

**The Lockhart Independent School District
Board of Trustees
M.L. Cisneros Education Support Center Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Room 200, 419 Bois D'Arc Street,
Lockhart, TX 78644
Regular Meeting, February 23, 2026 – 6:30 PM**

Notice is hereby given that on February 23, 2026, the Board of Trustees of the Lockhart Independent School District will hold a Regular meeting at 6:30 PM in the M.L. Cisneros Education Support Center Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Room 200, 419 Bois D'Arc Street, Lockhart, TX 78644. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call to Order
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3. Invocation
4. Recognitions
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A. Adjourned to Closed Session: Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property); Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee); Texas Government Code Section 551.076 (Deliberation regarding implementation of security personnel or devices); specifically to discuss:	
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*BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS - ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST: Items of community interest are limited to: 1) expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolence; 2) information regarding holiday schedules; 3) an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public office or public employment is not an honorary or salutary recognition for purposes of this subdivision; 4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; 5) information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official employee of the school district.

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 Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC(LEGAL)]

Texas Government Code Section:

551.071	Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting
551.072	Deliberation Regarding Real Property; Closed Meeting
551.073	Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift; Closed Meeting
551.074	Personnel Matters; Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee; Closed Meeting
551.075	Conference Relating to Investments and Potential Investments Attended by Board of Trustees of Texas Growth Fund; Closed Meeting
551.076	Deliberation Regarding Security Devices; Closed Meeting
551.082	School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matter or Complaint
551.083	Certain School Boards; Closed Meeting Regarding Consultation with Representative of Employee Group
551.084	Investigation; Exclusion of Witness from Hearing

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then the final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or,
- (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.

On this day of February 17, 2026, this Notice was mailed or faxed to news media who had previously requested such Notice and an original copy was posted on the display window in the School District Administration Building on said date.



Superintendent

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Lockhart Independent School District

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lockhart Independent School District was held Tuesday, January 20, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM in the M.L. Cisneros Education Support Center Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Room 200, 419 Bois D'Arc Street, Lockhart, TX 78644.

1. Call to Order was at 6:30 P.M. by Board President Michael Wright. Other members present were Rene Rayos, Rebecca Pulliam, Dr. Barbara Sanchez, Tom Guyton, Sam Lockhart and Chris Charles
2. Presentation of Colors by JROTC
3. Invocation was given by Trustee Guyton
4. Recognitions
 - A. TMEA All-State Musicians
 - B. Academic All-State Athletes
 - C. January is School Board Recognition Month - "Our Future is Public"
 1. President Michael Wright - Lockhart High School and Borchert Loop Elementary
 2. Vice President Tom Guyton - Lockhart Junior High and Alma Brewer Strawn Elementary
 3. Secretary Dr. Barbara Sanchez - Carver Early Education Center and Pride High School
 4. Trustee Chris Charles - Clear Fork Elementary
 5. Trustee Sam Lockhart - Plum Creek Elementary
 6. Trustee Rene Rayos - Bluebonnet Elementary
 7. Trustee Rebecca Pulliam - Navarro Elementary
5. Public Comment

None.

6. Business: Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes:
 1. December 15, 2025
 - B. Approve Budget Amendments
 - C. Approve Interlocal agreement between Region 10 and Lockhart ISD for Purchasing Cooperative Services
 - D. Approve Board Operating Procedures
 - E. Review Tax Collection Report
 - F. Review Quarterly Investments Report

Trustee Sanchez made the motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Trustee Rayos seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Voting for:

**Dr. Barbara Sanchez, Rene Rayos, Rebecca Pulliam,
Michael Wright, Tom Guyton, Sam Lockhart, Chris Charles**

Voting against:

7. COMMUNICATION:

A. 2025-2026 Budget Update

This update was provided by CFO, Nicole Weiser. No action was taken.

B. Review Bid Release for Elementary Playground Equipment and Installation

This update was provided by the Purchasing Director, Tanya Homann. No action was taken.

C. Review Bid Release for Internet Services

This update was provided by the Purchasing Director, Tanya Homann. No action was taken.

D. Review Bid Release for Wide Area Network (WAN) Services

This update was provided by the Purchasing Director, Tanya Homann. No action was taken.

