

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, April 28, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Texarkana Independent School District met in official REGULAR session on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the District Administration Building located at 4241 Summerhill Road, Texarkana, Texas.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Mrs. Amy Bowers, Vice President

School Officials Present

Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent
Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer
Todd Marshall, Chief Operating Officer
Ben Renner, Chief of Secondary Schools/Texas High School Principal
Brad Irvin, Chief of Police
Kay Stickels, Executive Director of Human Resources
Kelly Bixler, Director of Communications and Marketing
Amy Harrison, OPTIONS Principal
Julius Anderson, Director of Student and Family Support Services
Christopher Rixon, Information Technology
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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognitions

None

Open Forum

President Boyette conducted an open forum; Samantha Knox and Stephanie Brush addressed the Board.

Closed Session

At 5:11 p.m. the Board of Trustees adjourned into a closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

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| § 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 |

At 6:01 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 informed the Board that Texas High School senior David Mayo earned statewide honors through the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals by being named to the All-State Academic Team.

Leadership Texarkana awarded the Wilbur Award to Chef Cory House in the adult category, and Texas High senior Sanders Wiggins was honored in the youth category.

The Board also received information on field trips for the following: 1) Texas High School Students to Central High School and President Clinton's Library in Little Rock, Arkansas on April 28, 2026; 2) Texas High School Students to Educators Rising Convention--TAFE Nationals in Portland, Oregon on June 19 – 23, 2026; 3) Texas High School Band Students to Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge, Tennessee on April 3 – 7, 2027.

The status of each Board member's continuing education credit was announced by the Board President, Wanda Boyette, and it was stated that the minutes should reflect that all TISD board members (Mrs. Wanda Boyette, President - Mrs. Amy Bowers, Vice President - Mr. Bryan DePriest, Secretary - Mr. Bill Kimbro - Mr. Paul Miller - Pastor Ronald Ruffin) have completed all of the required continuing education training for the 2025-26 school year. It was also noted that the Team 8 training couldn't be completed without all seven trustees and the superintendent participating. That required training will be completed within 60 days after the seating of a new board member.

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 March 31, 2026 Special Called Board Meeting at 4:00 PM.
- 2) Minutes of the March 31, 2026 Regular Board Meeting at 5:00 PM.
- 3) Monthly investment report.
- 4) Proposals for 1) Building Material, Hardware, Supply and Equipment Vendors; 2) Dark Fiber or Lit Fiber and Networking Equipment for Wide Area Network Connectivity; 3) Educational Professional Development, Consulting, Coaching, and Facilitation Services Vendors; 4) Maintenance and Construction Contracted Services Vendors; 5) Purchases Over \$50,000.
- 5) Partners in Education donations for the period March 2026 totaling \$8,901.00.
- 6) Budget Amendments for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.
- 7) Memorandum of Understanding between Community Services of Northeast Texas, Inc. Head Start Program and TISD 2026-2027.
- 8) Nutrition Contracts between Community Services of Northeast Texas, Inc. Head Start Program and TISD 2026-2027.
- 9) TEA General Waiver for Course Review Process, 2026-2027.
- 10) 2026-2027 Administrative Contract Recommendations (a copy will be added to historical minutes).
- 11) Donor Agreement with Texarkana ISD Education Foundation.

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 to the Board. It was MOVED by Mr. Bryan DePriest, SECONDED by Mr. Bill Kimbro, “to approve the monthly financials as presented.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 5 – 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 Expenditures

It was MOVED by Mr. Bryan DePriest, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, “that the monthly expenditures be approved.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 5 – 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 First Reading of Budget FY 2026-2027

Mrs. Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed this item with the Board. It was MOVED by Mr. Paul Miller, SECONDED by Mr. Bryan DePriest “to approve the first reading of the budget as presented for FY 2026-2027.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 5 – 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				X	
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					

Consider and take action to adopt an Order Authorizing the Remarketing of the District's Adjustable Rate School Building Bonds, Series 2024, Establishing Parameters for the Remarketing and Delegating Authority to the Administration to Approve the Transaction and Execute Certain Documents

Mrs. Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Douglas Whitt with SAMCO Capital reviewed this item with the Board. It was MOVED by Mr. Bryan DePriest, SECONDED by Mr. Paul Miller, "to Adopt an Order Authorizing the Remarketing of The District's Adjustable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024; Delegating the Authority to Certain District Staff to Approve and Execute Certain Documents; and Other Matters in Connection Therewith." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 5 – 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					X
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					

Consider Termination of Probationary Contract at End of Contract.

It was MOVED by Mr. Paul Miller, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, "to accept the recommendation of the administration and terminate the probationary contract of teacher at the end of the contract and send notice to teacher in the best interest of the district." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 5 – 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

Consider Proposed Non-Renewal of Teacher Term Contract.

President Boyette stated there was no action required on this item.

