Regular Board Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2026 6:00 PM
Board Room, 1209 Twelfth St, Palacios, TX 77465

Marcos Aparicio:	Absent
Karen Botbyl:	Present
Carl Filip:	Present
Haley Garcia:	Present
Rafael Garcia:	Present
Dane Kubecka:	Present
Fabian Marroquin:	Absent

1) **Call to Order**
Discussion: Meeting was called to order by Board President Haley Garcia at 6:00pm

1)A. Announcement by the chair as to the presence of a quorum, notice of meeting duly posted, and that the meeting has been called to order

1)B. Invocation

1)C. Pledge of Allegiance

2) **Swearing in of New Board Member**
Discussion: Jenni Williams administered a ceremonial Oath of Office and Statement of Elected Officer to new board member Mr. Rafael Garcia.
She stated that he had officially been sworn in on Monday Aug 3 to expedite the process of him receiving emails from the district concerning district/board actions and policies.

3) **Awards and Recognitions**

3)A. Student/Staff/Community - TIA Teachers
Discussion: TIA Teachers were recognized, and two teachers were in attendance.
Jody Sanchez - Mastery Level Teacher
Hailey Davis - Recognized Level Teacher

4) **Public Comments/Testimony**

5) **Presentations/Communications**

5)A. Operations Update
Presenter: Dr. Brian Williams
Discussion: Dr Williams gave an Operations District Update.
Carl Filip asked about the phase monitors on the AC units and the boring equipment asking if the boring had been completed.
Rafael Garcia asked about the Byte cave and what it was.
Mr Valentine thanked Dr Williams and the entire District Operations team.

6) **Information Items**

6)A. Review New Hires

6)B. Review Resignations / Retirements

6)C. Semester Exam Update

Presenter: Dr. Jamey Johnson

Discussion: Dr. Johnson spoke on the final exam and exemptions procedures being put back into place this school year.
Dr. Johnson stated that semester exams would be worth 10% of the semester grade, exemptions would be for grades 9-12 only.
Students would be eligible for exemptions in the Spring Semester only with incentives through attendance, behavior, and academics.

7) **Closed Session**

Discussion: The Board entered Closed Session at 6:27pm.

7)A. Personnel (§551.074)

7)B. Discuss Team of 8

7)C. Discuss School Board Evaluation

7)D. Discuss TxEdCon

8) **Reconvene Into Open Session**

Discussion: The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:00pm

8)A. Announcement by the chair that the Board has concluded it's closed session discussions as permitted by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act, and is reconvening in open session.

9) **Items Requiring Board Action**

9)A. Consent Agenda

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; including the meeting minutes from 7/13/26, 4-H Resolution and Adjunct Faculty Agreement, and Ch 49 Payment Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year,. This motion, made by Karen Botbyl and seconded by Carl Filip, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Marcos Aparicio:	Absent
Karen Botbyl:	Yea
Carl Filip:	Yea
Haley Garcia:	Yea
Rafael Garcia:	Yea
Dane Kubecka:	Yea
Fabian Marroquin:	Absent

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

9)A.(1) Approve Meeting Minutes

9)A.(2) 4-H Resolution

9)A.(3) Discuss and Consider the Approval of Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Option 3 Agreement) and to Delegate Contractual Authority to the Superintendent for Chapter 49 Payment to the State

Discussion: For the 2026-2027 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code(TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).

9)B. Consider and Vote to Approve Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek as Auditors for the 2025-2026 School Year

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek as auditors for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Dane Kubecka and seconded by Karen Botbyl, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Marcos Aparicio:	Absent
Karen Botbyl:	Yea
Carl Filip:	Yea
Haley Garcia:	Yea
Rafael Garcia:	Yea
Dane Kubecka:	Yea
Fabian Marroquin:	Absent

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

9)C. To Authorize a Temporary Interfund Cash Flow loan from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund to cover a bond payment not to exceed $1.5 million

Action(s):

I make a motion to authorize a temporary interfund cash flow loan from the general fund to the debt service fund to cover a bond payment no to exceed $1.5 million. This motion, made by Dane Kubecka and seconded by Carl Filip, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Marcos Aparicio:	Absent
Karen Botbyl:	Yea
Carl Filip:	Yea
Haley Garcia:	Yea

Rafael Garcia: Yea
Dane Kubecka: Yea
Fabian Marroquin: Absent

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

10) **Reports to the Board**

10)A. Business Reports
Discussion: Peggy Scantlen presented the business reports to the board.

10)A.(1) Monthly Financial Reports

10)A.(2) Monthly Investment Report

10)B. Superintendent's Reports
Discussion: Mr Valentine presented a slideshow that showcased New Teache Orientation and Convocation for the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

10)C. Board Reports

10)C.(1) School Board Evaluation - Feedback from the commitee of three board members
Discussion: Bard President Haley Garcia stated that Mr Rafael Garcia will look at becoming a third member of the committee of three for Board Evaluations if he finds he is available to do so.

11) **Other Business**

11)A. Special Meeting August 24, 2026
Discussion: 6pm

11)B. TxEdCon Oct 8-11 George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston
Discussion: Board President Haley Garcia stated that some of the other board members may be interested in going to TxEdCon and would give an answer in the coming days as to who would attend.

12) **Monthly Budget Workshop**
Discussion: The Monthly Budget workshop included a second look at the proposed 2026-2027 budget. Mr Kubecka requested a list of the districts' depreciating assets.

12)A. Second Draft 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

13) **Adjournment**
Action(s):
I make a motion to adjourn this meeting 8:53pm. This motion, made by Karen Botbyl and seconded by Dane Kubecka, Passed.
Voting Detail:
Marcos Aparicio: Absent
Karen Botbyl: Yea
Carl Filip: Yea
Haley Garcia: Yea

Rafael Garcia: Yea
Dane Kubecka: Yea
Fabian Marroquin: Absent

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
Discussion: Meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm

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Board Secretary