

TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Texarkana, Texas

Office of the Superintendent
Minutes - Official REGULAR MEETING - Board of Trustees
Texas High School CTE 1 Building – 4001 Summerhill Road
Texarkana, Texas
Wednesday, January 28, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Texarkana Independent School District met in official REGULAR session on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Texas High School CTE 1 Building located at 4001 Summerhill Road, Texarkana, Texas. This meeting was originally scheduled for January 27, 2026, but was rescheduled for January 28, 2026, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0411 due to inclement weather.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

None

School Officials Present

Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent
Sherri Penix, Deputy Superintendent
Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer
Todd Marshall, Chief Operating Officer
Brad Irvin, Chief of Police
Ben Renner, Chief of Secondary Schools/Texas High School Principal
Christy Tidwell, Chief of Elementary Schools
Kelly Bixler, Director of Communications and Marketing
Christopher Rixon, Information Technology Infrastructure Technician
Russell McInvale, Special Events Support Technician
Rhonda Crass, TISD Attorney (attended via Zoom due to inclement weather)
Gayle Hale, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Meeting Called to Order

President Boyette called the meeting to order at 5:01 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

None

Open Forum

President Boyette conducted an open forum. There were no participants.

Public Hearing – TAPR Report

Dr. Brubaker addressed this item. At 5:05 p.m. a public hearing was conducted on the TAPR Report. There was no participation from the audience and the public hearing concluded at 5:06 p.m.

Closed Session

At 5:06 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
- § 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. Superintendent's Evaluation
2. Discussion of Discipline of Students
3. Consultation with Attorney to receive legal advice

At 6:10 p.m. the Board of Trustees reconvened into open session. President Boyette stated there was no action taken on items discussed in closed session.

Special Reports & Superintendent's Information to Board

Superintendent Brubaker informed the Board that Texas High sophomore student Nirav Neupane won the Congressional App Challenge for Texas' First District for the second year in a row, and Parks Elementary student Joseph Faulkinberry joined KTAL Kids Cast alongside Chief Meteorologist Todd Warren.

Consideration/Approval of Consent Agenda

It was MOVED by Mrs. Amy Bowers, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, "to approve the consent agenda":

- 1) Minutes of the December 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.
- 2) Monthly investment report.
- 3) Proposal for 1) Purchases over \$50,000; 2) School Supply Vendor.
- 4) Partners in Education donations for the period December 2025 totaling \$40,989.00.
- 5) Resolution to Pay Final Payment Application to Jackson Construction for Completion of Texas High School CTE Facilities.
- 6) TIGER Grant Donor Agreement with Texarkana ISD Education Foundation.
- 7) Third Future 1882 Performance Contract and Menu of Services.
- 8) Budget Amendments for the 2025-2026 for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

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				X	
Wanda Boyette	X					
Bryan DePriest	X					
Bill Kimbro	X					
Paul Miller	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 Pastor Ronald Ruffin, "to approve the monthly 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					
Paul Miller	X					
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					X

Consideration/Approval of Expenditures

It was MOVED by Mr. Bryan DePriest, SECONDED by Mr. Bill Kimbro, "to approve the monthly expenditures." 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 Adoption of Annual Tuition Rate for Ineligible Students

Superintendent Brubaker addressed this item. It was MOVED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, SECONDED by Mr. Paul Miller, "to approve the annual tuition rate for ineligible students as recommended." 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					
Bill Kimbro	X					
Paul Miller	X					X
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X				X	

Consideration/Approval of Adoption of Annual Tuition Rate for PreKindergarten Ineligible Students

Superintendent Brubaker addressed this item. It was MOVED by Mr. Paul Miller, SECONDED by Mrs. Amy Bowers, “to approve the annual tuition rate for ineligible students as recommended.” 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 and Possible Action to Approve and Adopt an Order Calling Regular Trustee Elections for the May 2, 2026, Election

Mr. Todd Marshall, Chief Operating Officer, addressed this item. It was MOVED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, SECONDED by Mr. Bryan DePriest, “to approve the resolution calling for the regular trustee elections for 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					
Wanda Boyette	X					
Bryan DePriest	X					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

Rushing, Emma – 8th grade Social Studies Teacher – Texas Middle School

Elections/Assignments

Bartolini, Lisa – 6th grade Math Teacher – Texas Middle School
Davis, Erin – Associate Principal – Texas High School
Ouellette, Alexandra – Geometry Teacher – Texas High School
Phillips, Shannon – 8th grade Social Studies Teacher – Texas Middle School
Washington, David – 6th grade Science Teacher – Texas Middle School

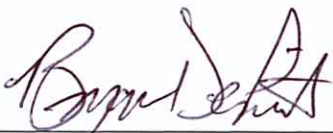
An Article 2.132 CCP Law Enforcement Policy Report was provided in the Board packet. Superintendent Brubaker also introduced Third Future Schools Chief of Staff Jessica Lopez.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



MRS. WANDA BOYETTE, President



MR. BRYAN DEPRIEST, Secretary