

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Terrell County Independent School District
October 15, 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, October 15, 2025** beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Sanderson High School Conference Room at Sanderson High School 302 N. Second Street, Sanderson, Texas.

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

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 by school board president, Fernando Sanchez. The pledges were said and a moment of silence was held.

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

Administration in attendance were: Staff in attendance were: Tanna Lowrance, Superintendent, Blain Chriesman, Chief Financial Officer, David Carrasco, Technology Director / CTE, Jerry Garza, Athletic Director

Students and Community Members in attendance were: none

Public Forum

- a. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION [TCISD Policy BED (LOCAL)].**
none

2. **District Reports**

- a. **Yearbook Report, Gina Roberts**

Mrs. Lowrance informed the board that Mrs. Roberts is working on two yearbooks at the moment and a few extra copies of last year's yearbook are still for sale and are in the front office.

- b. **Technology Director's Report: D. Carrasco**

Mr. Carrasco reported all technology is looking good. We had one issue with a cafeteria door and it has been repaired. The main gym door at the new gym has stopped working. VGI is aware and will repair the keyless door entry mechanism. Abacus is helping fix an issue with the internet connection at the high school fieldhouse. Honeywell will begin testing the heaters across the district in preparation for winter weather.

- c. **Counselor's Report: V. Garza**

Mrs. Garza reported we are awaiting ACT results. The ASVAB went well and students received interpretation immediately after testing. The PSAT is scheduled for juniors next week. HOBY representatives should be selected and announced by the end of the week. Several students indicated they had been accepted into the table program and are already working on it. Free college application week is open and all of our seniors are working on getting applications submitted.

- d. **Athletic Director Report: Jerry Garza**

Coach Garza reported about the district cross country meet. The varsity girls placed third overall and the junior high girls placed second overall. The varsity girls qualified for regionals and will leave Saturday to compete on Monday at noon in Arlington. He reported how proud everyone is of how the varsity football team played (most of the game with 5 players) against Sierra Blanca. High school and junior high football will play Grandfalls October 30th beginning at 5:00 in Grandfalls. The game was moved due to a shortage of referees. High school girls will begin after school basketball practices on October 22nd in accordance with UIL rules.

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- e. **Financial Report: B.Chriesman** reported on the List of Bills Financials and budget amendments. The one budgeted amendment is the NutiKids program for the cafeteria we participate in every year for \$800.00.
 - f. **Superintendent/Principal Reports: T.Lowrance**
Mrs. Lowrance reported the district is in compliance with new legislation regarding school board minutes, posting of the minutes, and recording of the board meetings. The new bus will go in for repairs to the vinyl wrap (new mini bus also). The district is working on compliance components for the Behavioral Threat Assessment aspect of school safety. Staff will be trained November 3rd during the teacher workday. The playground fencing is almost complete. Next we will work on hot water heaters in the cafeteria and gym. Requests for quotes for paving the gym parking lot and installing air conditioning in the old gym will go out by Friday. October is Bullying Awareness Month, Say No to Drugs Month, Fentanyl Awareness Month and CCMR Month. Students are participating in different educational programs throughout the month. We are working to get ready for Veterans Day and the district elementary and junior high UIL meet. Teachers are holding conferences for all students who are failing at the three and six week marks. We have started our Special Education Cyclical Review and our three year Safety Audit will be on November 12th. Mrs. Lowrance has applied for the Permian Basin Area Foundation Grant and is awaiting to see if it will be awarded.

3. Consent Agenda :

The motion was made by Mr. Rivera and seconded by Mr. Fuentez to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 24, 2025 and the Budget Amendment as presented. The motion passed 6:0.

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Billings - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Lowrance - for
Mr. Rivera - for
Mr. Fuentez - for

Action Items:

none

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

THE BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:22 p.m.

- i. Personnel
- ii. Maintenance / Facilities
- iii. Superintendent Goals

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The board reentered open meeting at 7:39.

Mr. Rivera motioned and Mr. Billings seconded the motion to approve the superintendent to move forward with the needed improvements on the Superintendent House.

The motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Billings - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Lowrance - for
Mr. Rivera - for
Mr. Fuentez - for

Mr. Billings motioned and Mrs. Duperrault seconded the motion to approve the 25-26 Superintendent Goals as presented.

The motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Billings - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Lowrance - for
Mr. Rivera - for
Mr. Fuentez - for

Adjournment

Mr. Lowrance made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Rivera seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Billings - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Lowrance - for
Mr. Rivera - for
Mr. Fuentez - for

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Sanchez at 7:40 P.M.

X

Mr. Fernando Sanchez

President

X

Mr. Jon Tom Lowrance

Secretary