E. Review Bid Release for outsourcing our After School Program

This presentation was provided by the Director of School Safety & Community Relations, Adam Miller. No action was taken.

F. District Achievement Dashboard: Progress towards Targets

This presentation was given by the Director of Accountability, Todd McBride, the Director of Elementary Education, Dr. Belinda Vasquez, and the Executive Director of Secondary Education, Ty Davidson. No action was taken.

G. Navigate to '28 Mid-Year Update

This presentation was given by the Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Stephaine Camarillo. No action was taken.

H. 2026-2027 Academic Calendar

This presentation was given by the Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Stephaine Camarillo. No action was taken.

I. Guarantee Maximum Price (GMP) No. 3 for Seawillow Middle School

This update was provided by the Bond Construction Manager, Jeremiah Chapman. No action was taken.

J. Senate Bill 11

This presentation was given by the Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Stephaine Camarillo. No action was taken.

8. COMMUNICATION/ACTION:

A. Consider and/or Approve Proclamation of February as Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month

Trustee Sanchez made the motion that the Board approve the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Proclamation as presented. Trustee Rayos seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Voting for: Dr. Barbara Sanchez, Rene Rayos, Rebecca Pulliam, Michael Wright, Tom Guyton, Sam Lockhart, Chris Charles

Voting against:

B. Consider and/or Approve the Donation and Purchase of Athletic Scoreboards

No action taken.

C. Consider and/or Approve Local Policy Updates: DBA (LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS CREDENTIALS AND RECORDS; DK (LOCAL): ASSIGNMENT AND SCHEDULES; DNA (LOCAL): PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL EVALUATION OF TEACHERS; EB (LOCAL): SCHOOL YEAR; EFB (LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES LIBRARY MATERIALS

Trustee Sanchez made the motion that the Board approve the board policies DBA (LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS CREDENTIALS AND RECORDS; DK (LOCAL): ASSIGNMENT AND SCHEDULES; DNA (LOCAL): PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL EVALUATION OF TEACHERS; EB (LOCAL): SCHOOL YEAR; EFB (LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES LIBRARY MATERIALS as presented. Trustee Guyton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Voting for: Dr. Barbara Sanchez, Tom Guyton, Rebecca Pulliam,
Michael Wright, Rene Rayos, Sam Lockhart, Chris Charles

Voting against:

D. Consider and/or Approve Upward Communities Staff Housing Master Lease Agreement (MLA)

No action taken.

9. CLOSED SESSION:

A. Adjourned to Closed Session: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property); Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee) specifically to discuss:

1. Discussion Regarding Superintendent's Year-End Evaluation

The Board of Trustees on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 convened at 9:16 PM in closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act for the purposes of discussing items listed under the Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property); Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee). The Board ended its closed session at 9:53 PM on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. No votes, decisions, or actions were taken while in closed session.

10. COMMUNICATION/ACTION:

A. Consideration and/or Possible Approval of Superintendent's Year-End Evaluation

Trustee Guyton made the motion that the Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent's year-end evaluation as discussed in the closed session. Trustee Pulliam seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Voting for: Tom Guyton, Rebecca Pulliam, Dr. Barbara Sanchez,
Michael Wright, Rene Rayos, Sam Lockhart, Chris Charles

Voting against:

11. BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS - ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST*

12. BENEDICTION was given by Trustee Guyton
13. ADJOURNMENT was at 10:02 pm by Board President Michael Wright

Michael Wright, Board President

Dr. Barbara Sanchez, Board Secretary

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Celebrate Texas Public Schools Proclamation 2026



WHEREAS, the foundation of a strong and competitive Texas rests in the strength of its public schools; AND

WHEREAS, the Lockhart Independent School District is committed to ensuring all students are challenged, healthy, engaged, safe, and supported to provide the best learning experience; AND

WHEREAS, the dedicated efforts of parents, educators, and community leaders provide the necessary support and strength to our public schools, providing our children a quality education and a passport to opportunities; AND

WHEREAS, the district commits to 1.5 years of growth for every student each year in reading and math and holds high expectations of staff, students, parents, and the community to achieve this; AND

WHEREAS, the district remains focused on having a LockHeart for People, being Locked on Excellence, and UnLocking Potential of every student and staff; AND

WHEREAS, students in Lockhart ISD are at an advantage because they attend LISD public schools; AND

THEREFORE, I, Board President Michael Wright of Lockhart Independent School District, do hereby proclaim March 2026 as the month to Celebrate Texas Public Schools. We urge all citizens to take the time to share with others why they choose public education.

