

TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Texarkana, Texas

Office of the Superintendent
Minutes-Official SPECIAL CALLED MEETING-Board of Trustees
District Administration Building – 4241 Summerhill Road
Texarkana, Texas
Monday, July 20, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Texarkana Independent School District met in official CALLED session on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the District Administration Building located at 4241 Summerhill Road, Texarkana, Texas.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Mr. Bryan DePriest, Secretary

School Officials Present

Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent
Sherri Penix
Christy Tidwell, Chief of Elementary Schools
Kelly Bixler, Executive Director of Communications & Marketing
Lakesha Taylor, Executive Director of Student & Family Support Services/Texas Middle School Principal
Brad Irvin, Chief of Police
Rhonda Crass, TISD Attorney
Gayle Hale, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Meeting Called to Order

President Bowers called the meeting to order at 5:02 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.

Open Forum – Limited to Agenda Items Only

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

Closed Session

At 5:03 p.m. the Board of Trustees adjourned into a closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

- § 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

1. Discussion of Personnel Issues

- a. Employment
- b. Retirement
- c. Resignation
- d. Reassignment
- e. Evaluation
- f. Discussion of the Board to Consider Accepting Resignation of Superintendent
- g. Interview Candidate(s) for the position of Interim Superintendent of Schools
- h. Discussion of Candidate(s) for the Position of Interim Superintendent
- i. Discussion of the possible Hiring for the Position of Interim Superintendent
- j. Discussion of terms to hire an Interim Superintendent

2. Consultation with Attorney to receive legal advice

At 6:38 p.m. the Board of Trustees reconvened into open session. President Bowers stated there was no action taken on items discussed in closed session.

Consider Accepting Resignation of Superintendent

It was MOVED by Mr. Paul Miller, SECONDED by Mrs. Wanda Boyette, "to approve accepting the resignation of the Superintendent and approve the Superintendent's Contract Transition Agreement."

MOTION CARRIED. Ayes 6 – 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				X	
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					

Consider Action to Approve Naming of Interim TISD Superintendent

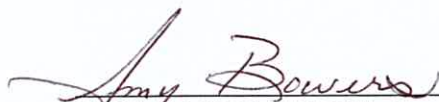
It was MOVED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, SECONDED by Mr. Bill Kimbro, "to hire Sherri Penix as Interim Superintendent under the terms discussed in closed session."

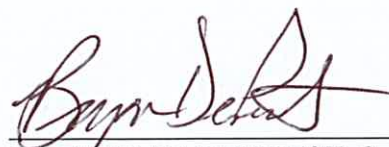
MOTION CARRIED. Ayes 6 – Nays 0

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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	

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


MRS. AMY BOWERS, President


MR. BRYAN DEPRIEST, Secretary