

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stephenville, Texas

July 20, 2026

The Stephenville Independent School District Board of Education met in Regular Session at 5:30 pm in the Bond Auditorium of the Administration Building, July 20, 2026 with the following members present:

Dr. Robert Barberee, President
Mr. Donny Hill, Vice President
Mr. Matt Miller, Secretary
Dr. Rita Cook

Mr. Chad Elms
Mr. Ben McCleery
Mr. Jason Smith

School Personnel Present: Dr. Eric Cederstrom, Mr. Tim Sherrod, Ms. Kathy Hampton, Mrs. Kelly Magin, Mr. John Briebe, Mrs. Esther Tucker, Mrs. Joanie Bennett, Mrs. Mica Rudd, Mr. Victor Saucedo, Dr. Josh Holt, Mrs. Renee' Goodwin, Mrs. Blessing Wright, Mr. Tom Airola, Mrs. Carey Arthur, Mr. Brad Burleson, Mr. Koory Arthur, Mrs. Rachel Kammerer, Mr. James Israel and Mrs. Norma Cervetto.

Invocation

The Invocation was provided by Mr. Ben McCleery.

Recited U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance

The U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance were led by Mr. Jason Smith.

I. Call to Order and Announce Quorum Present

President Barberee called the meeting to order and announced a quorum present.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

The motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Elms to approve the Consent Agenda including:

- Minutes: June 8, 2026 – Regular Meeting
- Minutes: June 22, 2026 – Called Meeting
- Review Check Register
- Review of Additional Vendors
- Monthly Financial Statements
- Budget Amendments
- Budget Update
- Teacher and Principal Appraisal Calendars 26-27
- Certified Appraisers 26-27
- Elementary/Secondary Student Handbook Summary of Changes and Employee Handbook Summary of Changes 26-27
- Student Code of Conduct

The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Dr. Robert Barberee

Mr. Donny Hill
Mr. Matt Miller
Dr. Rita Cook
Mr. Chad Elms
Mr. Ben McCleery
Mr. Jason Smith

The following members voted against the motion: None

The motion carried.

III. Approval of Stephenville ISD Representative to the Erath County Appraisal Board of Directors 2026-2027

The motion was made by Mr. Elms and seconded by Dr. Cook to nominate Mr. Matt Miller as the Stephenville ISD Representative to the Erath County Appraisal Board of Directors 2026-2027.

The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Dr. Robert Barberee
Mr. Donny Hill
Mr. Matt Miller
Dr. Rita Cook
Mr. Chad Elms
Mr. Ben McCleery
Mr. Jason Smith

The following members voted against the motion: None

The motion carried.

IV. Heard Superintendent's Report

- Facilities Update
- Safety and Security Audit
- TASB Policy Update 127 – First Reading
- AI, Cybersecurity, and Parent Training – Board of Trustees
- STAAR/EOC Scores
- Other

V. Closed Session

President Barberee announced to those present that the Board would adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of Section 551.071 and/or 551.086 at approximately 6:17 pm.

- Discuss Personnel Matters and/or Hear Complaints against Personnel (551.074)
 - Deliberate appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties or discipline of contract and/or at-will employees
 - Part-Time Director for Federal and Special Programs

- Discuss purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (551.072)
- Discuss the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices (551.076)
- Consider the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups (551.083).

VI. Open Session

The Board reconvened to Open Session at approximately: 8:13 pm

VII. Personnel

The motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Elms to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented by Dr. Cederstrom:

Resignations/Retirement:

Jessica Kribbs – Kindergarten Teacher – Central Elementary
Effective: May 22, 2026

Kellye McLeroy – Kindergarten Teacher – Central Elementary
Effective: May 22, 2026 (Retirement)

Chelsea Rives – 1st Grade Teacher – Chamberlin Elementary
Effective: May 22, 2026

Kenya Kresta – Science Teacher – Stephenville High School
Effective: May 22, 2026

Michelle McNutt – Resignation – Director for Federal and Special Programs (Part-time)
Effective: July 31, 2026

Employment:

Emily Truden – 1st Grade Teacher – Chamberlin Elementary
Effective: August 6, 2026

Azucena Sierra – 2nd Grade Teacher – Chamberlin Elementary
Effective: August 6, 2026

Hallie McFarlin – Fine Arts Teacher – Hook Elementary
Effective: August 6, 2026

Stephanie Evans-Voyles – 5th Grade ELAR – Gilbert Intermediate
Effective: August 6, 2026

Isabelle Pettit – Counselor/504/Testing Coordinator-Gilbert Intermediate/HJH
Effective: August 3, 2026

Riley Durham – 7th Grade Math Teacher – Henderson Jr. High

Effective: August 6, 2026

Tessa Cates – 8th Grade Science Teacher – Henderson Jr. High
Effective: August 6, 2026

Hannah Jordan – 7th Grade Science Teacher/Coach – Henderson Jr. High
Effective: August 6, 2026

Amy Mahan – 7th Grade RLA Teacher – Henderson Jr. High
Effective: August 6, 2026

Mindi Womack – RN – Henderson Jr. High
Effective: August 6, 2026

Kaleb Smith – Science Teacher – Stephenville High School
Effective: August 6, 2026

Chase Varnado – History Teacher/Coach – Stephenville High School
Effective: August 6, 2026

Sandra Dee Behavidez-Perez – Part-time Director for Federal and Special Programs
Effective: August 3, 2026

The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Dr. Robert Barberee
Mr. Donny Hill
Mr. Matt Miller
Dr. Rita Cook
Mr. Chad Elms
Mr. Ben McCleery
Mr. Jason Smith

The following members voted against the motion: None

The motion carried.

VIII. Approved Non-School Employment Disclosures

The motion was made by Mr. McCleery and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the following Non-School Employment Disclosures:

--Carey Arthur
--Sandra Benavidez-Perez

The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Dr. Robert Barberee
Mr. Donny Hill
Mr. Matt Miller
Dr. Rita Cook
Mr. Chad Elms

Mr. Ben McCleery
Mr. Jason Smith

The following members voted against the motion: None

The motion carried.

IX. Approved Armed Security Officer Resolution

The motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Cook to approve the Armed Security Officer Resolution.

The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Dr. Robert Barberee
Mr. Donny Hill
Mr. Matt Miller
Dr. Rita Cook
Mr. Chad Elms
Mr. Ben McCleery
Mr. Jason Smith

The following members voted against the motion: None

The motion carried.

X. Approval to Postpone the Guardian Recommendations

The motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Elms to postpone the Guardian Recommendations definitely until the next board meeting.

The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Dr. Robert Barberee
Mr. Donny Hill
Mr. Matt Miller
Dr. Rita Cook
Mr. Chad Elms
Mr. Ben McCleery
Mr. Jason Smith

The following members voted against the motion: None

The motion carried.

XI. Future Action Items
-Child Nutrition Budget

XII. Adjourn

No further business appearing before the board, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

CORRECT: _____
President