

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, June 30, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Texarkana Independent School District met in official REGULAR session on Tuesday, June 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the District Administration Building located at 4241 Summerhill Rd., Texarkana, TX 75503.

Board Members Present

Mrs. Amy Bowers, President
Mrs. Wanda Boyette
Mr. Bill Kimbro
Mr. Richard Benjamin King
Pastor Ronald Ruffin

Board Members Absent

Mr. Paul Miller, Vice President
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
Gerry Stanford, Executive Director of Athletics/Head Football Coach
Christopher Rixon, Information Technology
Rhonda Crass, TISD Attorney
Gayle Hale, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Meeting Called to Order

President Bowers 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.

Public Recognition

Gerry Stanford, Head Football Coach and Athletic Director at Texas High School, recognized two outstanding young men who are also Texas High football players.

Sanders Wiggins, Texas High School Salutatorian, was named one of the Top Five Students in Texas for the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals' Teens Serving Texas Award. This honor recognizes students who go beyond the classroom to make a meaningful difference through exceptional leadership and service.

Texas High School sophomore, Aiden Kendricks, was recognized for rescuing a child struggling in the water while working as a lifeguard at a local water park. He was awarded for his heroic actions with a Board of Trustees certificate and medal in recognition of his outstanding leadership, courage, and service to others.

Open Forum

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

Closed Session

At 5:10 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, including the discussion of Superintendent's contract |
| § 551.076 | Discussing or deliberating the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices or security audit |

At 6:21 p.m. the Board of Trustees reconvened into open session. President Bowers stated there was no action taken on items discussed in closed session.

Public Hearing – Discussion of Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for FY 2026-2027

Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed this item. At 6:22 p.m. President Bowers conducted a public hearing for the budget and proposed tax rate for FY 2026-2027. There was no participation, and the public hearing concluded at 6:23 p.m.

Special Reports & Superintendent's Information to Board

Dr. Brubaker shared with the Board of Trustees that recent projected state accountability ratings provide encouraging signs that the intentional work of the TISD Board, staff, families, and community under the Imagine 2026 Strategic Plan is translating into improved student outcomes.

Consideration/Approval of Consent Agenda

It was MOVED by Mrs. Wanda Boyette, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, "to approve the consent agenda items as presented, with the exception of item H. Standard Board Operating Procedures." The approved items are listed below:

1. Minutes of the May 27, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Monthly investment report.
3. Proposals for 1) Educational Professional Development, Consulting, Coaching, and Facilitation Services Vendors; 2) Maintenance and Construction Contracted Services Vendors; 3) Purchases Over \$50,000; 4) Student Accident and Catastrophic Insurance.
4. Partners in Education donations for the period of May 2026 totaling \$30,869.99.
5. 4-H Adjunct Faculty Resolution & Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year.
6. Memorandum of Understanding between TISD and Texarkana College regarding College Prep Mathematics and English Courses.
7. Public Information Act Nonbusiness Days for 2026-27 SY.
8. Change the Date of the October 2026 Board Meeting to October 26, 2026.
9. Change the Date of the November 2026 Board Meeting to November 17, 2026.
10. Change the Date of the December 2026 Board Meeting to December 15, 2026.
11. TASB Policy Update 127 (List of Local Policies Affected Below)
 - I. BJCF(LOCAL): SUPERINTENDENT NONRENEWAL
 - II. CAA(LOCAL): FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FINANCIAL ETHICS
 - III. DC(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES
 - IV. DH(LOCAL): EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCTDP(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS
– Delete Policy
 - V. DPA(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS - PRINCIPALS - Add Policy
 - VI. DPB(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS – OTHER PERSONNEL POSITIONS - Add Policy
 - VII. EHBBB(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS
 - VIII. FFF(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE – STUDENT SAFETY

12. Campus Library Acquisition Lists.
13. TISD Employee Handbook for 2026-2027
14. Amended 2026-2027 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				X	
Bryan DePriest				X		
Bill Kimbro	X					
Richard Benjamin King	X					
Paul Miller				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. Wanda Boyette, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, “to approve the monthly financial report 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				X	
Bryan DePriest				X		
Bill Kimbro	X					
Richard Benjamin King	X					
Paul Miller				X		
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					X

Consideration/Approval of Expenditures

It was MOVED by Mr. Bill Kimbro, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, “that the monthly expenditures be approved and filed for audit.” 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				X	
Richard Benjamin King	X					
Paul Miller			X			
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					X

