

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Terrell County Independent School District
March 26, 2025

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Following are the official minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Terrell County Independent School District for **Wednesday, March 26, 2025** beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Sanderson High School Conference Room at Sanderson High School 302 N. Second Street, Sanderson, Texas.

Moment of Silence and Pledge to the Flags (7:00 p.m.)

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:0 by school board President, Lali Ortiz.

Members present were: Fernando Sanchez, Jon Tom Lowrance, Enrique Rivera, Lali Ortiz, Marco Fuentes and Angela Duperrault.

Members absent were: Wes Billings

Staff and Administration Present were: Tanna Lowrance, Superintendent; Blain Chriesman, CFO; David Carrasco, Technology Director; Virginia Garza, Counselor; Tami Carrasco, Gina Roberts, Erica Sanchez

Visitors in attendance were: Laycee Lowrance, Layla Lowrance, Euphemie Daillet, Thalia Sanchez, Helen Daillet, Harper Sertich (not on sign-in sheet)

Public Forum

- a. PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION [TCISD Policy BED (LOCAL)].

There were not Public Comments

Student Recognition:

- a. State XC Debate

Mrs. Sanchez presented the SHS debate teams. The SHS debate teams placed 1st and 3rd at district and were the 2025 District Champions. Layla Lowrance and Harper Sertich placed 2nd at district and 5th at the state debate meet. Thalia Sanchez and Euphemie Daillet placed first at district and first at the state debate meet.

- b. Football and Cheerleading FCA

Mrs. Carrasco recognized Kelton Cohan, Laycee Lowrance and Euphemie Daillet for being nominated for FCA All-Stars. Kelton and Laycee have accepted the nomination and attended the media day in Abilene and will represent Sanderson High School at football and cheerleading FCA All-Stars this summer.

- c. Basketball - State First Team All-Academic

Mrs. Lowrance presented for Coach Hilliard, Laycee Lowrance was awarded Basketball First Team Academic All - State Honors.

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Reports

- a. **Athletic Report (Justin Hilliard)**
Coach Hilliard was unavailable for the regular board meeting. Mrs. Lowrance reported on the Rio Grande Relays. The JH and HS girls won the Rio Grand Relays. The track dedication for Mr. George Black and Mr. Ricki Marquez was a success.
- b. **Counselor's Report (Virginia Garza)**
The ACT was administered to all 8 juniors. Midland College will visit our campus 3.27.25 to help students register for classes. As of now, classes are still free of charge, Local Scholarships went out last week to seniors. STAAR testing begins in April. TELPAS was administered today. TSI testing for dual credit will be on May 6th along with 8th grade orientation.
Mrs. Garza answered questions from the board regarding the weighting of Financial Analysis, sunseting of BIM II certification test used by the district, pathways, graduation requirements, certifications for weighting a class.
- c. **Technology Report (David Carrasco)**
The website is still a work in progress. Will need to have all laptops, chromebooks ready for STAAR testing. Honewell replaced a sensor in Mrs. Carrasco's classroom air conditioning unit. Currently need a new wireless microphone and possibly new speakers at the track for the sound system.
- d. **Financial Report (Blain Chriesman)**
 - i. **List of Bills**
 - ii. **Financials**
 - iii. **Budget Amendments**
 - iv.
- e. **Superintendent Reports**
 - i. **Monthly Vehicle and Maintenance Report**
The 3 school buses sold at auction brought \$9,675. The JH track students will take the new coachliner to district track. The suburbans will be on-site next week.
 - ii. **Monthly Facility Report**
Currently working on a summer maintenance list. Still waiting on all new doors to be installed by DH Pace
 - iii. **March-May School Calendar**
The district has held several tennis tri-meets and it is going very well and saving the district money, Mrs. Lowrance will attend more meetings regarding CTE and dual credit courses. The Permian Basin grant is being worked on and will be sent in for consideration soon. The TIA application is due April 15. Mrs. Lowrance, Coach Stannard and Coach Hilliard attended a meeting with Mrs. Stumberg, who was representing the Terrell County Historical Commission, to

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work out details regarding participation from the school district, staff and students in the July 4th celebration.

- f. Summer Learning Institute for School Board Training
Mrs. Lowrance requested confirmation of attendance by Monday.

Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of January 22, 2025 Called Board Meeting
The motion was made by Mrs. Duperrault and seconded by Mr. Sanchez to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2025 Called Board Meeting. The motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Fuentes and Mrs. Ortiz abstaining.
- b. Minutes of January 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
The motion was made by Mr. Sanchez and seconded by Mr. Lowrance to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting with corrections. The motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Fuentes and Mrs. Ortiz abstaining.
- c. Minutes of February 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
The motion was made by Mr. Sanchez and seconded by Mr. Lowrance to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. The motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Fuentes and Mrs. Ortiz abstaining.
- d. Budget Amendments
There were no budget amendments presented.

Action Items

Presenter: Tanna Lowrance

- e. Discussion and possible approval to continue with the Walsh Gallegos attorney retainer
The motion was made by Mr. Sanchez and seconded by Mrs. Duperrault to continue with Walsh Gallegos attorney retainer. The motion passed 6-0.
- f. Consideration of continuing the district's audit engagement with Singleton & Clark, P.C. for the 2025-2026 Fiscal year and authorizing management / superintendent to sign the Audit Engagement Letter
The motion was made by Mr. Sanchez and seconded by Mr. Rivera to continue the district's audit engagement with Singleton & Clark, P.C. for the 2025-2026 Fiscal year and authorizing management / superintendent to sign the Audit Engagement Letter. The motion passed 6-0.
- g. Discussion and possible approval of the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar
Mr. Lowrance made a motion and Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget calendar. The motion passed 6-0.
- h. Discussion and possible approval of the 2025-2026 School Calendar
Mr. Rivera made a motion to approve School Calendar Option C for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

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- i. Discussion and possible approval of the 2025-2026 West Texas Food Service Cooperative Interlocal Agreement
Mr. Fuentes motioned to approve the 2025-2026 West Texas Food Service Cooperative Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Executive Session: Pursuant of Texas Governmental Code §551, the board may retire to closed session for discussion of items listed below:

The board entered into executive session at 8:19 p.m. for discussion and consideration of the following items.

- j. **Personnel Issues**
 - i. Personnel Resignations/Reassignments/Retirements/Non-Renewals
 - ii. Certified Teacher Contracts / School Nurse Contract / Technology Director Contract
- k. **Retaining Wall bids**

Return to Open Meeting for Consideration/Adoption of Closed Meeting Items:

The board entered into open meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Consideration of and possible action to extend certified teacher contracts and the dual contract of our school nurse.

Mr. Sanchez motioned to approve the extension of certified teacher contracts and the school nurse dual contract for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Fuentes abstaining.

Consideration of and possible action to approve one bid for the Retaining Wall Project
Mr. Sanchez motioned to approve the bid from IDM Construction for the Football Field Retaining Wall Project. Mr. Fuentes seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Adjournment

MR. RIVERA MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AND MR. FUENTEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Mrs. Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

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Mrs. Lali Ortiz

-President

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Mr. Jon Tom Lowrance

Secretary