IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
CALLED BOARD MEETING
6:30 PM
AUGUST 6, 2026

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

August 6, 2025

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. IOLA ISD ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA

AGENDA

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as follows: (Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice.)

1. Call to order

2. Invocation

3. Public Forum

4. Campus and administrative report
   a. elementary report
   b. high school report
   c. superintendent report

5. Consideration of proposed tax rate for the 2026-2027 school year

6. Consideration of proposed budget for the 2026-2027 school year

7. Consideration and approval of Character Education Program-"Character First"

8. Consideration for the 2026-2027 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit, the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding) or the Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credit and Netting Chapter 48 Funding.

9. Consideration of the Grimes County Extension Office Resolution and Adjunct Faculty Agreement

10. Consideration of the purchase a 72 Passenger Bus

11. Personnel
    a. Consideration of Jamie McDougald's salary
    b. Consideration of Dr.Brian Fowler's salary

12. 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)

13. Adjourn

This notice was posted and filed in compliance with the Open Meetings Law on July 31, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Jeff Dyer
Superintendent

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF CALLED BOARD MEETING

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th of August, 2026, the Board of Trustees of the Iola School District will hold a called meeting located at Iola ISD Elementary Cafeteria, 22830 FM 244, Iola, Texas 77861. The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda which is attached to the made a part of this Notice.

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the School Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the School Board may conveniently meet in such closed session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to the following sections and purposes:
Texas Government Code Section:

551.071	Private consultation with the board's secretary.
551.072	Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
551.073	Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations.
551.074	Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.
551.075	To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions.
551.076	Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.
551.082	Considering discipline of the public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.
551.083	Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives follow, in consultation with representatives of employees groups.
551.084	Excluding witnesses from a hearing.
551.087	Deliberations regarding Economic development negotiations

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed session, then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

(a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting;

or

(b) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.

On this day of July 31, 2026 original copy was posted on the front window in the School District Administration Building at 3:00 a.m. on said date.

Jeff Dyer, Superintendent
For the Board of Education

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees

From: Jeff Dyer, Superintendent

DATE: August 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Public Forum (Item 3)

At regular meetings the Board shall allot up to 30 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up as they arrive indicating the topics about which they wish to speak.

Public participation is limited to the designated open forum portion of a meeting. At all other times during Board meetings, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board.

Every individual who properly signs up to speak is entitled to their own speaking time (up to the standard 5 minutes per speaker), subject only to the overall 30-minute limit for the public comment period as a whole.

The presiding officer has discretion to manage time as permitted by policy BED(LOCAL), including uniformly reducing every speaker's time proportionally (e.g., limiting all speakers to 2 minutes if an exceptionally large number of people sign up) or using other authorized time-management tools. However, the officer may not selectively consolidate, deny, or silence speakers based on message redundancy, viewpoint, or perceived "group" status.

Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board may not deliberate, discuss, or make any decision on any subject not on the agenda.

BOARD PRESIDENT: The presiding officer shall determine whether a person who wishes to address the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively. If not, the person shall be directed to do so before bringing the matter to the board at a subsequent meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Dyer
Superintendent

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees

From: Jeff Dyer, Superintendent

DATE: August 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Campus and Administrative report (Item 4)

a. elementary report
b. high school report
c. superintendent report

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Dyer
Superintendent

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees

From: Jeff Dyer, Superintendent

DATE: August 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of proposed tax rate for the Iola ISD 2026-2027 school year (Item 5)

The proposed tax rate will be handed out at the meeting.

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It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed 2026-2027 school tax rate as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Dyer
Superintendent

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees

From: Jeff Dyer, Superintendent

DATE: August 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of proposed budget for the Iola ISD 2026-2027 school year (Item 6)

The proposed budget will be handed out at the meeting.

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It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed 2026-2027 school budget as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Dyer
Superintendent

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees

From: Jeff Dyer, Superintendent

DATE: August 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration and approval of Character Education Program-"Character First" (Item 7)

Enclosed in your packet you will find the information

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It is recommended that the Board of Trustees to approve the Character Education Program-"Character First"

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Dyer
Superintendent

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Iola, Texas 77861
(936) 394-2361

Jeff Dyer
Superintendent

Brian Fowler
Secondary Principal

Hollie Guilbeau
Elementary Principal

Agenda Item: Consideration and Approval of Character Education Program – "Character First"

Background:
The Iola ISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) convened on May 6, 2026, to review and evaluate character education program options for the district. After discussion and consideration of program content, alignment with district values, parent/community feedback, and potential impact on student development, the SHAC conducted a formal vote.

Recommendation:
The SHAC voted **5–0 in favor** of recommending the adoption of the **"Character First"** program as the district's character education initiative.

Program Overview:
"Character First" is a research-based character education program designed to promote positive student behavior, strengthen ethical decision-making, and foster a culture of respect, responsibility, and integrity. The program emphasizes core character traits and provides structured resources for educators to integrate character development into daily instruction and campus culture.

Rationale for Recommendation:

- Supports compliance with Texas Education Agency expectations that districts implement character education programs
- Aligns with Iola ISD's mission to develop well-rounded students
- Provides a consistent, district-wide framework for character education
- Offers practical tools and resources for teachers and staff

Action Requested:
The SHAC asks that the Board consider and approve of the **"Character First"** character education program for Iola ISD.