Michael Wright
Board President
Lockhart ISD

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STUDENT CONDUCT
PERSONAL ~~TELECOMMUNICATIONS~~ COMMUNICATION
DEVICES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

FNCE
(LOCAL)

Note: For searches of personal ~~telecommunications~~ communication devices or other personal electronic devices, see FNF.

Personal
Communication
Devices

A student shall not use a personal communication device on school property during the school day. While on school property, the student shall store any personal communication device in accordance with administrative regulations.

A student who violates this policy or any regulations shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the Board-adopted Student Code of Conduct.

An authorized District employee shall confiscate a student's personal communication device that is used in violation of this policy or any applicable regulations.

The District shall not dispose of the personal communication device. The District shall provide appropriate notice, and devices that are not retrieved shall be stored according to administrative regulations.

Exceptions

A student shall be authorized to use a personal communication device on school property during the school day only under the following circumstances:

1. The student's use is necessary for implementation of the student's individualized education program, a 504 plan, or a similar program or plan;
2. The student's use is required due to a documented need based on a directive from a qualified physician; or
3. The student's use is necessary to comply with a health or safety requirement imposed by law or as part of the District or campus safety protocols.

Implementation

The Superintendent shall develop regulations to implement this policy.

Compliance

Annually, the Superintendent shall report to the Board on the implementation and compliance of this policy.

Personal Use
Telecommunications
Devices

~~An authorized District employee may confiscate a personal telecommunications device, including a mobile telephone, used in violation of applicable campus rules.~~

~~The District shall not charge a fee for the release of a personal telecommunications device. In accordance with the student~~

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	<p>handbook, the student or the student's parents may retrieve a device after receiving notification from the District.</p> <p>If a personal telecommunications device is not retrieved, the District shall dispose of the device after providing notice required by law.</p>
Other Electronic Devices	Guidelines regarding other electronic devices shall be addressed in the student handbook.
Instructional Use	A student shall obtain prior approval before using personal telecommunications or other personal electronic devices for on-campus instructional purposes. The student shall also acknowledge receipt and understanding of applicable regulations and shall sign the appropriate user agreements. [See CQ]
Use During Testing	Unless specifically approved by the appropriate administrator or teacher, a student shall be prohibited from possession of a personal telecommunications device or any other electronic device during testing.
Loss or Theft	The District shall not be responsible for the loss or theft of any personal telecommunications or other electronic devices.

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LOCKHART I.S.D. BOARD

Tax Collection Report

JANUARY 2026

	December	Prior Months	TOTAL	PRIOR YEAR
2025 Tax Collection	\$15,434,402.73	\$15,268,884.59	\$30,703,287.32	\$30,003,326.62
2024 & Prior Collection	\$229,541.84	\$1,140,309.19	\$1,369,851.03	\$1,200,321.60
Total Tax Collection =	\$15,663,944.57	\$16,409,193.78	\$32,073,138.35	\$31,203,648.22

note: Above figures include penalties and interest collected

2025 Original Levy \$35,125,913.48

January 31, 2026 Percent of 2025 Tax Collected	87.72%
January 31, 2025 Percent of 2024 Tax Collected	87.69%
January 31, 2024 Percent of 2023 Tax Collected	86.70%
January 31, 2026 - Balance of Delinquent Tax	\$3,716,697.55
January 31, 2025 - Balance of Delinquent Tax	\$3,197,912.46
January 31, 2024 - Balance of Delinquent Tax	\$2,458,346.78

Corrections made to Current Tax Roll (\$47,274.47)

Corrections made to Delinquent Tax Roll (\$11,567.88)

NOTE:

