

COLEMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coleman Independent School District met Monday, August 24, 2026 at 5:31 p.m. in the school business office for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Becky Dobbins, Sandra Rose, Trey Casey, Joshua Hale, Jonathan Hastings, Slade Stevenson

Others Present: Brandon McDowell, Superintendent; Joshua Smith, High School Principal; Thomas King, Jr. High Principal; Justin Hensley, Elementary Principal; Kristi Greaves, Business Manager; Steve Nash, media representative

Recorder: Mary Strickland

Minutes: Slade Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 27, 2026. The second was made by Sandra Rose. Voting for the motion were Sandra Rose, Slade Stevenson, Trey Casey, Joshua Hale and Jonathan Hastings. Becky Dobbins abstained. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate: No one from the public attended.
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ACTION ITEMS:

Discussion of School District's Property Values and Impact on School Funding: The Board, Superintendent and Kristi Greaves, Business Manager, discussed the impact of property values on the District's funding and tax rates. Discussion included the change in local certified property values, potential change in comptroller values, and their impact on the maximum compressed tax rate, proposed tax rate, and state funding. No action was taken.

Adopt the Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year:

Sandra Rose made a motion to adopt the budget for the 2026-2027 school year by fund and function as presented and all budgeted 2026-2027 pay scales. Joshua Hale seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Becky Dobbins, Sandra Rose, Slade Stevenson, Jonathan Hastings, Joshua Hale and Slade Stevenson. Motion passed 6-0.

Adopt Tax Rate for 2026:

Joshua Hale made a motion to set the 2026 tax rate at \$0.7011 per \$100 valuation for maintenance & operations for a total tax rate of \$0.7011. Trey Casey seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Becky Dobbins, Sandra Rose, Slade Stevenson, Jonathan Hastings, Joshua Hale and Slade Stevenson. Motion passed 6-0.

Personnel – Consider Recommendations to Hire Personnel for the 2026-2027 School Year:

Mr. McDowell has issued a contract to Blain Laumer for the 2026-2027 school year. Slade Stevenson made a motion to approve the hiring of Blain Laumer for the 2026-2027 school year. Joshua Hale seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Becky Dobbins, Sandra Rose, Slade Stevenson, Jonathan Hastings, Joshua Hale and Slade Stevenson. Motion passed 6-0.

Consider Approving 2026-2027 Coleman ISD Student Code of Conduct:

A motion was made by Slade Stevenson to approve the 2026-2027 Coleman ISD Student Code of Conduct as recommended by the administration. Trey Casey seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Becky Dobbins, Sandra Rose, Slade Stevenson, Jonathan Hastings, Joshua Hale and Slade Stevenson. Motion passed 6-0.

Review and Consider Possible Changes to Local Investment Policy and Investment Strategies:

After reviewing the Coleman ISD investment policy and investment strategies Policy CDA(LOCAL), Trey Casey made a motion that there be no changes to either the investment policy or investment strategies. Joshua Hale seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Becky Dobbins, Sandra Rose, Slade Stevenson, Jonathan Hastings, Joshua Hale and Slade Stevenson. Motion passed 6-0.

Consider Resolution Regarding
Extra-Curricular Status of 4-H
Organization and Adjunct Faculty:

Sandra Rose made a motion to approve the Resolution regarding Extra-Curricular Status of 4-H Organization and Adjunct Faculty for the 2026-2027 school year. Trey Casey seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Becky Dobbins, Sandra Rose, Slade Stevenson, Jonathan Hastings, Joshua Hale and Slade Stevenson. Motion passed 6-0.

Consider Approving T-TESS
Appraisers and Appraisal Calendar
for the 2026-2027 School Year:

Sandra Rose made a motion to approve the T-TESS Appraisers and Appraisal Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year as recommended by the administration. The 2026-2027 T-TESS Appraisers are as follows:

- Joshua Smith
- Thomas King
- Justin Hensley
- James Darrel Vinson

Trey Casey seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Becky Dobbins, Sandra Rose, Slade Stevenson, Jonathan Hastings, Joshua Hale and Slade Stevenson. Motion passed 6-0.

Budget Amendments:

There were no budget amendments.

BOARD REPORT:

2025-2026 Accountability Report:

Coleman ISD received a B rating for the 2026 Accountability Rating Overall Summary. Coleman High School received a B rating, Coleman Jr. High School received a B rating, and Coleman Elementary received a B rating.

Principals Reports:

The principals reported on their respective campuses.

DISCUSSION:

Discuss CISD Board of Trustees
Place 6 Vacancy:

Mr. McDowell asked for recommendations to fill the Place 6 vacancy so he can contact them about the school trustee role. The position must be filled by November, 2026.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

High School Air Conditioning Project:

Mr. McDowell updated the board on the high school air conditioning project and plans for completion.

Special Meeting to Approve Final Budget Amendments:

The Board will meet Monday, August 31, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. to approve final budget amendments for the 2025-2026 school year.

2026-2027 Transfer Students:

The list of approved student transfers for the 2026-2027 school year was presented to the board. As of August 19, 2026, there are 51 students transferring into Coleman ISD.

Student Handbooks:

The Elementary, Jr. High School and High Student Handbooks were provided to the school board members.

Check Payment List:

The Board reviewed the check payments for the month of August, 2026.

Financial Board Report:

The Financial Board Report for July, 2026 was presented to the Board.

Financial Statement:

The Financial Statement as of July 31, 2026 was presented to the Board.

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

BECKY DOBBINS

SLADE STEVENSON