

Beau Egert: Present
Rebecca Hillenburg: Present
Ralph Hobratschk: Present
Tony Hopkins: Present
David Montz: Present
Niki Rhodes: Present
Laura Seifert: Absent
Present: 6, Absent: 1.

1. Meeting Opening

1.1. Call to Order at 5:45pm

The meeting was called to order at 5:45pm.

1.2. Establish Quorum

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

Trustee Egert was absent from the dais from 7:45 - 7:47pm.

2. 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 officer or employee; and Texas Government Code, 551.089; 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 5:46pm. The Board reconvened at 6:05pm

3. Reconvene to Open Session

3.1. Invocation

3.2. Pledge of Allegiance

3.3. Pledge to the Texas Flag

4. Recognitions and Celebrations

4.1. Making a Difference

McKenna Giamfortone and Erin Reifel were honored for making a difference at Westwood and in FISD.

4.2. Celebration of Excellence

Rodeo Art Artists, Ava Stone with Texas Farm Bureau AgVentures, and our HOSA State Advancements were celebrated for their achievements.

5. Audience Participation

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No one requested to speak during audience participation.

6. Public Hearing

6.1. Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Texas Academic Performance Report for FISD

Dr. Stacy Guzzetta presented the annual TAPR report during a public hearing called to order at 7:45pm. She discussed scores and attendance. The public hearing was closed at 8:01pm.

7. Consent Agenda

I recommend approval of the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Ralph Hobratschk and seconded by Rebecca Hillenburg, Carried.

Laura Seifert: Absent, Beau Egert: Yea, Rebecca Hillenburg: Yea, Ralph Hobratschk: Yea, Tony Hopkins: Yea, David Montz: Yea, Niki Rhodes: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.1. Consider Approval of Minutes - January 12, 2026

7.2. Consider Approval of Minutes - January 20, 2026

7.3. Consider Approval of Minutes - January 22, 2026

7.4. Consider Approval of Minutes - January 28, 2026

7.5. Consider Approval of Minutes - Feb 2, 2026

7.6. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment

7.7. Consider Approval of Gifts and Donations

7.8. Consider Approval of Contract with Galveston County for Election Services

7.9. Consider Approval of Resolution to Pay Employees during District Closure due to Inclement Weather

Dr. Montz read an inclement weather resolution for January 26, 2026 into the record.

7.10. Consider Approval to Declare February CTE Month

Dr. Montz read the resolution to declare February CTE month into the record.

8. Action Items

8.1. Consider Approval of the Right of First Refusal with the Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District for the acreage housing the FHS Agricultural Barn.

No action taken

8.2. Consider Creation of a Board Grievance Committee

I recommend approval of a Board Grievance Committee represented by Trustees Hobratschk, Hillenburg and Egert with alternates should they be needed of Trustees Rhodes, Seifert and Montz. This motion, made by Tony Hopkins and seconded by David Montz, Carried.

Laura Seifert: Absent, Beau Egert: Yea, Rebecca Hillenburg: Yea, Ralph Hobratschk: Yea,

Tony Hopkins: Yea, David Montz: Yea, Niki Rhodes: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Mr. Roher discussed the new law placed that the Board can create a grievance committee to hear a grievance on behalf of the Board.

8.3. Consider Approval of the Plan for Teacher Certification Requirements

I recommend approval of the Plan for Teacher Certification Requirements as presented and authorize the Superintendent or designee to submit the plan to the Texas Education Agency for review and approval, in accordance with TEC 21.0032. This motion, made by Beau Egert and seconded by David Montz, Carried.

Laura Seifert: Absent, Beau Egert: Yea, Rebecca Hillenburg: Yea, Ralph Hobratschk: Yea,
Tony Hopkins: Yea, David Montz: Yea, Niki Rhodes: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

HB 2 requires teachers of record in foundation curriculum areas to be appropriately certified, limiting District of Innovation exemptions while allowing districts to request a temporary delay through a TEA-approved phase-out plan. Friendswood ISD employs a small number of uncertified teachers who are enrolled in approved preparation programs and supported by district oversight. The district's delay plan outlines annual reductions starting in 2025-2026 and achieves full certification compliance by 2029-2030.

8.4. Consider Approval to Initiate Renewal Process for the FISD District of Innovation Plan

I recommend approval of the District moving forward with renewal of the District of Innovation Process as presented. This motion, made by Beau Egert and seconded by Niki Rhodes, Carried.