Caldwell County Appraisal District has collected and disbursed Attorney Fees in the amount of \$24,205.32

Submitted by:

Shanna Ramzinski

Shanna Ramzinski
 Chief Appraiser
 Caldwell County Appraisal District

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**Lockhart ISD
Cash Investments Report
As of January 31, 2026**

	Texas Term	Texpool	First Lockhart	District Funds Total
General Fund	\$ 4,914,735	\$ 24,347,172	\$ 3,883,155	\$ 33,145,063
Redemption Fund			\$ 2,364	\$ 2,364
Interest & Sinking Fund	\$ 1,552,410	\$ 4,882,072	\$ 950,832	\$ 7,385,314
Payroll			\$ 878,094	\$ 878,094
School Nutrition	\$ 112,714	\$ 870,700	\$ 129,937	\$ 1,113,352
2023 Bond Proceeds	\$ 11,524,988		\$ 533,669	\$ 12,058,657
2025 Bond Proceeds	\$ 93,707,168		\$ 99,316	\$ 93,806,484
District Funds	\$ 111,812,016	\$ 30,099,945	\$ 6,477,367	\$ 148,389,328
C.D. Marshall JHS Scholarship		\$ 34,200		\$ 34,200
G.F. Hudnall Scholarship		\$ 17,864		\$ 17,864
L. White Scholarship		\$ 16,704		\$ 16,704
Mary Barron Canning Sanders Schol.		\$ 7,116		\$ 7,116
Fiduciary Funds			\$ 19,547	\$ 19,547
Roland Endowment Scholarship			\$ 22,393	\$ 22,393
Canning Engineering Scholarship		\$ 27,946		\$ 27,946
Mohle Scholarship		\$ 1,195		\$ 1,195
Top Ten Scholarship			\$ 144,790	\$ 144,790
Scholarship Funds	\$ -	\$ 105,026	\$ 186,730	\$ 291,755
Monthly rate in Bank/Pool:	3.69%	3.88%	3.00%	

Earnings from Temporary Investment Budget Amount (General Fund)	\$ 1,126,541.00
Earnings Realized	\$ 608,470
Budget Balance (Interest received in excess of budget)	\$ 518,071

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**RESOLUTION OF THE
LOCKHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 11, passed by the 89th Texas Legislature, requires each school board to take a record vote by March 1, 2026, on whether to adopt a policy requiring each campus to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text on each school day; and

WHEREAS, Section 25.0823(a-1) of the Texas Education Code prescribes a model resolution that must be adopted by record vote before the District may implement such a policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is required to hold a vote on the approval of this resolution to comply with Senate Bill 11; and

WHEREAS, if this resolution is approved by a majority vote, a policy shall be adopted requiring every campus of Lockhart ISD to provide the prayer and reading time described above; and

WHEREAS, if this resolution is not approved by a majority vote, no such policy will be adopted and campuses will not be required to offer a period of prayer and reading as described above; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT:

The Lockhart Independent School District shall adopt a policy requiring every campus of Lockhart ISD to provide a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text as provided by Section 25.0823, Education Code.

CERTIFICATE FOR RESOLUTION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented to the Board of Trustees of the Lockhart Independent School District during a lawfully called meeting on **February 23, 2026**. A quorum of the Board being then present, a motion was made to accept the resolution and seconded, and the following vote occurred, resulting in the [adoption / rejection] of this resolution:

Ayes: _____
Noes: _____

Abstentions _____

Michael Wright, Board President

Dr. Barbara Sanchez, Board Secretary

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PROPOSED REVISIONS

Please ensure the position is included for the highlighted section below.

An employee's participation in community, political, or employee organization activities shall be entirely voluntary and shall not:

1. Interfere with the employee's performance of assigned duties and responsibilities.
2. Result in any political or social pressure being placed on students, parents, or staff.
3. Involve trading on the employee's position or title with the District.

Use of District Facilities

Organizations representing professional, paraprofessional, or support employees may use District facilities with prior approval of the appropriate administrator. Other groups composed of District employees may use District facilities in accordance with policy GKD.

Prayer and Reading of Bible or Other Religious Text

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Board, each school day each campus shall provide an opportunity for employees to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text.

