

TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Texarkana, Texas

Office of the Superintendent
Minutes - Official REGULAR MEETING - Board of Trustees
District Services Building – 1600 Waterall Street
Texarkana, Texas
Wednesday, August 27, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Texarkana Independent School District met in official REGULAR session on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at the District Services Building located at 1600 Waterall St., Texarkana, TX 75501.

Board Members Present

Mrs. Wanda Boyette, President
Mrs. Amy Bowers, Vice President
Mr. Bill Kimbro
Mr. Paul Miller
Mr. Fred Norton, Jr.
Pastor Ronald Ruffin

Board Members Absent

Mr. Bryan DePriest, Secretary

School Officials Present

Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent
Sherri Penix, Deputy Superintendent
Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer
Todd Marshall, Chief Operating Officer
Amy Nix, Chief Human Resources Officer
Ben Renner, Chief of Secondary Schools and Texas High School Principal
Holly Tucker, Chief Academic Officer
Christy Tidwell, Chief of Elementary Schools
Kay Stickels, Executive Director of Human Resources
Kelly Bixler, Director of Communications & Marketing
Brad Irvin, Chief of Police
Christopher Rixon, Information Technology
Rhonda Crass, TISD Attorney
Gayle Hale, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Meeting Called to Order

President Boyette called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and announced that a quorum of the Board Members was present, the meeting had been duly called, and the notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. Pastor Ruffin led the audience in a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum

President Boyette conducted an open forum and there were no public participants.

Closed Session

At 11:36 a.m. the Board of Trustees adjourned into a closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

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| § 551.071 | Private consultation with the Board's attorney, including a discussion of the vacancy created in District 2 |
| § 551.072 | Discussing or deliberating purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property |
| § 551.073 | Discussing or deliberating negotiated contract for prospective gift or donation to the school district |
| § 551.074 | Discussing or deliberating appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee |
| § 551.076 | Discussing or deliberating the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices or security audit |

At 12:17 p.m. the Board of Trustees reconvened into open session. President Boyette stated there was no action taken on items discussed in closed session.

Special Reports & Superintendent's Information to Board

Dr. Brubaker recognized our District Lighthouse Team for being receiving the Outstanding Youth Volunteer Group Award at the Harvest Texarkana Hunger Action Luncheon. He also shared that we have nine TISD Marketing and Communications interns from Texas High helping our Communications department with our social media accounts. Lastly, Texas High School alumnus Zach Phillips was interviewed and credited part of his success with the Savannah Bananas organization to his experiences with Texas High and STUCO Theater.

Consideration/Approval of Consent Agenda

It was MOVED by Mr. Paul Miller, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, "to approve the consent agenda items as presented to the Board in its entirety." The approved items are listed below:

- 1) Minutes of the July 23, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.
- 2) Monthly investment report.
- 3) Proposals for 1) Charter Bus Vendors; 2) Cooperative Purchasing Fees Report; 3). Purchases Over \$50,000; 4) Sports Lighting and Turf Improvements; 5) Transportation Department Repair Service, Repair Parts, Equipment and Supply Vendors; 6) Vehicle for Police Department.
- 4) Partners in Education donations for the period of June and July 2025 totaling \$45,325.00.
- 4) TISD T-TESS Appraiser List for 2025-2026.

- 5) Memorandum of Understanding between Digital Academy of Texas and Texarkana College Dual Credit/Early College Program Agreement (SECONDARY and POST-SECONDARY Partnership).
- 6) TASB Policy Revisions
 - I. EFB(LOCAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES – LIBRARY MATERIALS
 - II. FNCE(LOCAL) STUDENT CONDUCT – PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES
- 7) House Bill 3 Good Cause Exemption Resolution.
- 8) TEA General Waiver for Course Review Process Amendment, 2025-2026
- 9) Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 12.
- 10) Resolution for Closure of Highland Park and Spring Lake Park Elementary Schools.
- 11) Revision to LifeWise Academy Pilot Program for the 2025-26 School Year.
- 12) Adding Policy ELA(LOCAL).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 6 – Nays 0.

Consideration/Approval of Monthly Financial Report

Mrs. Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer, presented the monthly financial report. It was MOVED by Mrs. Amy Bowers, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, “to approve the monthly financial report as presented.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 6 – Nays 0.

Consideration/Approval of Expenditures

It was MOVED by Mr. Bill Kimbro, SECONDED by Mr. Paul Miller, “that the monthly expenditures be accepted and filed for audit.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 6 – Nays 0.

Reports/Information/Review Items

President Boyette noted that personnel information was included in the Board packet. The list provided is as follows:

Resignations/Retirements

Davis-Barlow, Marla – 7th Grade ELA Teacher – Texas Middle School
Shelton, Jessica – 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher – Texas Middle School
Sullivan, Lisa – Special Education Teacher – Texas Middle School
Taylor, Kevin – 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher – Texas Middle School
Tucker, Noah - Technology Teacher - Texas Middle School
Williams, Katie – 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher – Texas Middle School
Wilson, Claire – 7th Grade Math Teacher – Texas Middle School

Elections/Assignments

Alcorn, Cameron – Technology Teacher – Texas Middle School
Bittle, Shawna – Interventionist – Texas High School
Chaffin, Mindi – 1st Grade Teacher – Wake Village Elementary School
Cheatham, Dominic – 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher – Texas Middle School
Flanagan, Michael – Adaptive PE Teacher – Special Populations
Jobe, Christina – ARD Facilitator – Special Populations
Morris, Jessica – Interventionist – Nash Elementary School
Rhodes, Thomas – 5th Grade Teacher – Waggoner Creek Elementary School
Simmons, Kirsten – 7th Grade ELA Teacher – Texas Middle School
Stewart, Brenda – 7th Grade ELA Teacher – Texas Middle School
Sullivan, Candious - Technology Teacher - Texas Middle School
Taylor, Kevin – 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher – Texas Middle School
Terrell, Whitley - 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher - Texas Middle School
Walker, Byron – 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher – Texas Middle School

Consideration/Approval of Proposed Contract Recommendations: Renewals, Non-Renewals, Terminations, Etc.

None

The Athletics and Extracurricular Report was provided at the board meeting. The District Vulnerability Assessment Report and the amended Student Handbook for 2025-26 revisions were provided in the board packet.

Mr. Todd Marshall, Chief Operating Officer, provided a report on the Repurpose of the Highland Park Elementary campus. The district is able to transform Highland Park Elementary into the future home of OPTIONS, Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP), and Behavioral and Academic Support Environment (BASE) within one facility, with designated entrances and spaces for each program to operate independently.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.


MRS. WANDA BOYETTE, President


MR. BRYAN DEPRIEST, Secretary