

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORT STOCKTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

August 15, 2025
6:00 pm

President Flo Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Secretary Ursula Sanchez established a quorum with the following members present: Flo Garcia, Jennifer Gonzales, Kay Griffith, Freddie Martinez, Sandra Rivera and Ursula Sanchez. Anastacio Dominguez was absent.

Flo announced that the meeting had been duly called and that notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Freddie led the pledges to the flags and Superintendent Dr. Gabriel Zamora gave the invocation.

STAFF REPORTS

Principals reported attendance at around 97%.

As a side note, due to the court having no jurisdiction, the A-F lawsuit was not invalidated. State testing ratings reflect that Fort Stockton ISD outperformed all districts its size in the Region. Only around 7 districts, all smaller, outperformed Fort Stockton ISD. The virtual school performance brought the district rating down, and is developing a plan to address.

Deputy Superintendent Gil-Ray Madrid acknowledged each of the band and choir students, directors and their accompanist who were inducted in the Distinguished Order of the Panther and awarded a certificate and medal.

Dr. Zamora announced September 4 as the plaque presentation for Intermediate and soft opening of the high school stadium followed that evening with a free country music concert for the public celebrating Panther Nation.

OPEN FORUM

There were no requests for open forum or public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Ursula, seconded by Freddie and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the regular meeting of July 28, 2025.

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

The Athletics, Cheerleader, Tumbleweed+, and Stellar Virtual handbooks were provided digitally to board members for review prior to the board meeting and are always available to view at Central Office.

Juan Cabrera, with Stellar Virtual, gave an overview of his program and provided the Academic Improvement Plan.

Judge John Payton and Dr. Charles Hicks gave a truancy and attendance presentation and explained how they will be working with Fort Stockton ISD staff through Stellar Virtual.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET AND TAX RATE

Maria Gomez opened the public meeting at 6:48 pm and reviewed the proposed general fund, food service and debt service budgets for a total of \$77,794,997, reviewed the projected revenue, the projected fund balance, the Pecos County Certified Tax Roll and proposed tax rate of \$1.0300. The public meeting closed at 7:00 pm.

ACTION

Motion made by Kay, seconded by Sandra and carried unanimously to approve the insurance proposal from McGriff in the amount of \$623,953.58.

Motion made by Sandra, seconded by Freddie and carried unanimously increase the adult meal lunch price to \$5.25.

Motion made by Jennifer, seconded by Kay and carried unanimously to approve the Strong Foundation Grant Education Elements for \$116,500.

Motion made by Kay, seconded by Ursula and carried unanimously to approve the Speech Language Pathologist agreement in the amount of \$110,600, and, due to a potential candidate for the position, will sign and activate in the future if needed.

Motion made by Jennifer, seconded by Sandra and carried unanimously to approve the quote for the Intermediate PE Track Playground Canopy from AOT Recreation in the amount of \$69,996.

Motion made by Kay, seconded by Sandra and carried unanimously to approve the quote for the HPE building exterior renovation project quote from Performance Services in the amount of \$474,000.

Action postponed to a future board meeting on the Natatorium Exterior Visage and Insulation project.

Motion made by Sandra, seconded by Freddie and carried unanimously to approve the 2025 Certified Appraisal Roll as presented.

Motion made by Jennifer, seconded by Kay, and carried unanimously to approve the Resolution authorizing the defeasance and redemption of outstanding obligations as presented.

Motion made by Kay, seconded by Ursula and carried unanimously to adopt the 2025-2026 general fund, food service and debt service budgets as presented.

Motion made by Jennifer, seconded by Sandra and carried unanimously to approve the Resolution to adopt the 2025-2026 tax rate in the amount of \$1.0300.

Motion made by Sandra, seconded by Freddie and carried unanimously to approve the Resolution regarding the 2024-2025 tax Rate and tax rate election as presented.

Motion made by Kay, seconded by Freddie and carried unanimously to approve the Order calling for a tax ratification election on November 4, 2025.

Motion made by Jennifer, seconded by Kay and carried unanimously to approve the Order calling for a bond election on November 4, 2025.

CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (Subchapters D and E of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code), the board entered into a closed meeting to deliberate personnel (551.074), superintendent's contract and possible transition plans (551.074) and consultation with attorney (551.071) at 7:30 pm.

OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 8:01 pm.

ACTION

Motion made by Kay, seconded by Sandra and carried unanimously to delegate authority to the board president to negotiate the superintendent contract as needed.

The next regular meeting will be August 25 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Presiding Officer

Attesting Officer