

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  
Monday, October 26, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Texarkana Independent School District met in official REGULAR session on Monday, October 26, 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. Bryan DePriest, Secretary  
Mrs. Wanda Boyette  
Mr. Bill Kimbro  
Mr. Richard Benjamin King  
Pastor Ronald Ruffin

**Board Members Absent**

Mr. Paul Miller, Vice President

**School Officials Present**

Sherri Penix, Interim Superintendent  
Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer  
Brad Irvin, Chief of Police  
Todd Marshall, Chief Operating Officer  
Christy Tidwell, Chief of Elementary Schools  
Kay Stickels, Executive Director of Human Resources  
Kelli House, Comptroller  
Amy Harrison, Texas High School Principal  
Justin Foster, Information Technology  
Rhonda Crass, TISD Attorney (Consulted with attorney by phone during closed session)  
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**

Texas High Student Theophilus Francis was scheduled to be recognized for being named as a commended scholar by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation but was not in attendance, so that will be rescheduled at a later date.

### **Open Forum**

President Bowers conducted an open forum; there were no public participants.

### **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 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, specifically regarding a recommendation to send notice of proposed termination to Alison Bradley for good cause.
- § 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
- 2. Discussion of Discipline of Students
- 3. Consultation with Attorney to receive legal advice

At 5:29 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 - Texas Middle School Targeted Improvement Plan**

It was noted that information on this item was provided by Ms. Christy Tidwell, Chief of Elementary Schools, via email. At 5:30 p.m. President Bowers conducted a public hearing on the Texas Middle School and Digital Academy of Texas 2026-2027 Targeted Improvement Plan. There was no participation from the audience and the public hearing concluded at 5:31 p.m.

**Special Reports & Superintendent's Information to Board**

Superintendent Penix informed the board about TISD hosting the Future Ready Superintendents Leadership Network (FRSLN) through the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) this week. She also recognized our Tiger Marching Band for a wonderful marching season.

**Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve Consent Agenda**

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

- 1) Minutes of the September 29, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.
- 2) Monthly investment report.
- 3) Proposals for 1) Declare Items Surplus; 2) Purchases Over \$50,000.
- 4) Partners in Education donations for the period September 2026 totaling 4,362.37.
- 5) Resolution for Investment Officers & Training Locations.
- 6) Bowie Central Appraisal District 2027 Tax Roll.
- 7) Memorandum of Understanding between TISD and TAMU-T regarding Eagles Teach Rural Expansion.
- 8) Resolution Pursuant to TEC §45.108.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 6 – 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      |

**Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve Monthly Financial Report**

Mrs. Anita Clay, Chief Financial Officer, presented the monthly financial report. It was MOVED by Mr. Bryan DePriest, SECONDED by Mrs. Wanda Boyette, "to approve the monthly financial report as presented." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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   |     |         |        | X      |        |
| Bill Kimbro                | X   |     |         |        |        |        |
| Paul Miller                | X   |     |         |        |        |        |
| Richard Benjamin King      |     |     |         | X      |        |        |
| Pastor Ronald Ruffin       | X   |     |         |        |        |        |

**Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve Expenditures**

It was MOVED by Mr. Bryan DePriest, SECONDED by Mr. Bill Kimbro "to approve the monthly expenditures." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ayes 6 – 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   |     |         |        |        | X      |
| Paul Miller                | X   |     |         |        |        |        |
| Richard Benjamin King      |     |     |         | X      |        |        |
| Pastor Ronald Ruffin       | X   |     |         |        |        |        |

**Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve DATX Reauthorization Application Submission to TEA**

Mrs. Christy Tidwell, Chief of Elementary Schools, presented on this item. It was MOVED by Mrs. Wanda Boyette, SECONDED by Pastor Ronald Ruffin, “ that the Board of Trustees approve the establish of a “new” full time virtual campus and authorize the Superintendent or designees to finalize and submit the required Standard Authorization Application package to the Texas Education Agency under Texas Senate Bill 569.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 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   |     |         |        |        |        |
| Paul Miller                | X   |     |         |        |        |        |
| Richard Benjamin King      |     |     |         | X      |        |        |
| Pastor Ronald Ruffin       | X   |     |         |        |        | X      |

**Reports/Information/Review Items**

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

***Information Items***

**Resignations/Retirements**

Body, Jasmine – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher – Texas Middle  
Bruce, Makinsey – Health Science CTE Teacher – Texas High  
Forbes, Ryan – History – Texas High  
Serra Vazquez, Carla – Athletic Trainer – Texas High  
Westmoreland, Emily – Registered Nurse – Parks Elementary

The English as a Second Language and Bilingual Education annual report, the Notice of Certification of Notification for Law Enforcement Agency to Potentially Acquire Controlled Property was also provided in the Board packet.

Information regarding the Safety and Security Audit Report for the School Safety and Security Committee meetings held for the 2025-2026 school year was also included in the board packet. The Board of Trustees minutes reflect that the committee has met in accordance with the SSSC standards. The committee held three regularly scheduled meetings and the dates are listed below:

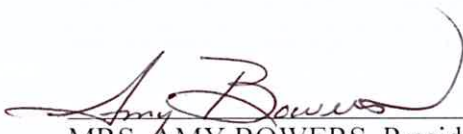
| <b>School Safety and Security Committee Meetings for the 2025 – 2026 School Year</b> |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| November 04, 2025 – Regular Meeting                                                  | 12:00 pm |
| March 11, 2026 – Regular Meeting                                                     | 12:00 pm |
| August 8, 2026 – Regular Meeting                                                     | 12:00 pm |

An Article 2.132 CCP Law Enforcement Policy Report and the 2023-2026 District Audit Report was provided under separate cover.

Accountability, Academics, and Instructional Leadership Updates were provided by Christy Tidwell, Chief of Elementary Schools.

### **Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 6:15p.m.

  
MRS. AMY BOWERS, President

  
MR. BRYAN DEPRIEST, Secretary