

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
Tuesday, March 31, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Texarkana Independent School District met in official REGULAR session on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the District Administration Building located at 4241 Summerhill Rd., Texarkana, Texas.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Mr. Bryan DePriest, Secretary

School Officials Present

Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent
Sherri Penix, Deputy Superintendent
Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer
Todd Marshall, Chief Operating Officer
Christy Tidwell, Chief of Elementary Schools
Ben Renner, Chief of Secondary Schools
Brad Irvin, Chief of Police
Kay Stickels, Executive Director of Human Resources
Christopher Rixon, Information Technology Infrastructure Technician
Julius Anderson, Director of Student and Family Support Services
Rhonda Crass, TISD Attorney
Gayle Hale, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Meeting Called to Order

President Boyette called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Recognition

President Boyette welcomed Ms. Dani Olson, THS CTE Accounting Teacher, and her students.

Open Forum

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

Closed Session

At 5:02 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
- § 551.082 Discussing or deliberating discipline of a public school child or employee complaint against another employee
- § 551.0821 Discussing or deliberating a public school child which reveals personally identifiable information
- § 551.084 Investigation; exclusion of witness from a hearing during examination of another witness

- 1. Discussion of Personnel Issues
 - a. Employment
 - b. Retirement
 - c. Resignation
 - d. Reassignment
 - e. Evaluation
- 2. Discussion of Discipline of Students
- 3. Consultation with Attorney to receive legal advice

At 5:40 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

Dr. Brubaker shared that the Morriss Elementary Robotics teams will represent TISD on the national and world stage, with the Girl Greatness 2.0 advancing to a national competition, and the Mystery Cowboys will compete at the World level later this month.

The Texas High School Robotics Team earned the Texas Region 2 VEX Championship Design Award and an invitation to the World Championship.

Athletics and Fine Arts demonstrated excellence as Tiger Golf captured 1st place at the District Tournament, with Elynn Peek earning Individual District Champion honors. Senior powerlifter Layton Scoggins finished his season at the state meet with an impressive 1,520 lb. total, placing 9th overall. And our Winter Guard also delivered an outstanding performance at the Four States Championships, with Varsity earning 1st place and JV placing 3rd in their first-ever competition, while Texas Middle School's boys track team claimed a District Championship at their final meet last night.

Out of state field trip requests for the following were included in the board packets:

1) Texas High School students to JEA/NSPA National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota on April 15-19, 2026; 2) Texas High School Tiger Theatre Students to Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas on April 18, 2026; 3) Texas High School Students to Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference Nashville, Tennessee on May 6 - 11, 2026; 4) Texas High School Students to Educators Rising National Conference for Future Educators in Portland, Oregon on June 19 – 23, 2026; 5) Texas High School Students to International Thespian Festival in Bloomington, Indiana on June 21 – 27, 2026.

Consideration/Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- 1) Minutes of the February 23, 2026 Special Called Meeting - Legislative Update Training.
- 2) Minutes of the February 23, 2026 Special Called Meeting – Unspent Bond Funds Hearing and Resolution.
- 3) Minutes of the February 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.
- 4) Monthly investment report.
- 5) Proposals for 1) Building Material, Hardware, Supply, and Equipment Vendors; 2) Child Nutrition Department Kitchen Equipment Repair Vendors; 3) Child Nutrition Department Temporary Services; 4) Dental, Disability and Life Insurances; 5) Internet Access Services; 6) Pool Equipment and Supply Vendors; 7) Purchases Over \$50,000; 8) Trip Vehicle.
- 6) Partners in Education donations for the period February 2026 totaling \$ 33,907.38.

Consideration/Approval of Consent Agenda (Continued)

- 7) Personnel Items
 - a. Sherri Penix – Deputy Superintendent – Central Office – Resignation, effective June 30, 2026.
 - b. Superintendent’s Contract.
- 8) Resolution for Purchase of Property at 2105 Kennedy Lane.
- 9) 2026-2027 TISD Digital Academy of Texas School Calendar.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 5 – Nays 0.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEMBER CONSENT AGENDA 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 Monthly Financial Report

Mrs. Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer, presented the monthly financial report. It was MOVED by Mrs. Amy Bowers, SECONDED by Mr. Bill Kimbro, “to approve the monthly financial report.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 5 – 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					X
Paul Miller	X					
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					

Consideration/Approval of Expenditures

It was MOVED by Mr. Bill Kimbro, SECONDED by Mrs. Amy Bowers, “to approve the monthly expenditures.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 5 – 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				X	
Paul Miller	X					
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					

Consideration and Take Action to Revise Exhibits A and B from Order Calling Regular Trustee Elections for the May 2, 2026, Election.

Mr. Todd Marshall, Chief Operating Officer, presented this item. It was MOVED by Mrs. Amy Bowers, SECONDED by Mr. Paul Miller, "to delete the current Exhibits A and B from the Order Calling for the May 2, 2026 Trustee Election, signed on January 28, 2026, and replace both notices with the Notice of Joint Local Election provided by Bowie County on February 24, 2026." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 5 – 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					

Reports/Information/Review Items

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

Information Items

Resignations/Retirements

Delayne Bias – 5th Grade Teacher – Parks
Melissa Brown – Fine Arts Teacher – Morriss
Sunni Douglas – 7th Grade Math Teacher – TMS
Elizabeth Duke – Speech Language Pathologist – Instructional Services
Astin Greer – Teacher/Coach – THS
Jennifer Griffith – Kinder Teacher – Theron Jones
Robin Harris – Dyslexia Teacher – Instructional Services
Collin Hicks – 8th Grade Math Teacher – TMS
Rachel Jewell – PreK Headstart Teacher – Dunbar
Andrew McCarter – Campus Principal – Wake Village
Kim Murphy – Counselor – TMS
Cora Patton – Assistant Principal – THS
Martha Porter – PreK Teacher – Wake Village

Elections/Assignments

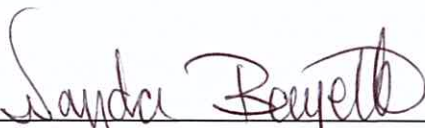
Elissa Mobley – 8th Grade Math – TMS

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The Third Future 2026-2027 school calendar was provided for Westlawn and Theron Jones Early Literacy Center.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



MRS. WANDA BOYETTE, President



MR. BRYAN DEPRIEST, Secretary