REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stephenville ISD
Stephenville, TX 76401

August 24, 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, August 24, 2026 with the following members present:

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

School Personnel Present: Dr. Eric Cederstrom, Superintendent, Mr. Tim Sherrod, Ms. Kathy Hampton, Mrs. Kelly Magin, Mr. John Briese, Mrs. Mica Rudd, Dr. Josh Holt, Mrs. Stephanie Traweek, Mr. Tom Airola, Mrs. Brenda Perez, Mrs. Blessing Wright, Mrs. Renee' Goodwin, Mr. Brad Burleson, Mrs. Jennifer Salyards, Mr. Justin Swenson, Mrs. Carey Arthur, Mrs. Mona Little, Mr. Koory Arthur, Mrs. Rachel Kammerer, 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. Matt Miller.

I. Call to Order and Announce Quorum Present

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

II. Conducted Required Public Hearing on the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget and Tax Rates

President Barberee opened for floor for the required public hearing on the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget and Tax Rates. No one spoke and the hearing was closed.

III. Consideration to table and reschedule the Adoption of the Proposed Budget for Stephenville Independent School District for 2026-2027

The motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Elms to table and reschedule the motion for the Adoption of the Proposed Budget for Stephenville Independent School District for 2026-2027.

The following members voted in favor of the motion:

None.

The following members voted against the motion:

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

The motion failed.

IV. <u>Approval of the Adoption of the Proposed Budget for Stephenville Independent School District for 2026-2027</u>

The motion was made by Dr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the adoption of the Proposed Budget for Stephenville Independent School District for 2026-2027 as presented.

The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Dr. Robert Barberee
Dr. Rita Cook
Mr. Donny Hill
Mr. Jason Smith

The following members voted against the motion:

Mr. Matt Miller
Mr. Chad Elms
Mr. Ben McCleery

The motion passed.

V. <u>Approval to Adopt the Proposed Tax Rate for the Stephenville Independent School District for 2026-2027</u>

The motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the property tax rate at $0.8467 ($0.6543 Maintenance & Operations) and $0.1924 (Principal and Interest on Debts) which is an overall decrease of $0.0401 per $100 of tax valuation.

The following member 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 motion passed.

VI. <u>Approval of an Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Option 3 Agreement) and to delegate contractual authority to the Superintendent</u>

The motion was made by Mr. Elms and seconded by Mr. McCleery to approve an Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Option 3 Agreement) and to delegate contractual authority to the Superintendent.

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, the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding) or the Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credit and Netting 48 Funding.

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 passed.

VII. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

-Minutes – July 20, 2026 – Regular Meeting
-Minutes – August 3, 2026 – Called Meeting
-Review Check Register
-Review of Additional Vendors
-Monthly Financial Statements
-Budget Amendments
-Worker's Compensation Renewal
-Child Nutrition Program
-Approval of Non-Business Day 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 passed.

VIII. Second Reading and Approval of TASB Policy Update 127

The motion was made by Dr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Elms to approve TASB Policy Update 127.

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 passed.

IX. Heard Superintendent's Report including:

-Student Enrollment
-2026 State Assessment Results
-FIRST Rating Update
-Other

X. 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: 7:13 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.
-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)

XI. Open Session

The board reconvened to Open Session at approximately 8:36 pm.
No action resulted from Closed Session.

XII. Future Action Items

The following item was requested to be placed on the next regular agenda:

Approve the Delivery Method of the potential Indoor Multi-Purpose Facility.

XIII. Adjourn

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

ATTEST: ______________________________ CORRECT:__________________________________

Secretary President