



East Chambers Independent School District

Home of the Buccaneers

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MINUTES-BOARD OF TRUSTEES EAST CHAMBERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2026

Board Members Present: Scott Jones, President; Lisa Bauer, Vice President, Charlotte Edwards, Secretary; Frank Abalos; Jason Gardner; Everett Guillory; Kelley Touchet

Present: 7.

1. CALL TO ORDER - Welcome - Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6pm. Mr. Jones gave the welcome and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held in memory of a student who passed away over the weekend.

2. STUDENT RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

Teachers Lana Nelius and Haley Tiner brought elementary students to present their Wax Museum projects to the board.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

4. REPORTS:

4.A. Information Items

4.A.1. Superintendent Reports

Mrs. Smith reported on the following information items listed after administration reports: Discussion of Intruder Detection Audit Summary; Employee Resignations/Retirements; Enrollment; and Summer Calendar.

4.A.1.a. Cheryl Williams, Curriculum & Instruction

Mrs. Williams reported on Teacher Incentive Allotment, LIFT Grant, Secondary Math Curriculum, Child Care Center, and State Assessments.

4.A.1.b. Megan Leday, Primary Principal

Mrs. Leday submitted a written report on Enrollment, ABC Incentive Countdown, March Madness Attendance, Buccaneers Are Born, AR Six Weeks Parties, EOY Universal Screeners and Benchmark, Education Foundation Experience Grants, and Upcoming Events.

4.A.1.c. Britnie Bordelon, Elementary Principal

Mrs. Bordelon reported on Enrollment, Family Luncheon, Staff Appreciation Days, Celebrations, STAAR Testing, Career Day, Youth Project Show, Fitness Gram, Field Trips, Field of Dreams, and Ongoing Events.

4.A.1.d. Kelsea Broomas, Junior High Principal

Mrs. Broomas reported on Enrollment, Drill Team Try Outs, Grade Level Scheduling, STAAR, UIL, Quiz Bowl. Staff Appreciation Days, Celebrations, YMBL Rodeo, Ongoing and Upcoming Events

4.A.1.e. Justin Lezak, High School Principal

Mr. Lezak reported on Enrollment, One Act Play, UIL, EOC Tests, Band Contest, National AP Week, Reality Check, Youth Project Show, and YMBL, and Upcoming Events.

4.A.1.f. Toby Kahla, Operations Director

Mr. Kahla reported on Elementary AC Package Unit Replacement, Elementary Lighting, Summer Cleaning Preparations, and SB546 Bus Seatbelts Update.

4.A.1.g. Russ Sutherland, Athletic Director

Coach Sutherland reported on Soccer, Tennis, Powerlifting, Golf, Baseball, Softball, Track, and Off Season.

4.A.1.h. Mitchell Long, Technology Director

Mitchell Long reported on Recycling Old Hardware, End of Year Preparations, Network Monitoring and Preparations for Online Testing, Anti-Virus Renewals, and BackUp Equipment

4.A.1.i. Marsha Peden, Child Nutrition Director

Mrs. Peden reported on receiving Best of the Bunch award, Enrollment, Meals Served, Income, and National School Breakfast Week.

4.A.1.j. Gena Albrecht, Business Manager

Ms. Albrecht reported on the following financial reports:

Monthly Transactions

Revenue Realized: \$3,151,447.70; Expenditures: \$3,551,870.07

Check Register

Revenue/Expenditure Report

Depository Collateralization Report

Tax Collections

Student Activity Funds

Attorney Invoices

Investment Reports

\$2,265,194.69 Texpool

\$12,114,053.47 TASB Lonestar

\$503,481.74 TASB Lonestar Debt Service Fund

\$542.32 TASB Lonestar PSF Capital Improvement

5. CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION ITEMS:

I move that the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Everett Guillory, Passed.

Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

5.A. Approval of Minutes

5.B. 2026-2027 Service Agreement With Interquest Detection Canines

5.C. Payments Over \$50,000

Entergy \$50,000 - estimate

Labatt \$50,000 - estimate

5.D. 2025-2026 Budget Amendments

199/31/Guidance/Evaluation decreased by \$40,000 Amended Budget \$590,515

199/11/Instruction increased by \$40,000 Amended Budget \$12,335,934

(Adjustment to Special Education appropriations)

6. CLOSED SESSION (if applicable):

At 6:31pm, the board entered into closed session for 551.074 Personnel. At 8:16pm, the board reconvened into open session.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.A. Consider Resolution For Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8, 2026

I move to approve the resolution for Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8, 2026 as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed.

Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7.B. Consider Hiring Principal

I move to approve hiring Julie McLendon as a principal on a 1 year probationary administrator contract. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed.

Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7.C. Consider Hiring Assistant Principal

I move to approve hiring Wendy Bordeaux as Assistant Principal on a 1 year probationary administrator contract. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed.

Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7.D. Consider Renewal of Professional Employee Contracts

I move to approve renewing a 1 year NonChapter 21 contract for Ryan Richard. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed.

Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7.E. Consider Hiring Teachers/Coaches

I move to approve Anna Koch, Grace Hoelscher, Keaton Ballard, Annabel Martinez, and Dawn Davis to be hired on a 1 year probationary contract and to take make a separate motion and vote for Cody Newman. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed.

Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

I move to approve Cody Newman for a 1 year dual probationary contract. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed.

Everett Guillory: Nay, Kelley Touchet: Nay, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 2.

7.F. Consider Revised 2026-2027 School Calendar

I move to approve the revised 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed.

Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7.G. Consider Adoption of Bluebonnet Curriculum

I move to adopt the Bluebonnet Curriculum as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed.

Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7.H. Consider Certification of Instructional Materials for the 2026-2027 School Year

I move to approve the certification of instructional materials for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Everett Guillory, Passed.

Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7.I. Consider Disposal of Fountas and Pinnell Curriculum

I move to approve the disposal of the Fountas and Pinnell Curriculum as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed.

Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7.J. Consider Proposal For Stadium Turf From BuyBoard Members

I move to approve a contract with Symmetry Sports Construction for the returf of Buccaneer Football Stadium via BuyBoard Contract #737-24 in an amount not to exceed \$612,000 and delegate authority to the Superintendent and her designee to negotiate, finalize, and execute the contract. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed.

Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

There being no further business, Mr. Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Scott Jones, President

Charlotte Edwards, Secretary

Date