General Provisions

The ***[insert position title that designates meeting time and location]*** shall designate the appropriate location and time for the period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text in accordance with law. The period designated for prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text shall not be substituted for instructional time.

No prayer or reading of the Bible or other religious text shall occur over a District facility's public address system.

Consent Forms

An employee who wishes to participate in the period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text must submit the following:

1. A signed consent form that includes an acknowledgement that the employee has a choice whether to participate in the period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text;
2. A statement that the employee has no objection to participating in or hearing of the prayers or readings offered during the period; and

3. An express waiver of the employee's right to bring a claim under state or federal law arising out of the adoption of this policy, including a claim under the First Amendment, Establishment Clause in the United States Constitution or a related federal law, releasing the District and District employees from liability for those claims brought in state or federal court.

If the employee has not submitted a consent form or has revoked a previous consent form, no prayer or reading of the Bible or other religious text shall take place in that employee's physical presence, within the hearing of that employee, or in another manner that would constitute an injury in fact within the meaning of the United States or Texas Constitution.

PROPOSED REVISIONS

Please ensure the position is included for the highlighted section below.

Prayer and Reading of Bible or Other Religious Text

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Board, each school day each campus shall provide an opportunity for students to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text.

General Provisions

The *[insert position that designates meeting time and location]* shall designate the appropriate location and time for the period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text in accordance with law. The period designated for prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text shall not be substituted for instructional time.

No prayer or reading of the Bible or other religious text shall occur over a District facility's public address system.

Consent Forms

A student who wishes to participate in the period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text must submit a consent form signed by their parent or guardian that includes:

1. An acknowledgement that the student has a choice whether to participate in the period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text;
2. A statement that the parent or guardian has no objection to the student's participation in or hearing of the prayers or readings offered during the period; and
3. An express waiver of the student's and parent's or guardian's right to bring a claim under state or federal law arising out of the adoption of this policy, including a claim under the First Amendment, Establishment Clause in the United States Constitution or a related federal law, releasing the District and District employees from liability for those claims brought in state or federal court.

If the parent or guardian has not submitted a consent form or has revoked a previous consent form, no prayer or reading of the Bible or other religious text shall take place in that student's physical presence, within the hearing of that student, or in another manner that would constitute an injury in fact within the meaning of the United States or Texas Constitution.

Designation of Limited Public Forum

The District hereby creates a limited public forum for student speakers at all school events at which a student is to publicly speak. For each speaker, the District shall set a maximum time limit reasonable and appropriate to the occasion.

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**Student Expression
of Religious
Viewpoints**

The District shall treat a student's voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, on an otherwise permissible subject in the same manner the District treats a student's voluntary expression of a secular or other viewpoint on an otherwise permissible subject and shall not discriminate against the student based on a religious viewpoint expressed by the student on an otherwise permissible subject. Student expression on an otherwise permissible subject may not be excluded from the limited public forum because the subject is expressed from a religious viewpoint.

**Eligibility and
Selection of Student
Speakers**

For events at which a student is to make an introductory statement, the District shall establish, through administrative guidelines, a method based on neutral criteria for the selection of such introductory speakers. Any other student speaker at a school event shall be chosen to speak based on neutral criteria.

Certain students who have attained special positions of honor in the school have traditionally addressed school audiences from time to time as a tangential component of their achieved positions of honor. Nothing in this policy eliminates the continuation of the practice of having these students address school audiences in the normal course of their respective positions.

*Content of
Student
Introductions*

The subject of the student introductions must be related to the purpose of the event and to the purpose of marking the opening of the event, honoring the occasion, the participants and those in attendance, bringing the audience to order, and focusing the audience on the purpose of the event. The student introducing a school event may not engage in speech that:

- Is obscene, vulgar, offensively lewd, or indecent;
- Creates reasonable cause to believe that the speech would result in material and substantial interference with school activities or the rights of others;
- Promotes illegal drug use;
- Violates the intellectual property rights, privacy rights, or other rights of another person;
- Contains defamatory statements about public figures or others; or
- Advocates imminent lawless action and is likely to incite or produce such action.

