

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, February 23, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Texarkana Independent School District met in official REGULAR session on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 5:15 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
Mrs. Bill Kimbro
Mr. Paul Miller
Pastor Ronald Ruffin

Board Members Absent

None

School Officials Present

Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent
Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer
Todd Marshall, Chief Operating Officer
Brad Irvin, Chief of Police
Christy Tidwell, Chief of Elementary Schools
Lakesha Taylor, Executive Dir. of Student and Family Support Services/Texas Middle School Principal
Julius Anderson, Director of Student and Family Support Services
Kelly Bixler, Director of Communications and Marketing
Rusty Ogburn, Director of Information Technology
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 5:15 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.

Chief Operating Officer Todd Marshall introduced Mr. Eric Horstman from Corgan Architects, who presented the board with a commemorative model of the new Texas High CTE 1 building.

Public Recognition

None

Open Forum

President Boyette conducted an open forum; there was no participation from the audience.

Closed Session

At 5:18 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
Discussing or deliberating the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices or security audit
Discussing or deliberating discipline of a public school child or employee complaint against another employee
- Discussion of Superintendent Contract
 - § 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 Superintendent Contract
 2. Discussion of Discipline of Students
 3. Consultation with Attorney to receive legal advice

At 6:05 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 about the upcoming field trip for the Wake Village Elementary Students to visit Sci-Port Discovery Center in Shreveport, Louisiana on March 4, 2026.

Superintendent Brubaker also stated that TISD has received full approval of its Teacher Incentive Allotment program, which will allow the district to formally recognize and financially reward highly effective teachers based on student growth and observation data. He further stated that in some cases, eligible teachers may earn up to \$30,000 annually in additional compensation, which would be funded by TEA. The district's initial TIA cohort included Pre-K and 3rd Grade Reading teachers, and the program is expanding. This year, more than 260 teachers across multiple grade levels and subjects are being submitted for data collection.

Consideration/Approval of Consent Agenda

It was MOVED by Mrs. Amy Bowers, SECONDED by Mr. Paul Miller, "to approve the consent agenda in its entirety." The approved items are listed below:

- 1) January 28, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- 2) Monthly investment report.
- 3) Proposals for 1) Purchases Over \$50,000; 2) School Supply Vendor; 3) Screen Printing Vendors; 4) Signage Vendors.
- 4) Partners in Education donations for the period January 2026 totaling \$ 18,924.00.
- 5) Budget calendar for FY 2026-2027.
- 6) Budget Amendments for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.
- 7) TASB Policy Revisions Due to District of Innovation (DOI) Exemptions
 - I. BDAE(LOCAL), DBA(LOCAL), DK(LOCAL), and EB(LOCAL) - DOI Notes and Text Removed
 - II. DCA(LOCAL) and EEB(LOCAL) – Deletion
 - III. DP(LOCAL), FDA(LOCAL), DGBA (LOCAL), FNG(LOCAL), and GF(LOCAL) – DOI Specific Language Added

- 8) Resolution for Emergency Closure for January 26-29, 2026.
- 9) TEA Expedited Waiver for Staff Development for 2026-2027.
- 10) Campus Library Acquisition Lists.
- 11) Waiver for Low Attendance Days.
- 12) Superintendent Evaluation Documents/Goals.
- 13) Lone Star Investment Pool Authorized Representative Add Form for Comptroller.
- 14) Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification, 2026-2027.

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					X
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	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					

Consider and take action regarding whether to adopt a policy for Texas Senate Bill 11

Dr. Brubaker addressed this item. It was MOVED by Mr. Paul Miller, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, “that the Board decline to adopt a separate Senate Bill 11 policy at this time, finding that current law and District policy sufficiently provide the required opportunities for religious expression.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 6 – Nays 0.

President Boyette then stated that each school board member must have an oral record vote recorded on this action item and be reflected in the official minutes. She called on each board member individually and asked them to state their vote. The individual response is recorded in the table below:

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

Reports/Information/Review Items

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

Information Items

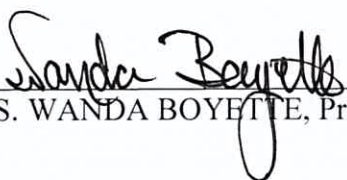
Resignations/Retirements

Broyles, Don – Computer Science Teacher – Texas High School
Hoover, Andrea – Self-Contained Special Education Teacher – Parks Elementary
Roberts, Mikayla – Fine Arts Teacher – Nash Elementary
Soils, LeKeshia – Self-Contained Special Education Teacher – Westlawn Elementary

A Professional Development Update was provided in the board packet.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



MRS. WANDA BOYETTE, President



MR. BRYAN DEPRIEST, Secretary