

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 11, 2025

MONDAY: 5:00 p.m.

IOLA ISD ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA

The Board of Trustees of the Iola Independent School District met in called session on August 11, 2025 in the Elementary Cafeteria, Iola, Texas.

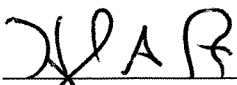
Members Present: Alec Pointer, Sierra Betancourt, Tammy Harvey, Mark Cunningham, Todd Kay and Brian Van Dyck

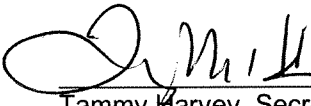
Members Absent: Jody Evans

1. Call to order: Alec Pointer
2. Invocation: Tammy Harvey
3. Public Forum: none
4. Campus and administrative report
 - a. elementary report: none
 - b. high school report: none
 - c. superintendent report: Mr. Dyer
5. Consideration of proposed tax rate for the 2025-2026 school year
A motion was made by Tammy Harvey to approve the proposed tax rate for the 2025-2026 school year. Second: Brian Van Dyck. Vote carried 6-0
6. Consideration of proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year
A motion was made by Tammy Harvey to approve the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year. Second: Todd Kay. Vote carried 6-0
7. Consideration of teacher appraisers and professional development and appraisal system calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. A motion was made by Sierra Betancourt to approve the teacher appraisers and professional development and appraisal system calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.
Second: Alec Pointer. Vote carried 6-0
8. Consideration and/or action to approve an Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Option 3 Agreement) and to delegate contractual authority to the Superintendent.
For the 2025-2026 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit, the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding) or the Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credit and Netting Chapter 48 Funding.

A motion was made by Sierra Betancourt for the 2025-2026 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit, the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding) or the Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credit and Netting Chapter 48 Funding. Second: Tammy Harvey. Vote carried 6-0

9. Consideration of updating the Faculty and Student Handbook for 2025-2026 school year
 - 1) A motion was made by Mark Cunningham to not approve in Student Dress Code that boys NOT be permitted earrings/ nose rings. Second: Alec Pointer: No vote
 - 2) Mark Cunningham rescinded his motion. Second: Tammy Harvey. Vote carried 6-0
 - 3) A motion was made by Brian Van Dyck to split the Student Dress Code and Tardies and Leave -Early Policy into separate items. Second: Alec Pointer Vote carried 6-0
 - 4) A motion by Sierra Betancourt to review an updated Student Dress Code next board meeting. Second: Alec Pointer Vote carried 6-0
 - 5) A motion was made by Tammy Harvey to approve the Tardies and Leave-Early Policy as presented. Second: Todd Kay Vote carried 6-0
10. Consideration of 2025-2026 pay increases for support staff: A motion was made by Tammy Harvey to approve the 2025-2026 pay increases for support staff. Second: Todd Kay Vote carried 6-0
11. Consideration of purchasing an elementary cafeteria replacement unit: A motion was made by Alec Pointer to purchasing an elementary cafeteria replacement unit. Second: Tammy Harvey Vote carried 6-0
12. Consideration of Prohibition on DEI Duties: A motion was made by Alec Pointer to approve the resolution adopting policy to prohibit Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion duties. Second: Tammy Harvey. Vote carried 6-0
13. Consideration of Prohibiting Assistance with Social Transitioning: A motion was made by Tammy Harvey to approve the resolution adopting policy prohibiting assistance with social transitioning. Second: Sierra Betancourt. Vote carried 6-0
14. Consideration of Board Meetings Policy Amendments: A motion was made by Brian Van Dyck to approve the resolution amending policies regarding Board Meetings and Public Comments. Second: Todd Kay Vote 6-0
15. Personnel: none
16. Closed Session: Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Attorney Consultation), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.082 (Student Discipline Matters), 551.072 (Purchase of Real Property) 551.076 (Student Safety) 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations)
None
17. Adjourn: A motion was made by Sierra Betancourt to adjourn: Second: Tammy Harvey Vote carried 6-0


Alec Pointer, President


Tammy Harvey, Secretary