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*Disclaimer at
Events with
Introductory
Speaker*

Introductory speech delivered by a student under this policy is the private speech of the student and will not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the District. For as long as a need exists to dispel confusion over the District's nonsponsorship of student speech, at each event at which a student speaks, the District will state, in writing, orally, or both that the student's speech does not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position or expression of the District.

The disclaimer shall be a statement such as "The student giving the introduction for this event is a volunteering student selected on neutral criteria to introduce the event. The content of the introduction is the private expression of the student and does not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the District."

*Disclaimer at
Graduation
Ceremonies*

For all graduation ceremonies, a written disclaimer shall be printed in the graduation program that states, "The students who will be speaking at the graduation ceremony were selected based on neutral criteria to deliver messages of the students' own choices. The content of each student speaker's message is the private expression of the individual student and does not reflect any position or expression of the school District or the Board of Trustees, or the District's administration, or employees of the District, or the views of any other graduate. The contents of these messages were prepared by the student volunteers, and the District refrained from interaction with student speakers regarding the student speakers' viewpoints on permissible subjects."

**Religious
Expression in Class
Assignments**

A student may express his or her beliefs about religion in homework, artwork, and other written and oral assignments free from discrimination based on the religious content of the student's submission. Homework and classroom work shall be judged by ordinary academic standards of substance and relevance and against other legitimate pedagogical concerns identified by the school. A student shall not be penalized or rewarded because of religious content. If a teacher's assignment involves writing a poem, the work of a student who submits a poem in the form of a prayer (for example, a psalm) should be judged on the basis of academic standards, including literary quality, and not penalized or rewarded because of its religious content.

**Freedom to Organize
Religious Groups
and Activities**

Students may organize prayer groups, religious clubs, "see you at the pole" gatherings, and other religious gatherings before, during, and after school to the same extent that students are permitted to organize other noncurricular student activities and groups. [See FNAB] Religious groups shall be given the same access to school facilities for assembling as is given to other noncurricular groups

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without discrimination based on the religious content of the groups' expression. If student groups that meet for nonreligious activities are permitted to advertise or announce the groups' meetings, for example, by advertising in a student newspaper, putting up posters, making announcements on a student activities bulletin board or public address system, or handing out leaflets, school authorities shall not discriminate against groups that meet for prayer or other religious speech. School authorities may disclaim sponsorship of noncurricular groups and events, provided the disclaimer is administered in a manner that does not favor or disfavor groups that meet to engage in prayer or other religious speech.

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**LOCKHART ISD BOARD RESOLUTION
REGARDING SCHOOL CLOSURE**

WHEREAS, the Lockhart Independent School District (“Lockhart ISD” or “the District”) was closed on January 26, 2026 and two hours delay start on January 27, 2026 as a result to dangerous driving conditions caused by ice accumulation from a winter storm which made it impossible to conduct District operations;

WHEREAS, the District employs approximately 864 individuals, some of whom are employed on a contract basis and others at will, each of whom contributes to the District’s work to educate the approximately 6,736 students who attend our schools and who we are charged to keep safe;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it serves the public purpose of the District that all employees who were scheduled to work during an emergency closure be compensated as usual during emergency school closures, as doing so will safeguard the health of our children, our families, our staff, and our community;

WHEREAS Lockhart ISD Board Policy DEA (Local) provides that the Board may choose to pay employees during an emergency closure for which the workdays are not scheduled to be made up at a later date; and,

WHEREAS, the Lockhart ISD Administration will take appropriate and available measures to ensure an expedient and safe return to normal school operations, as well as careful stewardship of the District’s financial resources during this time; as such, appropriate controls are in place to ensure the public purpose of the District is secured;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Lockhart Independent School District that at an open meeting held on the 23rd day of February 2026, the Board of Trustees voted, by a vote of ___ “for,” ___ “against,” and ___ abstaining, to approve continued compensation for all employees who were scheduled to work during an emergency closure according to normal work and salary schedules during any period of closure associated with the District’s response to the winter storm.

Adopted this 23rd day of February 2026, by the Lockhart Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Signed:

Attest:

Michael Wright, President

Dr. Barbara Sanchez, Secretary

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