



## Board of Trustees Regular Meeting - Jan 20 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 5:45 PM

FISD Boardroom - 402 Laurel Dr., Friendswood, TX

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### 1. Meeting Opening

#### 1.01 Call to Order at 5:45pm

Meeting called to order at 5:45pm.

#### 1.02 Establish Quorum

Trustee Hobratchk, Trustee Rhodes, Trustee Seifert, Trustee Montz, Trustee Hillenburg, and Trustee Hopkins were all present on the dais. Trustee Egert was in the building.

Trustee Hillenburg off the dais from 7:50-7:52pm.

### 2. Recess to Executive Session

2.01 Recess to closed or executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code, 551.074 Personnel Matters: To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an office or employee; and Texas Government Code 551.089; Deliberation regarding security devices or security audits access; and Texas Government Code 551.072 Deliberation regarding real property - a governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

The Board recessed to executive session at 5:45pm. The Board reconvened at 6:40pm.

### **3. Reconvene to Open Session**

The Board reconvened at 6:40pm.

3.01 Invocation

3.02 Pledge of Allegiance

3.03 Pledge to the Texas Flag

### **4. Recognitions and Celebrations**

4.01 Making a Difference

Principals and Administrators celebrated the Board of Trustees in honor of Board Appreciation month. Each Board member was invited to a specific campus and was given a gift as a token of appreciation.

4.02 Celebration of Excellence

- FHS Choir- All-State advancement & All-State Member
- FHS Band- All-State Members
- FJH Theater- International Junior Thespian Troupe 88323
- Shivam Gupta- STS Top 300 Scholar

### **5. Audience Participation**

5.01 Procedures for Audience Participation

Annie Clary and Kacie Hanson with Love Here Friendswood spoke to the Board about their mission and purpose.

### **6. Consent Agenda**

I recommend approval of consent agenda as presented.


*Moved by:* Rebecca Hillenburg

*Seconded by:* Beau Egert


Yea Rebecca Hillenburg, Beau Egert, Daniel Hopkins, David Montz, Niki Rhodes, Ralph Hobratschk, and Laura Seifert


Motion Carries 7-0

6.01 Consider approval of Minutes # - #  
December 8 and January 12 minutes attached

[Board of Trustees Regular Meeting - Dec 08 2025 - Minutes - Html](#) 

[Board Workshop - Jan 12 2026 - Minutes - Html](#) 

6.02 Consider Approval of Gifts and Donations # - #  
[December 2025 Donations.pdf](#) 

6.03 Consider Approval of Budget Amendment # - #  
[January 2025 Budget Amendment.pdf](#) 

6.04 Consider Approval of Nonbusiness days for Public Information Act  
Numerous changes to the Public Information Act were made in the recent legislative session. According to TCG 662.003 (a and b), a business day is a day other than a Saturday or Sunday or a national/state holiday. A governmental body may designate a day when the governmental body's administrative offices are closed or operating with minimum staffing as a nonbusiness day. A governmental body may designate up to 10 nonbusiness days each calendar year. The Superintendent is recommending: March 9-10, July 6-7, Nov. 23-24, Dec 21-22 & 29-30

6.05 Consider Approval of Jennifer Nicole Jansky as Coordinator of Data Quality for the 2025-2026 School Year  
We are excited to recommend Jennifer “Nikki” Jansky for the position of Coordinator of Data Quality. Mrs. Jansky brings over 20 years of professional experience in public education, including 11 years in administrative leadership with a strong

focus on data integrity, assessment systems, and accountability.

Mrs. Jansky most recently served as the Director of Student Evaluation & Assessment in Spring Branch ISD, where she oversaw district-wide state and local testing programs, managed assessment and student data systems, ensured compliance with state and federal requirements, and provided data analysis and reporting support to campus and district leadership. Her work included leading initiatives to improve data accuracy, accessibility, and alignment across multiple data platforms. Prior to this role, she served as the Coordinator of Testing & Textbooks in Texas City ISD and held campus- and district-level assessment roles in Dickinson ISD.

Mrs. Jansky holds a Master's degree in Educational Administration from Lamar University and a Bachelor's degree in English from Texas A&M University. She holds multiple Texas standard certifications, including Principal (EC-12), Special Education (EC-12), Generalist (EC-6), and English Language Arts and Reading (8-12).

Mrs. Jansky is known for her collaborative leadership style, attention to detail, and strong understanding of assessment and data systems. Her background as both a classroom teacher and district administrator provides a comprehensive perspective on the importance of high-quality data in supporting instructional decision-making and student success.

6.06 Consider Approval of Expedited Waiver of Staff Development Minutes for 2026-27 School year

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Pursuant to Texas Education Code (TEC) §25.081 this expedited waiver allows the district or charter school to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance in lieu of a maximum of 2,100 minutes of student instruction for districts and charter schools that provide operational and instructional minutes. FISD is requesting board approval to submit the waiver to TEA.

The waiver will bring the total of operational minutes for the proposed 2026-2027 Instructional Calendar to 76,500 minutes

which allows for two built in days for weather, power loss or other school closure need. The board will consider approval of the recommended calendar at the January board meeting.

[26-27 FISD Academic Calendar.pdf](#) 

## 7. Action Items

### 7.01 Consider approval of the 2026-2027 FHS Academic Planning Guide

Ryan Kopp and Lexi Kopp gave the Board an overview of some course changes coming to FHS for 26-27 school year. Ryan discussed some overall changes while Lexi highlighted the CTE courses. Lexi and Nishi St. John have worked to realign the courses and make those changes to the APG.

