

TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Texarkana, Texas

Office of the Superintendent
Minutes - Official REGULAR MEETING - Board of Trustees
District Administration Building – 4241 Summerhill Road
Texarkana, Texas
Monday, November 17, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Texarkana Independent School District met in official REGULAR session on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the District Administration Building located at 4241 Summerhill Road, Texarkana, Texas.

Board Members Present

Mrs. Wanda Boyette, President
Mrs. Amy Bowers, Vice President
Mr. Bryan DePriest, Secretary
Mr. Bill Kimbro
Mr. Paul Miller
Pastor Ronald Ruffin

Board Members Absent

None

School Officials Present

Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent
Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer
Ben Renner, Chief of Secondary Schools/Texas High School Principal
Brad Irvin, Chief of Police
Christy Tidwell, Chief of Elementary Schools
Bettie Lynn Stark, Texas High School Associate Principal
Adolfo Camacho, Information Technology Infrastructure Technician
Rhonda Crass, TISD Attorney
Gayle Hale, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Meeting Called to Order

President Boyette called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.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 Ronald Ruffin led the audience in a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Recognition

The board recognized Texas High Students, Jackson Adams, Samuel Cross, and David Mayo for being named as a commended scholars by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Open Forum

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

Closed Session

At 5:07 p.m. the Board of Trustees adjourned into a closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

- § 551.071 Private consultation with the Board's attorney, including a discussion of the vacancy created in District 7 At Large
- § 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

1. Discussion of Personnel Issues

- a. Employment
- b. Retirement
- c. Resignation
- d. Reassignment
- e. Evaluation
- f. Discussion of applicants for District 7 At-Large Board of Trustees member
- g. Possible interview of applicants for District 7 At-Large Board of Trustees

2. Discussion of Discipline of Students

3. Consultation with Attorney to receive legal advice

At 5:27 p.m. the Board of Trustees reconvened into open session. President Boyette stated there was no action taken on items discussed in closed session.

Public Hearing – Westlawn Elementary School/Theron Jones Early Literacy Center Turnaround Plan and the Texas Middle School Targeted Improvement Plan

Ms. Christy Tidwell, Chief of Elementary Schools, addressed this item and answered questions. At 5:28 p.m. President Boyette conducted a public hearing on the Westlawn Elementary School and Theron Jones Early Literacy Center Turnaround Plans and the Texas Middle School Targeted Improvement Plan. There was no participation from the audience and the public hearing concluded at 5:32 p.m.

Special Reports & Superintendent's Information to Board

Dr. Brubaker informed the board about the Texas High Tigers winning their first-round playoff game against the Lake Creek Lions and will face Midlothian Heritage this Friday in Royse City, Texas. High Theatre students wowed audiences this weekend with Hadestown performance, and the Scholars Program event last weekend. Several TISD students were inductees, with Jaxon Bruce and Charis McCrary being named Scholars of the Year.

Information was also provided on these upcoming Field Trip Requests – 1) Texas High School Students to Bentonville West High School Regional Tournament in Centerton, Arkansas on November 14-15, 2025; 2) Nash Elementary Fifth Grade Students to Old Washington State Park in Washington, Arkansas on December 16, 2025; 3) Texas High School Tiger Vision Students to Shoots Summit in Honolulu, Hawaii on January 15-20, 2026; 4) Texas High School Tiger Theatre Company Students to New York City Theatre District in New York City, New York on May 6-9, 2026.

Consideration/Approval of Consent Agenda

It was MOVED by Mr. Paul Miller, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, “to approve the consent agenda in its entirety.”

- 1) Minutes of the October 27, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.
- 2) November 10, 2025 Called Board Meeting.
- 3) Monthly investment report.
- 4) Proposals for 1) Equipment for CTE Building 1 for Texas High School #2; 2) Purchases Over \$50,000; 3) Texas High School Roof Replacement Project Summer 2026.
- 5) Consideration/Approval of Bowie Central Appraisal District 2026 Tax Roll.
- 6) Budget Amendments for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.
- 7) Official Ballot Resolution for Nominee for Election to the Bowie Central Appraisal District Board of Directors naming Paul Miller for the 2026-2029 term. Texarkana ISD has a total of 1,239 votes, and the administration is requested that 1239 votes be cast for Mr. Paul Miller.
- 8) 2025-26 Texarkana ISD District and Campus Improvement Plans.
- 9) Texas High School Program of Studies and Course Description Guide for 2026-2027.
- 10) Personnel Items - Resignation
 - a. Stark, Bettie Lynn - Associate Principal - Texas High School, effective 01/02/2026
- 11) Texarkana ISD Education Foundation TIGER Grants awarded \$80,313.40.
- 12) Resolution Pursuant to TEC §45.108.

