

Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES
08/24/2026
6:00 p.m.

Present: Aslone Foy, Jim Longbotham, Sindra McLean, Jason Milstead, Stephen Bradley, Angela Crane (6:06), Bridgett Jackson-Tatum (6:13).

Others: Scott Cummings, Teresa Battrick, Deana Rand, Evan Ditmore, Craig Champion, Kelley Copeland, Nicole Dawley.

Aslone Foy called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Jim Longbotham gave the Invocation.

Sindra McLean led the Pledges to the Flags.

Stephen Bradley read the District Mission Statement.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Scott Cummings presented Senate Bill 12 and Compliance. Motion by Jason Milstead, seconded by Sindra McLean to approve the 2026-2027 Senate Bill 12 Annual Certification of Compliance as required by Texas Education Code §39.008. Motion carried unanimously. Voting For: Aslone Foy, Jim Longbotham, Sindra McLean, Jason Milstead, Stephen Bradley, Angela Crane, Bridgett Jackson-Tatum.

Motion by Stephen Bradley, seconded by Jim Longbotham, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously. Voting For: Aslone Foy, Jim Longbotham, Jason Milstead, Stephen Bradley.

Adjourned: 6:05 p.m.

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Aslone Foy called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Scott Cummings and Craig Champion gave an update on projects at HOW, contingency funds, timelines, and an update on the bus area.

Scott Cummings presented bids received for the Kids Kare Academy Parking and Driveway Renovations Project and the Ag Barn Improvements. There were four companies that came and looked at the projects, and the district received three bids. A rubrix was completed, and the recommendation is for Champco. Motion by Stephen Bradley, seconded by Jason Milstead, that we adopt and approve the resolution pertaining to the Kids Kare Academy Parking and Driveway Renovations Project and Ag Barn Improvements. Motion carried unanimously. Voting For: Aslone Foy, Jim Longbotham, Sindra McLean, Jason Milstead, Stephen Bradley, Angela Crane, Bridgett Jackson-Tatum.

Melissa Smith presented the budget for the 2026-2027 school year. Currently in two audits: yearly audit and a child nutrition audit. Melissa Smith discussed a balanced budget with the impacts and changes of legislative to local and state funding for the 2026-27 school year. (Bridgett Jackson-Tatum entered the meeting) Discussed the Child Nutrition budget for next year and will need supplemented again. Discussed Federal Funds, Title I funds, and appropriations.

The public hearing to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate for 2026-27 was opened at 6:15 p.m. Scott Cummings stated that the tax rate adoption of a higher rate of 26 and three-quarters cents. There were no further comments or discussions. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:16 p.m.

Motion by Jim Longbotham, seconded by Sindra McLean, to approve the resolution to adopt the budget for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Voting For: Aslone Foy, Jim Longbotham, Sindra McLean, Jason Milstead, Stephen Bradley, Angela Crane, Bridgett Jackson-Tatum.

Motion by Jim Longbotham, seconded by Stephen Bradley, that a proposed rate to pay debt service of \$0.26750 per \$100 of taxable value be approved. This rate exceeds the District's debt service rate determined under Section 44.004(c)(5)(A)(ii)(b), Education Code of, which is \$0.20750 per \$100 of taxable value, by \$0.06000 per \$100 of taxable value. The excess revenue collected from the proposed rate will be used for [accelerating the repayment of the District's outstanding indebtedness and establishing and maintaining reasonable debt service reserves]. I further move that the Board adopt the Resolution Approving a Debt Service Tax Rate in Excess of the Minimum Debt Service Tax Rate Pursuant to Section 26.05(a-1), Texas Tax Code. Motion carried unanimously. Voting For: Aslone Foy, Jim Longbotham, Sindra McLean, Jason Milstead, Stephen Bradley, Angela Crane, Bridgett Jackson-Tatum.

Motion by Jason Milstead, seconded by Stephen Bradley, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.97290, which is effectively a 5.78 percent increase in the tax rate. Motion carried unanimously. Voting For: Aslone Foy, Jim Longbotham, Sindra McLean, Jason Milstead, Stephen Bradley, Angela Crane, Bridgett Jackson-Tatum.

Melissa Smith presented the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit, which is a TEA requirement, should we fall back into recapture. Motion by Jason Milstead, seconded by Stephen Bradley, 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)*. Motion carried unanimously. Voting For: Aslone Foy, Jim Longbotham, Sindra McLean, Jason Milstead, Stephen Bradley, Angela Crane, Bridgett Jackson-Tatum.

Evan Ditmore presented the 2025-26 STAAR and End-of-Course data. Presentation included a comparison of the District with Region 12 and the State.

Evan Ditmore presented the 2026 Accountability Rating and explained the Domains 1, 2, and 3; growth measure and subscore. Groesbeck Middle School went from a C to a B and earned two two accountability distinctions; Groesbeck High School went from a C to a B; the District went from a 73 to a 76; HO Whitehurst and Enge-Washington Intermediate stayed a D. One area is due to HOW not having a growth measure as third grade is the only testing grade on that campus. To view more reports visit txschools.gov.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Jason Milstead, seconded by Sindra McLean, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Voting For: Aslone Foy, Jim Longbotham, Sindra McLean, Jason Milstead, Stephen Bradley, Angela Crane.

- A. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting
- B. Budget Report and Amendments
- C. End-of-Year Amendments
- D. Donation(s)

There was no Executive Session.

Superintendent Comments: Student enrollment is 1406, which is down from last year. Team of Eight training in November, and reminder to complete parental rights board training, which is online.

Board President Comments: Aslone Foy stated the next regular board meeting is September 21.

Motion by Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, seconded by Angela Crane, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously. Voting For: Aslone Foy, Jim Longbotham, Jason Milstead, Stephen Bradley.

Adjourned: 7:06 p.m.

Aslone Foy, Board President

Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, Secretary

September 21, 2026
Date Approved