I recommend approval of the 2026-2027 Academic Planning Guide as presented.

*Moved by:* Niki Rhodes

*Seconded by:* Laura Seifert

**Yea** Rebecca Hillenburg, Beau Egert, Daniel Hopkins, David Montz, Niki Rhodes, Ralph Hobratschk, and Laura Seifert

**Motion Carries 7-0**

### 7.02 Consider Approval of the 2026 -2027 FJH Academic Planning Guide

Ryan Kopp reviewed some overall changes in the Academic Planning Guide (APG). Lexi Kopp

I recommend approval of the 26-27 Friendswood Junior High Academic Planning Guide as presented.

*Moved by:* Rebecca Hillenburg

*Seconded by:* Beau Egert

**Carried**

### 7.03 Consider Approval of the 2026-2027 FISD Academic Calendar

No Action Taken

[26-27 FISD Academic Calendar.pdf](#)  Action

Carried

7.04 Consider Approval of Update 126

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Update 126 includes revisions to legal framework documents based in large part on changes resulting from the 89th Regular Legislative Session.

Attached is a list of **substantive changes** recommended by **TASB** . Our leadership team has reviewed the local policies and is recommending **one modification to CV (Local)** .

The **purchasing threshold** has been moved to **\$100,000 and was updated in CV (Local) from \$50,000**. TASB also recommended removing the phrase **“or designee”** from the **Project Administration** section; however, **FISD Administration recommends retaining “or designee”** at the end of that section.

In addition, **unrelated to Update 126** , we are recommending an update to **CH (Local)**(attached). The 89th legislative session increased the purchasing threshold in CH Local from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Board Policy CH Local currently states "any single, budgeted purchase of goods or services that costs \$50,000 or more, regardless of whether the goods or services are competitively purchased, shall require Board approval before a transaction may take placechange likewise updates the amount to**\$100,000** to match District practice.

[126 ExplanatoryNotes \(1\) \(2\).pdf](#) 

[126 LocalPolicyComparisonPacket \(2\).pdf](#)  [CH\(LOCAL\)](#)

[\(1\).pdf](#)  [CV LOCAL.pdf](#)  [Substantive Changes.pdf](#) 

*I recommend the Board adopt the local policies recommended by TASB in Update 126 , including the amended CV Local, and CH Local*

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*Moved by:* Beau Egert

*Seconded by:* David Montz

**Carried**

7.05 Consider Approval of Huckabee for Professional Architectural and Engineering Services

Upon review and discussion of qualifications and reference checks with other school districts and construction personnel, the District recommends hiring Huckabee to perform architectural and engineering services for Friendswood ISD and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate the contract.

I recommend the approval of Huckabee to provide professional architectural and engineering services and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate the contract as presented.

*Moved by:* Laura Seifert

*Seconded by:* Ralph Hobratschk

**Carried**

**8. Information Items**

8.01 Long Range Facility Plan Update

FISD Administration gave the Board a brief update on long range facility planning and reviewed the dates of the upcoming workshops.

8.02 Budget Calendar 2026-2027

Presentations on budget will begin in March. Ms. Petree attached a budget calendar for the Board's review.

8.03 Mid-Year Update on Student Growth Goal

Each campus leadership team presented a mid year update on their campus intervention strategies and student progress. They shared their data and next steps. They were available for questions.

8.04 Safety Update

Thad Roher provided a brief summary of the most recent state intruder audit at Bales Intermediate. He was happy to report there were no findings.

9. Financial Reports

9.01 Balance Sheets

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[December 2025 Capital Projects.pdf](#) 

[December 2025 Debt Service.pdf](#) 

[December 2025 Special Revenue.pdf](#) 

[December 2025 General Fund.pdf](#) 

9.02 Monthly Check Register and Payroll Summary Report

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[December 2025 Check Register by Fund.pdf](#) 

[December 2025 Payroll File.pdf](#) 

9.03 Monthly Investment Report

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[December 2025 Monthly Investment Report.pdf](#) 

9.04 Revenue and Expenditure Reports

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[December 2025 Expenditure Comparison Report.pdf](#) 

[December 2025 Revenue Comparison Report.pdf](#) 

[December 2025 Rev & Exp.pdf](#) 

[December 2025 Summary of Expenditures Status Report.pdf](#)



[December 2025 Summary of Expenditures.pdf](#) 

9.05 School Lunch Fund

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[December 2025 Food Service Report.pdf](#) 

- 9.06 Tax Assessor Collector's Report # - #  
[December 2025 Tax Office Report.pdf](#) 
- 9.07 Bond 2020 Financial Report # - #  
[December 2025 Bond Report.pdf](#) 
- 9.08 Capital Projects and Priority Maintenance Update # - #  
[January 2026 Capital Projects and PM Report.pdf](#) 

**10. Superintendent's and Board Members' Reports and Announcements**

- 10.01 Superintendent's Report
- 10.02 Board Members' Report

**11. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32pm.

I recommend adjourning the meeting

*Moved by:* David Montz

*Seconded by:* Beau Egert

**Yea** Rebecca Hillenburg, Beau Egert, Daniel Hopkins, David Montz, Niki Rhodes, Ralph Hobratschk, and Laura Seifert

**Motion Carries 7-0**

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Board President

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Board Secretary