Laura Seifert: Absent, Beau Egert: Yea, Rebecca Hillenburg: Yea, Ralph Hobratschk: Yea,
Tony Hopkins: Yea, David Montz: Yea, Niki Rhodes: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The District of Innovation framework, established in 2015, allows school districts to access certain flexibilities through an approved plan. Friendswood ISD, a District of Innovation since 2017 with a renewal in 2021, is proposing to renew and amend the plan to align with current laws, district needs, and priorities. Lindsey Foley presented the proposed renewal, reviewed required removals due to new legislation, outlined new additions and the renewal timeline, and was available to answer questions as the process moves forward through DAC, public review, and Board consideration.

8.5. Consider Approval of PCAT Casualty Term Renewal

I recommend approval of the PCAT casualty term renewal as presented. This motion, made by Niki Rhodes and seconded by David Montz, Carried.

Laura Seifert: Absent, Beau Egert: Yea, Rebecca Hillenburg: Yea, Ralph Hobratschk: Yea,
Tony Hopkins: Yea, David Montz: Yea, Niki Rhodes: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Ms. Petree discussed the renewal of the PCAT casualty term renewal. She discussed a minimal increase to the premium. Ms. Petree was available for questions.

8.6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDERS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF FRIENDSWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING BONDS; SETTING CERTAIN PARAMETERS FOR THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE PRICING OFFICER TO APPROVE THE AMOUNT, THE INTEREST RATE, AND PRICE, INCLUDING THE

TERMS THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION PRIOR TO MATURITY OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS AND NOTES; AND CERTAIN OTHER PROCEDURES AND PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO

I RECOMMEND THE BOARD CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE ORDERS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF FRIENDSWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING BONDS; SETTING CERTAIN PARAMETERS FOR THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE PRICING OFFICER TO APPROVE THE AMOUNT, THE INTEREST RATE, AND PRICE, INCLUDING THE TERMS THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION PRIOR TO MATURITY OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS AND NOTES; AND CERTAIN OTHER PROCEDURES AND PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO. This motion, made by David Montz and seconded by Rebecca Hillenburg, Carried.

Laura Seifert: Absent, Beau Egert: Yea, Rebecca Hillenburg: Yea, Ralph Hobratschk: Yea, Tony Hopkins: Yea, David Montz: Yea, Niki Rhodes: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The FISD Finance Committee met with the District's financial advisor to discuss a potential refunding of the Series 2016 refunding bonds and 2024 maintenance tax notes to achieve interest savings or lower annual debt costs. Pre-approved bond orders would allow the District to act quickly if market conditions become favorable. The proposed orders authorize the Superintendent or CFO to issue Series 2026 refunding bonds and notes within set parameters for 12 months, and Ms. Petree and bond counsel Tom Sage were present to answer questions

8.7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRIENDSWOOD ISD CALLING A BOND ELECTION ON MAY 2, 2026; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT AND GIVING OF NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO

I move that the Board of Trustees adopt the ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION ON MAY 2, 2026, as presented before the trustees this evening. This motion, made by Ralph Hobratschk and seconded by David Montz, Carried.

Laura Seifert: Absent, Beau Egert: Yea, Rebecca Hillenburg: Yea, Ralph Hobratschk: Yea, Tony Hopkins: Yea, David Montz: Yea, Niki Rhodes: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Amber Petree, Nolan Correa, and Superintendent Roher presented an overview of the recommendation for a May 2, 2026 bond order. They reviewed all the proposed propositions and discussed the components of each. Bond Counsel, Tom Sage, and Huckabee Architects were also available for questions.

8.8. Consider Resolution Related to SB 11

I recommend approval of the resolution related to SB11. This motion, made by Ralph Hobratschk and seconded by David Montz, Carried.

Laura Seifert: Absent, Beau Egert: Abstain Rebecca Hillenburg: Yea, Ralph Hobratschk: Yea, Tony Hopkins: Yea, David Montz: Yea, Niki Rhodes: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Senate Bill 11 authorizes, but does not require, school boards to adopt a policy establishing a daily period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts on each campus.

District administration affirms that students already have protected rights under state and federal law to engage in voluntary, student-initiated religious expression, which is currently accommodated on campuses. Dr. Montz read the resolution into the record.

9. Financial Report

9.1. Monthly Check Register and Payroll Summary Report

9.2. Bond 2020 Financial Report

9.3. Tax Assessor Collector's Report

9.4. School Lunch Fund

9.5. Revenue and Expenditure Reports

9.6. Monthly Investment Report

9.7. Balance Sheets

9.8. Capital Projects and Priority Maintenance Update

10. Superintendent's Report

10.1. Superintendent's and Board Member's Report

10.2. Board Member's Report

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14. This motion, made by David Montz and seconded by Beau Egert, Carried.

Laura Seifert: Absent, Beau Egert: Yea, Rebecca Hillenburg: Yea, Ralph Hobratschk: Yea, Tony Hopkins: Yea, David Montz: Yea, Niki Rhodes: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1