

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, July 28, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Texarkana Independent School District met in official REGULAR session on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 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
Mr. Paul Miller, Vice President
Mr. Bryan DePriest, Secretary
Mrs. Wanda Boyette
Mr. Bill Kimbro
Mr. Richard Benjamin King
Pastor Ronald Ruffin

Board Members Absent

None

School Officials Present

Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent
Sherri Penix, Deputy Superintendent
Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer
Todd Marshall, Chief Operating Officer
Christy Tidwell, Chief of Elementary Schools
Kelly Bixler, Executive Director of Communications & Marketing
Lakesha Taylor, Exec. Dir. of Student & Family Support Services/Texas Middle School Principal
Julius Anderson, Director of DAEP & BASE
Amy Harrison, Texas High School Principal
Brad Irvin, Chief of Police
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.

Open Forum

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

Closed Session

At 5:02 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 develop a profile for the Superintendent.
 - g. Discussion of the Board to develop a timeline for the search.
 - h. Discussion of the Board to consider hiring a Superintendent.
2. Discussion of Discipline of Students
3. Consultation with Attorney to receive legal advice

At 6:13 p.m. the Board of Trustees reconvened into open session. President Bowers stated there was no action taken on items discussed in closed session.

Special Reports & Superintendent's Information to Board

Dr. Brubaker informed the Board that the New Tiger Staff were welcomed into the Tiger Family this week and several new staff members were Texas High graduates. He also informed the board that the Texas High School cheerleaders earned Gold Overall Best Evaluation honors at UCA Cheer Camp, along with a 1st Place Camp Routine finish, 2nd Place Spirit Routine, and three Spirit Sticks.

Consideration/Approval of Consent Agenda

It was MOVED by Mrs. Wanda Boyette, SECONDED by Mr. Bryan DePriest, "to approve the consent agenda in its entirety." The approved items are listed below:

- 1) Minutes of the June 24, 2026 Special Board Meeting.
- 2) Minutes of the June 25, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.
- 3) Minutes of the July 14, 2026 Special Board Meeting.
- 4) Minutes of the July 20, 2026 Special Board Meeting.
- 5) Monthly investment report.
- 6) Proposals for 1) Maintenance and Construction Contracted Services Vendors;
2) Purchases Over \$50,000.
- 7) Policy CDA (LEGAL): Other Revenues: Investments.
- 8) Student Code of Conduct for 2026-2027.
- 9) Authority to Increase "Paid" Student Meal Pricing.
- 10) Resolution Approving the Individual Authorized to Calculate the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate, the Voter-Approval Tax Rate and Other Truth-in-Taxation Requirements.
- 11) Memorandum of Understanding between TISD and Texarkana College regarding Dual Credit/Early College Program Agreement.
- 11) Memorandum of Understanding between Digital Academy of Texas and Texarkana College Dual Credit/Early College Program Agreement (SECONDARY and POST-SECONDARY Partnership).
- 12) Policy Revisions
 - I. EIA(LOCAL) ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - GRADING/PROGRESS REPORTS TO PARENTS
 - II. EIE(LOCAL) ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT – RETENTION AND PROMOTION
- 13) Amendment to Superintendent Contract Transition Agreement

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 7 – 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					X
Bill Kimbro	X					
Richard Benjamin King	X					
Paul Miller	X					
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	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 7 – 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. Bryan DePriest, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, “that the monthly expenditures be accepted and filed for audit.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 7 – Nays 0.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEMBER VOTE						
Board Member Name	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Amy Bowers	X					
Wanda Boyette	X					
Bryan DePriest	X				X	
Bill Kimbro	X					
Richard Benjamin King	X					
Paul Miller	X					
Pastor Ronald Ruffin	X					X

Consideration/Approval of List of Brokers

Mrs. Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item. It was MOVED by Mr. Paul Miller, SECONDED by Mrs. Wanda Boyette, “to approve the list of brokers.” MOTION CARRIED Ayes 6 – Nays 0 – Abstention 1 (Mr. Bryan DePriest abstained.)

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					

Reports/Information/Review Items

President Bowers noted that personnel information was included in the Board packet. The list of personnel information provided is as follows:

Resignations/Retirements

Baker, Amy – Science Teacher – Texas High School
Baker, John – Science Teacher – Texas High School
Crawford, Renee – Social Studies Teacher – Texas Middle School
Huntze, Christine – Special Education Teacher – Wake Village
Mustain, Amy – Kindergarten Teacher – Wake Village
Owens, Emily – 1st Grade Teacher – Wake Village
Padron, Austin – Teacher/Coach – Texas Middle School

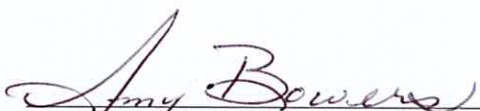
Elections/Assignments

Blasé, Stephanie – 7th Grade Science Teacher – Texas Middle School
Castillo, James – Teacher/Coach – Texas High School
Davis, Sharyass – 7th Grade Science Teacher – Texas Middle School
Henry, Jasmine – 7th Grade Science Teacher – Texas Middle School
Lowery, Kyla – 5th Grade Teacher – Parks
Johnson, Deliyamekia – PreK Teacher – Dunbar
Nowlin, Lynne – PreK Teacher – Wake Village
Oglesby, Andrea – PreK Teacher – Dunbar
Scott, Todd – Teacher/Coach – Texas Middle School
Stephens, Athena – Biology Teacher – Texas High School
Stewart, Don – 5th Grade Math Teacher – Nash
Thomas, Kimberly – 6th Grade English Teacher – Texas Middle School
Walker, Regina – 4th Grade Teacher – Parks
Wallace, Christy – 3rd Grade Teacher – Waggoner Creek

Information on the Student Handbooks for 2026-2027 was also provided in the board packets.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



MRS. AMY BOWERS, President



MR. BRYAN DEPRIEST, Secretary