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Vote to recommend Character First to the Iola ISD school board May 6, 2026					
Name	**Role**	**Yes Vote**	**No Vote**	**Abstain**	**Not Present**
	Member- Elem.Parent				
Jorie Kerl	Member- Elem. Parent				
	Member-JH Parent				
Celina McKown	Member- JH Parent				
Jamie Scheiner	Member- HS Parent				
Christy Jurney	Member- HS Parent				
Meagan Van Dyck	Member- Parent				
Hayley Hoke	Member- Parent	✓			
	Member- Parent				
	Member- Parent				
Brandy Brantley	Member- Parent				
	Member- JH Teacher				
Saundra Elliott	Member- Nurse				
Linda Evans	Member- Director of Child Nutrition				
Kristin Sajewski	Member- Director of Special Programs	✓			
Brian Fowler	Member- HS Principal	✓			
Jeff Dyer	Superintendent				
Hollie Guilneau	Elementary Principal				
Mandi Jackson	Co-Chair Elementary Counselor	✓ (previously contacted)			
Jeanne Stautzenberger	HS Counselor	✓			
	Totals	5	0	0	

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(Item 8)

Motion Language :

Motion by _____ to consideration for the 2026-2027 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit, the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding) or the Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credit and Netting Chapter 48 Funding.

2nd _____ Vote _____

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Dyer
Superintendent

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees

From: Jeff Dyer, Superintendent

DATE: August 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Grimes County Extension Office Resolution and Adjunct Faculty Agreement (Item 9)

The 4-H members of Grimes County respectfully request that the 4-H organization be sanctioned as an extracurricular activity. The resolutions are enclosed for your review.

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It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Grimes County Extension Resolution and Adjunct Faculty Agreement

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Dyer
Superintendent

Attachment | **B**

EXTRACURRICULAR STATUS REQUEST

SAMPLE RESOLUTION: Resolution requesting Extracurricular Status for 4-H

RESOLUTION

EXTRACURRICULAR STATUS OF 4-H ORGANIZATION

Be it hereby resolved that upon this date, the duly elected Board of Trustees of the

Iola ISD

(Complete name of school district)

meeting in public with a quorum present and certified,
did adopt this resolution that recognizes the

Grimes County

Texas 4-H Organization as approved for recognition and eligible for extracurricular status consideration under 19TexasAdministrative Code,
Chapter 76.1, pertaining to extracurricular activities.

Participation by 4-H members under provisions of this resolution are subject to all rules and regulations set forth under the 19Texas Administrative Code as interpreted by this Board and designated officials of this school district.
A local representative of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
will request academic eligibility for all 4-H competitive activities, regardless if a school absence is or is not required, and for non-competitive purposes when an absence is required.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

_____ Board of Trustee

_____ Superintendent

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees

From: Jeff Dyer, Superintendent

DATE: August 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration of the purchase of a 72 passenger bus (Item 10)

Enclosed you will find the Sale Order /Bill of sale quote. Once approved the bus can be delivered within two days of purchase.

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It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of 72 passenger bus

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Dyer
Superintendent

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Master's Transportation Inc.

Sales Order/Bill of Sale

Master's Location: Masters Irving

Date: 7/22/2026
Sold to Buyer: IOLA ISD
Phone: 936-394-2361
Email: jdyer@iolaisd.net
Address: 7282 Fort Worth Street
City/State/Zip: Iola TX 77861

CODE	YEAR	MAKE/BODY	SIZE	MILEAGE	VIN	AMOUNT
RB170034	2024	IC BUS IC	77	12519	4DRBUC8N4RB170034	$ 132900.00
						$
						$
						$

REBATES: _____ _____ _____ _____ TOTAL REBATES: $ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ TOTAL SELLING PRICE: $ 132900.00

Amount Amount Amount Amount

☐ All rebates and discounts have been applied

☐ After Market Seller's Warranty $ _____

TRADE-UNIT(S): _____ _____ ESTIMATED TRADE-IN ($ _____)

Year/Make VIN Number

Doc Fee: $199.00

TAX-EXEMPT - ☒ YES ☐ NO

DELIVERY: _____
DEL DATE: _____
FOB: _____

DELIVERY: $ _____
OPTIONAL ITEMS: $ _____
TAX: $ _____
SUBTOTAL: $ 133099.00
DEPOSIT PAYMENT: $ _____
TOTAL DUE: $ 133099.00

OPTIONAL ITEMS/SERVICE TO BE PERFORMED:

_____

_____

_____

BUYERS CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that:

(1) The face and reverse sides of this contract sets forth all of the terms and conditions of the Sales Contract; there are no other contracts or provisions, oral or written, supplementary or in addition to the provisions expressly set forth in this contract; this contract cancels and supersedes all other understandings and agreements of the parties prior to the signing hereof and as of the date hereof, when signed by the dealer, comprises the complete agreement of the parties, AND

(2) I have read the terms and conditions of this contract and have received a true copy thereof; AND

(3) I guarantee that the title of my trade-in-vehicle(s) is not and never has been a salvage title. If a salvage title is delivered, the selling dealer may elect to void this sale and/or elect to collect damages- (including by not limited to dealer's expenses and lost profits) for the difference in value had my title not been salvage and/or branded

_____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees

From: Jeff Dyer, Superintendent

DATE: August 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Personnel (Item 11)

a. Consideration of Jamie McDougald salary
b. Consideration of Dr. Brian Fowler salary
c. employment:
d. resignation:

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Dyer
Superintendent