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Terrell County Independent School District
October 21, 2026

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Following are the official minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Terrell County Independent School District for **Wednesday, October 21, 2026** beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Sanderson High School Conference Room at Sanderson High School 302 N. Second Street, Sanderson, Texas.

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:02 by school board president, Fernando Sanchez. The pledges were said and a moment of silence was held.

Members present were: Fernando Sanchez, Jon Tom Lowrance, Angela Duperrault, Chase McCrory, Wesley Billings, Marco Fuentez and Enrique Rivera

Members absent were: none

Administration in attendance were:
Tanna Lowrance,Superintendent; Blain Chriesman, CFO; David Carrasco, Technology Director / CTE; Virginia Garza, Counselor/ CTE; Jerry Garza, Athletic Director / CBC / Teacher;

Staff in attendance were: none

Students and Community Members and Guests in attendance were: none

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION [TCISD Policy **BED (LOCAL)**]
None

District Reports

a. **Technology Report (D. Carrasco)**
Mr. Carrasco reported weather caused the breaker to trip and unlock the JH doors, the system did not reset the doors automatically. The issue is being corrected. Honeywell did not come back online following the power outage. They were notified and the issue was resolved. ERATE expires this year, purchases for the next five year cycle will be made.

b. **Athletic Report (J.Garza)**
Mr. Garza reported the district cross country results. The HS girls placed second as a team and qualified for the Regional meet. One HS boy, Ruben Gonzalez, qualified as an individual. The JH meet was rescheduled due to weather. The basketball schedule was handed out.

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c. Counselor Report (V. Garza)

Mrs. Garza reported she attended the STAAR training in Marfa, the junior nad seniors attended the college fair in Alpine. The SAT will be given with 11 students testing. The seniors took advantage of free college application week and applied for a total of 58 college applications sent. Seven seniors have been accepted to college at this time. PSAT was given to Juniors. The TSI will be given in November. She has been using Classroom Champions with the kindergarten through fifth graders during their library time. Saturday, October 13 thirteen high school students traveled with Mrs. Garza, Coach Garza and Mrs. Lowrance to Midland **College for a UIL workshop.**

d. Superintendent Reports (Tanna Lowrance)

Bond Projects Update

I am currently working with three different paving companies on bids for the parking lot. I have one bid in hand and hope to have the other two by Friday. Mr. Bryant with Bryant Construction has been approved to fix some doors across the district. He will replace the door, door frame, hardware and paint one door at school housing, the announcers box and the roll up door at the JH field house. We will use construction money for these projects and money from school housing for the one school apartment door. Mid-Tex came to look at the windows in the old gym. Stockton Glass has also been notified about the project. Bleacher repair in the old gym is scheduled for November 13th.

Teacher Incentive Allotment Update

The data has been officially submitted from the 2025-2026 school year. We will be notified in February if we passed data validation. We will either be approved with teacher designations or more information may be requested. If we have any teachers meet the requirements and our data passes validation, we will issue payment amounts in July. We have been collecting our beginning of year data for all of our teachers and we are in good shape for data collection year two. Just a reminder of the payout amounts:

Acknowledged	$6,125
Recognized	$10,208
Exemplary	$17,333
Master	$24,500

Staff Update

Ms. Burton was released from her teaching contract with TCISD due to health issues. Our staff has absorbed her classes. Coach Burgess is working with her special education students. Mrs.

Carrasco is teaching 4th and 5th grade science. Mrs. Salazar is teaching 6th grade writing. Mrs. Roberts is teaching 2nd and 3rd grade computer class and Mrs. Benavidez is monitoring kindergarten and 1st grade computer class. Mrs. Rosas and I have taken her morning tutoring students.

TEA is no longer allowing schools to hire uncertified teachers in core subjects after September 1, 2027. We will look at applying for a School District Teaching Permit for our one uncertified **core content** teacher.

IPM Audit

I went through our first Integrated Pest Control Program audit with the Texas Department of Agriculture last week. We had one finding, I had all of the training, but did not change our IPM coordinator on the official database. We will see what the consequence is, if anything.

Midland College

Mrs. Garza and I attended a partnership meeting at Midland College. I was extremely impressed with the partnerships Midland College has secured. Most of their partnerships are from large companies who are facing a lacking pole of qualified applicants to fill positions that require certain job-ready skills. Some of their partnerships include: I had a meeting with Midland College again last week and requested information to share with parents about the ways they are working to bridge the gap. One of those procedures includes an educational pathway that will take 10 months to complete and the student will graduate with a 'certificate' of completion in the skill area and be work-ready in less than a year. Some of these areas include specific healthcare, large machine mechanics, welding, etc.

Future Events

Mr. and Mrs. Saddleback are taking about 20 HS students to Fields of Faith in McCamey. This Friday is our last home football game of the season. Next week our HS girls cross country team and one high school boy will compete at the regional competition in Arlington. The JH district cross country meet has been rescheduled for Wednesday in Rankin. Next week is Red Ribbon Week. The elementary plus seniors will travel to the pumpkin patch on Thursday. Basketball is scheduled to begin on November 3rd and our last district football game will be in Balmorhea on November 6th. Our Veteran's Day Assembly will be November 11th and we have coordinated with the community to hold the senior citizen's Thanksgiving Lunch on the same day. The HS is going to see Shakespeare on November 16th and our board meeting will be November 18th. We are getting ready to host the elementary and junior high UIL meet on December 9th.

Transportation / Maintenance Update

The bus door on the medium bus was damaged. National Bus Sales in Lubbock will order a new door and come to the district to replace it. We discovered a hole in the copper line at the propane tank to the cafeteria. Sanderson Propane replaced it the same morning. I was able to get the windshield replaced on one of the new suburbans while I was at training today at the service center.

5-Year Student Outcome Goals Update SEE ATTACHED

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Discussion of School Property in Gaines County

A discussion was held among the administration, school board members and CFO regarding the commissioners court's suggestion to put the land grazing and farming out for bid following the six month lease extension of the current tenant. The board expressed a united commitment to utilizing the land to the maximum extent possible therefore generating more revenue and continuing to grow the school district's fund balance. Mrs. Lowrance will attend the upcoming commissioner's court meeting to represent the school district and speak on behalf of the board of trustees expressing support for the efforts discussed by the commissioners court.

Consent Agenda and Budget Amendments:

The motion was made by Mr. Rivera and seconded by Mr. Billings to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 9.16.2026 as presented.

The motion passed 7:0

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Lowrance - for
Mr. McCrory- for
Mr. Billings - for
Mr. Fuentez - for
Mr. McCrory - for

Action Items: Presenter: (Tanna Lowrance)

None

The board entered into executive session at 7:52.

2. Executive Session: Pursuant of Texas Governmental Code §551, the board may retire to closed session for discussion of items listed below:

    a. Personnel

The board returned to open meeting at 8:08.

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Adjournment: Mr. Fuentez motioned and Mr. Rivera seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.
The motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Duperrault - for
Mr. Sanchez - for
Mr. Lowrance - for
Mr. McCrory- for
Mr. Billings - for
Mr. Fuentez - for
Mr. Rivera - for

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Sanchez at 8:09 P.M. by Mr. Sanchez.

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Mr. Fernando Sanchez Mr. Jon Tom Lowrance

President Secretary