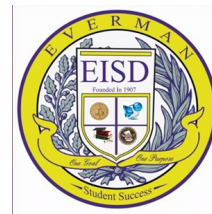


Minutes of Regular Meeting Monday, August 24, 2026

The Board of Trustees Everman ISD



A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Everman ISD was held Monday, August 24, 2026, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Everman ISD Administration Building Board Room, 1520 E. Everman Parkway, Fort Worth, Texas 76140.

Present: Gary Balch, Ricky Burgess, Adan Covarrubias, Woodman Dawson, Linda Lutrick, Earnestine Palos; **Absent:** Ramonda Fields.

Call to Order

Gary Balch, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM. Dr. Kentrel Phillips, Deputy Superintendent, gave the Invocation, and Mr. Balch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Order of Business

Mr. Balch announced that a quorum of Board Members is present, that the meeting has been duly called, and that notice of the meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Gov. Code 551

Audience Items

No Audience Items

Public Hearing

- 2026-2027 Budget and Tax Rate

Gary Balch opened the Public Hearing at 5:34 PM.

Michelle Salazar, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the District published a proposed 2026-2027 tax rate of \$ 0.7146 for Maintenance & Operations and \$0.4625 for Interest & Sinking, for a total of \$1.1771 per \$100 of valuation. The Voter-Approval Rate is \$1.1771, and the No-New Revenue Rate is \$1.135042.

Michelle Salazar stated that this required hearing was posted in accordance with the law and allows the public an opportunity to comment or ask questions regarding the proposed tax rate that will be adopted for 2026-2027.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Balch closed the Public Hearing at 5:40 PM.

Spotlight

5:40 PM

Dr. Nikita Russell, Chief of Communications & Marketing, introduced the Spotlight

- 2025-2026 School of Excellence for its use of Imagine Edgenuity Award for EAHS

Goal: Increase student engagement, improve attendance, and ensure students pursue on-time graduation.

Consent Items

5:43 PM

Motion to Approve Consent Items A-H. This motion, made by Ricky Burgess and seconded by Woodman Dawson, Passed.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Balch: Yea, Burgess: Yea, Covarrubias: Yea, Dawson: Yea, Lutrick: Yea, Palos: Yea

- Minutes of Meetings
- Tax Report
- Bills and Claims
- Contracts
- Resignations
- Consider the Texas Education Agency Pregnancy-Related Services Waiver

Jason Miller, Chief of Student Services & Operations

Goal: Ensure all students experience measurable academic growth and achieve grade-level standards through strong Tier I instruction.

- Consider the Waiver for Staff Development for the 2026-2027 School Year

Jason Miller, Chief of Student Services & Operations

Goal: To recruit, support, and retain high-quality educators and leaders through strategic compensation, staffing, and growth pathways.

- Consider the Tarrant County 4-H Resolution Regarding Extracurricular

Felicia Donaldson, Superintendent

Goal: Ensure all students experience measurable academic growth and achieve grade-level standards through strong Tier I instruction.

Executive Session

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 51, Subchapters D and E.

Action Items

5:43 PM

Consider Adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget for General Operating Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, and Debt Service Fund

Michelle Salazar, Chief Financial Officer

Goal: Provide safe, supportive, and well-managed learning environments where students and staff can thrive.

Build trust with families, staff, and the community through clear communication and meaningful partnerships.

Ensure financial, operational, and organizational systems are aligned, efficient, and sustainable

Approve the 2026-2027 Budgets as follows: Maintenance and Operations: \$65,300,000 Child Nutrition: \$4,500,000 Debt Service: \$12,961,960. This motion, made by Linda Lutrick and seconded by Ricky Burgess, Passed.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Balch: Yea, Burgess: Yea, Covarrubias: Yea, Dawson: Yea, Lutrick: Yea, Palos: Yea

5:45 PM

- Consider Adoption of the Resolution of the Board to Set Tax Rate for the SY 2026-2027 Tax Rate for Maintenance & Operating and Interest & Sinking Funds

Michelle Salazar, Chief Financial Officer

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Adopt SY 2026-2027 Tax Rate as follows: Maintenance and Operations: \$ 0.7146 Interest and Sinking: 0.4625 TOTAL TAX RATE: \$ 1.1771. This motion, made by Ricky Burgess and seconded by Adan Covarrubias, Passed.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Balch: Yea, Burgess: Yea, Covarrubias: Yea, Dawson: Yea, Lutrick: Yea, Palos: Yea

5:49 PM

- Consider Year-End Amendments to 2025–2026 Budgets

Michelle Salazar, Chief Financial Officer

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Approve the Year-End Budget Amendments for the School Year 2025-26 as Proposed. This motion, made by Woodman Dawson and seconded by Ricky Burgess, Passed.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Balch: Yea, Burgess: Yea, Covarrubias: Yea, Dawson: Yea, Lutrick: Yea, Palos: Yea

5:51 PM

- Consider Purchase of Devices for the Maintenance Department

Kentrel Phillips, Deputy Superintendent

Goal: Ensure financial, operational, and organizational systems are aligned, efficient, and sustainable

Approve the Purchase of Electronic Devices for the Maintenance Department at a cost of \$80,690.00. This motion, made by Earnestine Palos and seconded by Ricky Burgess, Passed.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Balch: Yea, Burgess: Yea, Covarrubias: Yea, Dawson: Yea, Lutrick: Yea, Palos: Yea

5:52 PM

- Consider Replacement of Technology Devices

Kentrel Phillips, Deputy Superintendent

Goal: Ensure financial, operational, and organizational systems are aligned, efficient, and sustainable.

Approve the Purchase of Annual Computer Replacements from Apple at a cost of \$123,915. This motion, made by Ricky Burgess and seconded by Adan Covarrubias, Passed.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Balch: Yea, Burgess: Yea, Covarrubias: Yea, Dawson: Yea, Lutrick: Yea, Palos: Yea

Superintendent Report

5:54 PM

- Construction Renovations Tour at Souder Elementary on September 15th at 4:30 PM
- Construction Renovations Tour at Hommel Elementary on September 17th at 4:30 PM
- 2025-2026 Accountability Results

Reports and Discussion

5:55 PM

- Financial Reports

Michelle Salazar, Chief Financial Officer, summarized the Financials for the General Operation Funds and Debt Service Report for July 2026.

The Monthly Investment Report, ending 7/31/26, shows the total invested at \$46,039,291.71; total interest at \$131,288.54; and a monthly deposit total of \$10,691,601.74, with a total ending balance of \$41,706,309.39.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Date Approved

Gary Balch, President

Linda Lutrick, Secretary