

# January 2025 Board Briefs



## Highlights from the January 27, 2025 Board Meeting:

- The Board recognized three Hitchcock High School Band students who made district history by being selected for the 2025 ATSSB All-State Band.
- The Board recognized School Board Appreciation Month, including proclamations by Hitchcock ISD and the City of Hitchcock honoring our trustees for their dedicated service, videos, and performances from our student body.
- The Board conducted a public hearing to review Hitchcock ISD's FIRST State Financial Accountability Rating for the 2022-2023 school year. An overview of the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) was provided. The District's 2022-2023 FIRST rating was presented and discussed.
- The Board approved the following consent items: Minutes from the previous Board meeting and monthly financial reports, check register, and tax collections report.
- The Board approved the academic calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.
- The Board approved a resolution that will ensure all employees are compensated appropriately for days missed due to the recent winter storm.

Full Board Meeting Minutes are available on the Hitchcock ISD website after approval at the next meeting.

## 🎉 Recognizing Our World Changers of the Month! 🎉

At the January School Board Meeting, we proudly honored three history-making Hitchcock High School students as World Changers of the Month for their incredible musical achievements.

🎵 Congratulations to:

- Alexis Vega (10th grade, Bb Clarinet)
- Ranferi Pineda (11th grade, Trumpet)
- Dustin Vonderheide (12th grade, Trumpet)

These talented Bulldogs made district history by becoming the first group of three students selected for the 2025 ATSSB All-State Band in the same year! Competing against over 10,000 students from across Texas, they earned their spots through hard work, dedication, and exceptional talent.



Under the guidance of Director Kelly Brunson, they continue to showcase the excellence of the Hitchcock High School Band program. 🐾 We are so proud of Alexis, Ranferi, and Dustin for inspiring their peers and bringing such honor to our district.

Let's continue to cheer them on as they prepare to perform with the All-State Band at the TMEA Convention in San Antonio this February! 🐾🎵