

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Terrell County Independent School District

November 19, 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, November 19, 2025** beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Sanderson High School Conference Room at Sanderson High School 302 N. Second Street, Sanderson, Texas.

Moment of Silence and Pledge to the Flags (7:02 p.m.)

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:03 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, Enrique Rivera and Angela Duperrault

Members absent were: Wes Billings, Marco Fuentez

Administration in attendance were: Staff in attendance were:

TannaLowrance, Superintendent, Blain Chriesman, Chief Financial Officer, David Carrasci, Technology Director / CTE, Jerry Garza, Athletic Director

Students and Community Members in attendance were:none

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

District Reports

a. **Athletic Report: J.Garza**

Mr. Garza reported football district honors: following football players received district honors: Trevin Houston 1st team Defensive Lineman, Colt McDonald 2nd team Wide Receiver, Asa Coyan 2nd team Running Back, Austin McDonald 2nd team Utility Back, Luke Rivera 2nd team Quarterback, Francisco Barron 2nd team Defensive Lineman, Wesley Case 2nd team Spread Rusher, Trevin Houston is 5th alternate for the Texas Sixman Coaches Association All Star Game in Wichita Falls this summer. Basketball is in full swing and all teams are working well. We have 3 high school basketball tournaments in December and ours will be a three day tournament December 18,19,20.

b. **Counselor's Report: V. Garza**

-October 23, 2025 the Juniors took the PSAT and have already received their results. ACT testing results have also arrived and been distributed to students.

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- Next on the calendar for testing will be the TSI. This will be administered tomorrow morning. I have approximately 10 students signed up to take either the entire test or one section or the other (being Math or ELAR)
- We had a visit with Midland College on November 13, 2025. The students were able to meet with them and make sure they are on track to receiving all of the credits they would like to complete before graduating. They are working on updates and will get them to me as soon as possible. They are also working on getting our plan in place to where we are able to tell the students these are the courses that are allowed through the program and our agreement with Midland College.
- Six of our seven graduates have been accepted into multiple colleges. I believe free college application week was a success. Now it is time to make certain they get the FAFSA filed in a timely manner.
- Yesterday we had a presentation for all students in grades 8 - 12. A representative from Big Bend Crisis Center came and spoke to our students on Teen Dating Violence, Bullying, and Suicide. She is hoping to come back and visit with students one on one before the semester is over. They also provided us with a Thanksgiving Gift Basket which was given to a needy family yesterday. Along with this they gave us school supplies which had been donated to the center. They are distributing to the area they cover which includes 5 counties.
- c. **Technology Director's Report: D.Carrasco**
Mr. Carrasco reported the Clevertouch board in Mrs. Saddleback's room has been repaired, VGI has repaired the gym door and several others, we have also checked to ensure security cameras are in working order
- d. **Yearbook Report: G.Robert**
Mrs. Lowrance reported for Mrs. Roberts: She and the yearbook staff are working when they can due to UIL practice. Elizabeth has been working diligently in her free time to complete as many pages as possible.
- e. **Financial Report: B.Chriesman** reported on the List of Bills Financials and Tax Report and Fund Balance Projections as well as our Annual Financial Review Audit for the school year ending August 31, 2024. We had a clean audit and we will have our public meeting before the January school board meeting.
- f. **Superintendent/Principal / Maintenance Reports: T.Lowrance**
- g. **Maintenance & Transportation**
 - getting the gyms ready for basketball
 - new lights, shower heads, ceiling tiles (ongoing project), paint new doors
 - safety audit - we had our 3 year safety audit with Region 18

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- h. BOY Reading Data
 - attended Superintendent meeting with Comm. Morath regarding Math progress and initiatives in the state, the largest focus will be on direct instruction, flashcards, advanced JH math, and math tutoring. We already have 60% of our JH students in advanced math and have always pushed our math fact flashcards, we will begin tutoring for STAAR more frequently the closer we get to STAAR
- i. Upcoming Events
 - see December Calendar
- j. FIRST Rating
 - see attached
 - attended Federal Programs director's meeting in Alpine (new requirements)
- k. Safety Audit / Safety
 - our three year safety audit was conducted November 12th, we will have minor corrections, but the official report has not been uploaded as of year for our review
 - On Monday November 17th I met with our community safety partners including: Sheriff's Department, Border Patrol, DPS, State Emergency management, Volunteer Fire Department and EMS to go over our School Safety Plan of action and safety measures including: Guardian Program, exterior key boxes, ballistic tools, ballistic film, door locks, security video monitoring, CPR / Stop the Bleed / Narcan locations, staff phone numbers, code words, safety drills and future requirements of the BTA.
 - BTA meetings - I attended two Behavioral Threat Assessment training sessions in Del Rio this month.
 - Our guardians had firearm practice during our workday on November 3.
 - Nurse V and our local EMS trained our staff in CPR and Stop the Bleed during our workday on November 3.
- l. Special Education Audit
 - minor findings, corrected. We are still waiting for our official findings. Everything looks to be on track for a clean audit.
- m. TIA Update
 - I have attended several more training sessions and we are on track for official data validation next year. Teachers have completed BOY benchmarks and we are relearning our data platform (Eduphoria) with another staff training in December.
- n. The playground fence will be completed by December 10th and everything is going well.
- o. The science lab and entry floors will be completed during Thanksgiving break
 - Our enrollment is 109. We have started our 3 year Special Education Audit and will have our 3 year safety audit in November with Region 18. Homecoming, shot clinic and see you at the pole went well. Report cards for the first six weeks went out along with A-F letters, gun storage letters, and fentanyl awareness letters. Eduphoria is ready for TIA benchmarking. Teacherworkday on Monday went well.

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We had ARD meetings, a safety meeting, time management meeting, A-F ratings and understanding the score meeting, and CIP/DIP planning meeting. We will have CPR / first aid and AED training on our next workday. We will schedule board training for the 89th legislative updates for our October meeting.

Consent Agenda :

The motion was made by Mr. Rivera and seconded by Mrs. Duperrault to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 15, 2025. The motion passed 4:0.

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

Budget Amendments: none

Action Items:

- a. **Mr. Lowrance motioned and Mr. Rivera seconded the motion. To approve Mr. Tommy Yeater, Terrell County Extension Agent Ag/Natural Resources and Ms. Alaina Pickhinke, Terrell County Extension Agent Family and Community Health as Terrell County ISD adjunct faculty members for the 2025-2026 school year running from August 1, 2025 to June 30th, 2026. The motion passed 4:0.**

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

- b. **Discussion and possible approval of the Honeywell quote to add airconditioning to the 'Old Gym and locker rooms'.**

No action was taken by the board. Mrs. Lowrance will see additional quotes and separate Quotes to install airconditioning to the JH locker rooms only.

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- c. **Mr. Rivera motioned and Mrs. Duperrault seconded the motion to approve Local Policy Update 126 as presented with no changes.**
The motion passed 4:0.

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

The board took a break from 7:57-8:03.

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 8:33 p.m.

- i. Personnel
- ii. School Board Vacancy

The board reentered open meeting at 8:08.

Mrs. Duperrault motioned and Mr. Rivera seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Chase McCrory to fill the vacant Trustee position from District No. 1, PI 1 composed of County Commissioner Precinct Nos. 1&2 for the remainder of the term.

The motion passed 4:0.

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

Adjournment

Mrs. Duperrault made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Rivera seconded the motion.
The motion passed 4:0.

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

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The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Sanchez at 8:09 P.M.

X. 

Mr. Fernando Sanchez

President

X. 

Mr. Jon Tom Lowrance

Secretary