

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Terrell County Independent School District
February 18, 2026

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Following are the official minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Terrell County Independent School District for **Wednesday, February 18, 2026** beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Sanderson High School Conference Room at Sanderson High School 302 N. Second Street, Sanderson, Texas.

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 by school board president, Fernando Sanchez. The pledges were said and a moment of silence was held.

Members present were: Fernando Sanchez, Angela Duperrault, Marco Fuentes, Wes Billings and Chase McCrory

Members absent were: Enrique Rivera and Jon Tom Lowrance

Administration in attendance were:

Tanna Lowrance, Superintendent, Blain Chriesman, CFO, David Carrasco, Technology Director / CTE, Virginia Garza, Counselor / CTE, Jerry Garza, Athletic Director

Staff in attendance were: Trisha Stannard, Teacher / Coach, Ashley Salazar, Teacher / Coach

Students and Community Members and Guests in attendance were:

Oscar Franco, Little Regina Trucking Company; Jana Sanchez, Billy McDonald, Emily Landeros, Aliya Snelson, Bella Sanchez, Ashlyn McDonald, Sadie Johnson, Ella Fuentes, Aryselei Rodriguez, Jaylie Ramirez, Rosemary Fuentes, Elizabeth Barron, Jade Barron, Gabby Lopez, Alyssa Cota

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION [TCISD Policy BED (LOCAL)]

Mr. Franco spoke to the board regarding his proposed quote to repave the gym and cafeteria parking. Mrs. Stannard and Mrs. Salazar presented the Varsity Girls Basketball team in recognition of their Bi-District Basketball victory.

District Reports

a. Yearbook Report: G.Roberts

Mrs. Roberts reported she continues to travel to all high school basketball playoff games to take pictures. She will also attend spring sporting events, as her school schedule allows. Responsible for taking fall and spring sports individual and team pictures. Spring sports pictures are on the calendar for March 23, 2026. There are no big updates as far as the yearbook is concerned, will continue to work on pages as time allows.

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b. Technology Director Report: D.Carrasco

Mr. Carrasco reported he is updating all computers. We will receive our own filtering server from Region 18 because we are a Linewise district. Region 18 installed it last week. Continues to update the website.

c. Counselor Report: V.Garza

Mrs. Garza reported seniors are working on completing the FAFSA requirement for graduation. Several students are scheduled to attend college orientation. We completed our field test for STAAR ELAR 3rd and 4th grades as required by TEA. Mrs. Sandoval has given a presentation to HS students regarding Teen Dating Violence. Nurse McDonald is scheduled to attend a zoom with Texas Tech University and several students regarding the medical pathway and medical field. The TELPAS will be administered to two students tomorrow. TCISD certified teaching staff has mandatory STAAR training on March 2nd. Transcripts are being looked over. The American Legion has requested applications for Boys and Girls State.

d. Athletic Director Report: J.Garza

Coach Garza reported junior high boys basketball placed 3rd at the district tournament and the girls placed first. High school girls won bi-district in basketball. They will play in Eldorado against Blackwell for Area. High school boys were 3rd in district and will play Terlingua in Balmorehea. Golf is up and running and going to tournaments. Track and tennis schedules have some changes due to basketball. We have our new alignment for football and the football schedule is set for the 2026 season.

e. Financial Report: B.Chriesman reported on the List of Bills, Financials and Tax Report. Evaluations are projected to increase to \$3 million. Vehicle insurance and property / casualty is down. Increase in liability. Data Breach coverage and educator / staff misconduct insurance are the new hot topic of expenses to school districts and causing an increase in liability coverage for districts.

f. Superintendent/Principal / Maintenance Reports: T.Lowrance

Mrs. Lowrance reported sand has been removed from the pits at the track to make room for new. The tennis court wind screens will be resecured for tennis season. We are working on a plan for new lighting in the auditorium. Our attendance is at 114. February through May event calendar was presented. The Teacher Incentive Allotment is moving along. I attended the TASB Grassroots meeting in Alpine this week and won a \$1000 scholarship from buyboard for one senior. Summer Learning Institute dates were presented. Special education

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Cyclical Review findings were presented. We had one area of improvement causing a Corrective Action Plan. We have one year to complete the corrective action requirements. We have filed with Linebarger, Attorneys at Law to appeal our property values.

Consent Agenda and Budget Amendments:

The motion was made by Mr. McCrory and seconded by Mrs. Duperrault to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 21, 2026 and the budget amendments as presented.

The motion passed 5:0

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Fuentez - for
Mr. Billings - for
Mr. McCrory - for

Action Items:

- a. Mr. Billings motioned and Mr. Fuentez seconded the motion to accept the Deductible Buydown Quote for 2026-2027 (March 1, 2026-February 28, 2027) Property Casualty Insurance underwritten by Loyd's of London.**
The motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Fuentez - for
Mr. Billings - for
Mr. McCrory - for

- b. Mrs. Duperrault motioned and Mr. McCrory seconded the motion to approve the usage of TEA Service ID: N1302125 Course code for Medical Intervention Evaluation and Research coded as an innovative, regular, non-weighted course.**
The motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Fuentez - for
Mr. Billings - for
Mr. McCrory - for

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- c. **Mr. Fuentez motioned and Mr. Billings seconded the motion to approve the quote for gym / cafeteria parking lot paving to be procured through TIPS Cooperative Purchasing.**
The motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Fuentez - for
Mr. Billings - for
Mr. McCrory - for

- d. **No action was taken on the purchasing of a backhoe in partnership with the TCISD Water District #1.**
- e. **No action was taken to purchase a new medium bus. More information was requested. (BOARD REQUESTED MORE INFORMATION AND OPTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ON WHAT BUS BEST FITS THE NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT.)**

The board took a break from 8:40-8:45.

Executive Session: Pursuant of Texas Governmental Code 551, the board may retire to closed session for discussion of items listed below:

THE BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:45 p.m.

i. Personnel Issues

1. Personnel
2. Stipend for Combined Duties Position effective 2.23.2026 Accounts Payable / PEIMS Coordinator / Secretary to the Superintendent / District Secretary
3. Dual Contract of Campus Behavior Coordinator / Teacher / Coach
4. School Counselor's Dual Contract

The board reentered open meeting at 9:22p.m.

Mr. Billings motioned and Mr. Fuentez seconded the motion to extend the Dual Contract of Campus Behavior Coordinator / Teacher/ Coach by one year ending July 31, 2027.

The motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Fuentez - for

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Mr. Billings - for
Mr. McCrory - for

Mrs. Duperrault motioned and Mr. McCrory seconded the motion to a stipend of \$1,000 per month through July 2026 for Combined duties of Accounts Payable / PEIMS payable March, April, May, June, July 2026.

The motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Billings abstained.

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Fuentez - for
Mr. Billings - abstained
Mr. McCrory - for

Mrs. Duperrault motioned and Mr. McCrory seconded the motion to extend the Dual Contract of District Counselor / Teacher for two years ending July 31, 2028. The motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Fuentez - for
Mr. Billings - for
Mr. McCrory - for

Adjournment: Mr. Fuentez motioned and Mr. Billings seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Fuentez - for
Mr. Billings - for
Mr. McCrory - for

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Sanchez at 9:24 P.M.

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Mr. Fernando Sanchez
President

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Mr. Jon Tom Lowrance
Secretary