

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

June 16, 2026

Monday: 6:30 pm

IOLA ISD ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA

The Board of Trustees of the Iola Independent School District met in regular session on June 16, 2026 in the Elementary Cafeteria, Iola, Texas.

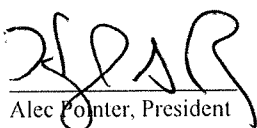
Members Present: Alec Pointer, Sierra Betancourt, Tammy Harvey, Mark Cunningham, Susan Patrick, Jody Evans and Brian Van Dyck

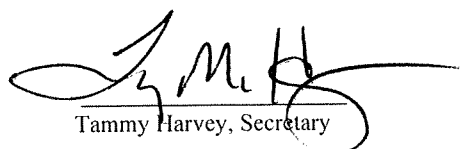
1. Call to order: 6:30 pm
2. Invocation: Sierra Betancourt
3. Recognition of visitors: Public Forum
4. Consideration of consent agenda
 - a. minutes of previous meeting
 - b. monthly disbursements
 - c. student membership
 - d. tax report
 - e. financial report
 - f. quarterly investment reportA motion was made by Tammy Harvey to approve the consent agenda.
Second: Jody Evans Vote carried 7-0
5. Campus and administrative report
 - a. secondary principal report: Dr. Fowler
 - b. superintendent report: Mr. Dyer
6. Discussion of SpaceX and financial standing
7. Consideration of the TASB Policy Manual Update 127 first read: NO action
8. Consider and approve adopting Prevailing Wage Davis Bacon rates for the county of Grimes County for Iola ISD
A motion was made by Tammy Harvey to approve adopting Prevailing Wage Davis Bacon rates for the county of Grimes County for Iola ISD
Second: Jody Evans Vote carried 7-0
9. Consider and approve accepting Electronic Bids for Iola ISD Construction Projects
A motion was made by Tammy Harvey to approve accepting Electronic Bids for Iola ISD Construction Projects Second: Alec Pointer Vote carried 7-0
10. Consideration of Deliberation and possible action to approve contract with architect for the Iola ISD 2026 Bond Projects.
A motion was made by Sierra Betancourt to approve contract with WRA Architects for the Iola ISD 2026 Bond Projects
Second: Brian Van Dyck Vote carried 7-0

11. Consideration of Deliberation and possible action to approve contract with construction manager agent for the Iola 2026 Bond Projects
A motion was made by Alec Pointer to approve contract with Gallagher Construction Company for the Iola 2026 Bond Projects
Second: Tammy Harvey Vote carried 7-0
12. Consideration of Professional Development and Appraisal System Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year
A motion was made by Alec Pointer to approve Professional Development and Appraisal System Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year
Second: Susan Patrick Vote carried 7-0
13. Personnel
- a. employment: Stacey Essman: Motion was made by Brian Van Dyck to approve the employment of Stacey Essman. Second: Sierra Betancourt Vote carried 7-0
 - b. resignation: Motion was made by Tammy Harvey to accept Mandi Jackson resignation
Second: Alec Pointer Vote carried 7-0
 - c. Consideration of the Eric Blenden's salary: Motion was made by Sierra Betancourt to approve the salary increase of Eric Blenden to \$91,000. Second Jody Evans
Vote carried 7-0
14. Closed Session: Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Attorney Consultation), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.082 (Student Discipline Matters), 551.072 (Purchase of Real Property) 551.076 (Student Safety) 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations)
- ***Deliberation regarding Economic Development, and closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.087 to discuss commercial and financial information related to the construction of a potential new manufacturing facility that the Board may seek to have locate in the District and possible offer of financial incentives related to an application for an agreement for Limitation on Taxable Values on School District M&O Taxes under the Jobs, Energy, Technology and Innovation Act, and possible consultation with School's Attorney in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code sections 551.071 and 551.129 to receive legal advice regarding same.***

The Board of Trustee went into Closed Session at 7:58 pm under 551.071 and 551.029. **551.087**
Returned to regular meeting at 12:03 pm

15. Adjourn: A motion was made by Tammy Harvey to adjourn. Second: Alec Pointer
Vote carried 7-0


Alec Pointer, President


Tammy Harvey, Secretary