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
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 – 8th 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:

School Safety and Security Committee Meetings for the 2025 – 2026 School Year	
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