Consideration/Approval of Final Budget Amendments for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

Mrs. Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed this item and answered questions. It was MOVED by Mrs. Wanda Boyette, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, "to approve the final amended budget for the 2025-2026 FY year 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				X	
Bryan DePriest			X			
Bill Kimbro	X					
Richard Benjamin King	X					
Paul Miller			X			
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					X

Consideration/Approval of 2026-2027 Budget & Proposed Tax Rate

Mrs. Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed this item and answered questions. It was MOVED by Mrs. Wanda Boyette, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, "to approve the 2026-2027 budget as presented." The proposed tax rate will be approved by the Board of Trustees at the September Board meeting. 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				X	
Bryan DePriest			X			
Bill Kimbro	X					
Richard Benjamin King	X					
Paul Miller			X			
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					X

Consideration/Approval of Thomas & Thomas Engagement Letter for FY 2026-2027

Mrs. Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed this item and answered questions. It was MOVED by Mr. Bill Kimbro, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, "to approve the Thomas & Thomas Engagement Letter 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			
Bill Kimbro	X				X	
Richard Benjamin King	X					
Paul Miller			X			
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					X

Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve TISD Compensation Plan for 2026-2027

Ms. Sherri Penix, Deputy Superintendent, reviewed this item and answered questions. It was MOVED by Mrs. Wanda Boyette, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, “to approve the TISD Compensation Plan for 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				X	
Bryan DePriest			X			
Bill Kimbro	X					
Richard Benjamin King	X					
Paul Miller			X			
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					X

Reports/Information/Review Items

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

Resignations/Retirements

Bell, Alissa – Math Teacher – Texas High School
Clark, Chelsea—5th grade Teacher—Parks Elementary
Coggin, Kasey—Principal—Waggoner Creek
Copeland, Gracie – 3rd Grade Teacher – Wake Village
Cross, Molly – 4th Grade Teacher – Waggoner Creek
Galbert, Liyah – Science Teacher – Texas Middle School
Hall, Jacqueline – 6th Grade English Teacher – Texas Middle School
Herring, Laura – Coordinator – Instructional Services
Jefferson, Hailey – Kindergarten Teacher – Parks
Jordan, Taiylor—4th grade Teacher—Waggoner Creek
Kilgore, Lauren – 5th Grade Teacher – Waggoner Creek
Lanier, Stacey – Counselor – Waggoner Creek
Loudermill, Efe – 5th Grade Teacher – Parks
Minter, Vince – Teacher/Coach – Texas High School
Oglesby, Jacee – 2nd Grade Teacher – Parks
Opeloye, Sierra—1st grade Teacher—Wake Village Elementary
Parker, Latravisious – Teacher/Coach – Texas Middle School
Pratt, Linda – Assistant Principal – Texas Middle School
Simmons, Carissa—Math Teacher—Texas High
Sotelo, Izabella – 5th Grade Teacher – Waggoner Creek
Thomas, Melissa – Academic Advisor – Texas High School
Tinsley, Colton—7th grade Science Teacher—Texas Middle
Washington, Ashley—Instructional Technology Specialist—Texas High
Welch, Braylee - 4th Grade Teacher – Nash

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Elections/Assignments

Arnold, Montrae—Teacher/Coach—Texas Middle
Brown, Markeia – 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher – Texas Middle School
Diaz, Axel – Spanish Teacher – Texas High School
Drale, Jabree – 6th English Teacher – Texas Middle School
Halter, Franklin – Teacher/Coach – Texas High School
Johnson, Brittney – PreK Teacher – Dunbar
Lawson, Jessica - 2nd Grade Teacher – Nash
Loucks, Trevor – 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher – Texas Middle School
Parker, Kim – 6th Grade Science Teacher – Texas Middle School
Pritchett, Daniel—PE Teacher—Morriss Elementary
Regan, Nicole – English Teacher – Texas Middle School
Riles, Mya – PreK Teacher – Dunbar
Rowse, Carolyn – PreK Teacher – Dunbar
Simmons, Carissa – Math Teacher – Texas High School
Siratt, Sydney – SPED Collaborative Teacher – Texas High School
Stanley, Vonderic – Teacher/Coach – Texas Middle School
Taylor, Evan – 8th Grade Math – Texas Middle School
Warren, Madison – Child Nutrition Comptroller – Central Office
Woytek, Jason – 8th Grade English – Texas Middle School

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



MRS. AMY BOWERS, President



MR. BRYAN DEPRIEST, Secretary