13) Resolution to Pay Final Payment Application to WRL General Contractors for Completion of Paul Laurence Dunbar Early Education Center.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 6 – Nays 0.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEMBER CONSENT AGENDA VOTE						
Board Member Name	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Amy Bowers	X					
Wanda Boyette	X					
Bryan DePriest	X					
Bill Kimbro	X					
Paul Miller	X				X	
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					X

Consideration/Approval of Monthly Financial Report

Mrs. Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer, presented the monthly financial report. It was MOVED by Mr. Bryan DePriest, SECONDED by Mr. Bill Kimbro, “to accept the financial report as presented.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 6 – Nays 0.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEMBER VOTE						
Board Member Name	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Amy Bowers	X					
Wanda Boyette	X					
Bryan DePriest	X				X	
Bill Kimbro	X					X
Paul Miller	X					
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					

Consideration/Approval of Expenditures

It was MOVED by Mr. Bryan DePriest, SECONDED by Mr. Bill Kimbro, “to approve the expenditures and file for audit.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 6 – Nays 0.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEMBER VOTE						
Board Member Name	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Amy Bowers	X					
Wanda Boyette	X					
Bryan DePriest	X				X	
Bill Kimbro	X					X
Paul Miller	X					
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					

Consideration/Approval of 2025-2026 Westlawn Elementary School/Theron Jones Turnaround Plan (TAP) and Texas Middle School Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP)

It was MOVED by Mrs. Amy Bowers, SECONDED by Mr. Paul Miller, “to approve the 2025-26 Westlawn Elementary and Theron Jones Early Literacy Center Turnaround Plans and the Texas Middle School Targeted Improvement Plan as presented.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 6 – Nays 0.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEMBER VOTE						
Board Member Name	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Amy Bowers	X				X	
Wanda Boyette	X					
Bryan DePriest	X					
Bill Kimbro	X					
Paul Miller	X					X
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					

Consideration/Approval of Third Future 1882 Application

Dr. Brubaker presented information on this item, It was MOVED by Mrs. Amy Bowers, SECONDED by Mr. Bryan DePriest, “to approve the Third Future 1882 Application as submitted.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 6 – Nays 0.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEMBER VOTE						
Board Member Name	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Amy Bowers	X				X	
Wanda Boyette	X					
Bryan DePriest	X					X
Bill Kimbro	X					
Paul Miller	X					
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					

Consider action on appointment of At Large Place 7 Trustee Position

Dr. Brubaker presented information on this item. It was MOVED by Mrs. Amy Bowers SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, “the Texarkana ISD Board of Trustees leave the seat vacated by Mr. Fred Norton Jr., open until the May 2, 2026. Election.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 6 – Nays 0.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEMBER VOTE						
Board Member Name	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Amy Bowers	X				X	
Wanda Boyette	X					
Bryan DePriest	X					
Bill Kimbro	X					
Paul Miller	X					
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					X

Reports/Information/Review Items

Personnel information was included in the Board packet. The list provided is as follows:

Information Items

Resignations/Retirements

Basurto, Mindy - Coordinator of Multilingual - Instructional Services: Resignation 10/30/2025
Richardson, Heather – Esports Teacher – Texas High School: Resignation 11/10/2025

Elections/Assignments

Berry, Haley – 504 Specialist – Special Populations: Probationary Teacher Contract
Huntze, Christina – PK Headstart Teacher – Dunbar: Probationary Teacher Contract
McKinnon, Alice - Assistant Principal - Morriss Elementary: Probationary Administrator Contract
Smolarz, Sarah - 8th Grade English Teacher - Texas Middle School: Probationary Teacher Contract

Audit Report Information for FY 2024-2025

Dr. Brubaker introduced the auditors from Thomas and Thomas who presented detailed information on the draft audit report for fiscal year 2024-2025. Counsel advised that the draft audit report was sent to all board members via email the morning of the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



MRS. WANDA BOYETTE, President



MR. BRYAN DEPRIEST, Secretary