: ☐ Information ☐ Presentation ☒ Consent Agenda ☐ Discussion ☐ Action
Supporting Documents: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Background Information and Rationale:

The Decatur ISD is required to publish a Notice of Budget and Tax Rate Adoption. Notice shall be published not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing.

The District can adopt a budget in August, and then adopt the tax rate separately in September. However, the ISD's plan is to hold a late August meeting and adopt both at the same meeting since the two are so interrelated.

The District's maintenance and operations rate is essentially determined by data the District sends to TEA. A template then calculates the major portion of the District's tax rate and an additional five cents is available without an election which earns additional state money as a local option. This is the same method as in previous years.

However, in order to have a budget or tax hearing, a notice must be published. Part of the notice requires the determination of a date and maximum tax rate to actually put in the notice and this item is delegating this to the Superintendent or designee.

This item lets the Superintendent set a meeting date and maximum tax rate for publication and then provides for the notice to be published. It does not in any way set any part of the budget or tax rate - that is done by the Board in a public meeting after the notice is published. This item just gives the Superintendent or designee the right to publish the required notice. (The DISD gives our information to the tax office to publish and needs to work around certain days since the paper is a weekly, not daily, publication.)

Support of Strategic Goals:

4.3 DISD will provide operational efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency to maximize taxpayer dollars.

Fiscal Implication:

Notice information only

Administrative Recommendation:

The Administration recommends to Delegate Authority to the Superintendent or Designee to Establish a Date, Time, and Place for any Budget and or Tax Meetings and to Publish any Notices Required for the Adoption of a Tax Rate and or Budget and to Publish any Proposed Tax Rate not to Exceed the Maximum Allowed for the 2026 Tax Year and 2026-2027 School Year.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent

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Gary Micinski
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