Reports/Information/Review Items

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

Information Items

Resignations/Retirements

Allen, Kendra—Math Interventionist—Wake Village Elementary
Arnold, D'Lisha—Assistant Principal—Westlawn Elementary
Arnold, Jacynthia—3rd Grade Teacher—Westlawn Elementary
Ayco, Beatriz—4th Grade Teacher—Westlawn Elementary
Birdsong, Kim—Diagnostician—Instructional Services
Bishop, Shannon—Teacher—Texas Middle School
Bittle, Shawna—Interventionist—Texas High School
Bob, Luchonda—1st Grade Teacher—Theron Jones Early Literacy Center
Bostic, Tamyria—2nd Grade Teacher—Theron Jones Early Literacy Center
Bradley, Ashley—2nd Grade ELAR Teacher—Wake Village Elementary
Bradshaw, Donn—Kindergarten Teacher—Theron Jones Early Literacy Center
Brown, Montrika—2nd Grade Teacher—Theron Jones Early Literacy Center
Bucknor, Denise—4th Grade Teacher—Westlawn Elementary
Camp, Andria—3rd Grade Teacher—Waggoner Creek Elementary
Clark, Chelsea—2nd Grade Teacher—Theron Jones Early Literacy Center
Crump, Angel—1st Grade Teacher—Theron Jones Early Literacy Center
Davis, Sharyssa—4th Grade Teacher—Westlawn Elementary
Dodson, Reed—PK Sped Teacher Self-Contained—Dunbar Early Education Center
Dudley, Tabitha—Principal—Westlawn Elementary
Easterly, Brandon—PE Teacher/Coach—Texas High School
Ethridge, Laura—School Counselor—Westlawn Elementary
Favre, Ceara—2nd Grade Teacher—Morriss Elementary
Galloway, Tasha—4th Grade Teacher—Westlawn Elementary
Gammon, Joseph—Math Teacher—Texas High School
George, Leslie—Assistant Principal—Parks Elementary
Gill, Serena—Kindergarten Teacher—Morriss Elementary
Goodwin-McCowan, Rachel—6th Grade Math Teacher—Texas Middle School
Green, Kim—3rd Grade Teacher—Westlawn Elementary
Hampton, Quan—PE Teacher/Coach—Texas High School
Hancock, Dana—3rd Grade Teacher—Westlawn Elementary
Hicks, Raysha—Kindergarten Teacher—Nash Elementary
Hile, Kelly—Interventionist—Theron Jones Early Literacy Center
Hughes, Matt—5th Grade CTE Teacher—Parks Elementary
Hurd, Terence—Math Interventionist—Westlawn Elementary
Johnson, Brittney—Kindergarten Teacher—Theron Jones Early Literacy Center

Resignations/Retirements (Continued)

Jones, Keith—Math/Science Teacher/Coach—Texas High School
Kyle, Kasey—8th Grade Social Studies Teacher—Texas Middle School
LeJeune, Susanna—Kindergarten Teacher—Wake Village Elementary
Lewis, Tregreanna—4th Grade Teacher—Parks Elementary
Markham, Mary—RTI Interventionist—Nash Elementary
Martinez, Delfina—Kindergarten Teacher—Theron Jones Early Literacy Center
McCatherine, Kalee—PK Headstart Teacher—Dunbar Early Education Center
Metcalf, Natalie—3rd Grade Teacher—Morriss Elementary
Miller, Angela—PE Teacher—Nash Elementary
Morocho, Pablo—2nd Grade Bilingual Teacher—Parks Elementary
Neal, Jasmine—3rd Grade Teacher—Westlawn Elementary
Nelson, Brenda—Sped Collaborative Teacher—Westlawn Elementary
Nickleberry, Quoquise—Assistant Principal—Westlawn Elementary
Olavarria, Julio—ESL Teacher—Instructional Services
Portilla, Oscar—Spanish Teacher—Texas High School
Quarles, Christine—8th Grade English Teacher—Texas Middle School
Rodulfo, Maria—5th Grade Teacher—Westlawn Elementary
Romero, Henry—Bilingual Sped Collaborative Teacher—Nash Elementary
Sewell, Karla—ESL Teacher—Instructional Services
Smith, Dorteia—6th Grade English Teacher—Texas Middle School
Stewart, Dayo—5th Grade Teacher—Westlawn Elementary
Teague, Lillian—2nd Grade Elementary Teacher—Theron Jones Early Literacy Center
Thomas, Shanetria—PE Teacher/Coach—Texas Middle School
Walker, Pamela—4th Grade Teacher—Westlawn Elementary
Williams, Mijha—Sped Collaborative Teacher—Westlawn Elementary
Wood Mackenzie—Kindergarten Teacher—Parks Elementary

Staff contract renewals approved by Superintendent per board policy

See Approved List of Teacher Contract Recommendations (a copy will be added to historical minutes).

The District of Innovation report, which detailed class sizes exceeding the 22:1 student to teacher ratio was also provided in the Board packet.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.



MRS. WANDA BOYETTE, President



MR. BRYAN DEPRIEST, Secretary