BRYAN ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, August 10, 2026

The Bryan ISD Board of Trustees met for a Special Meeting on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Boardroom, 801 South Ennis Street, Bryan, TX 77803.

Board members present:

Felicia Benford:	Present
Joel Bryan:	Present
Julie Harlin:	Absent
Tim Pavlas:	Present
David Stasny:	Present
David Stennis:	Present
Ruthie Waller:	Present

1. **Call to Order**

Board President, Mr. Joel Bryan, called the Bryan Independent School District meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum of board members was present. The meeting was duly called, and notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chaper 551.

2. **Welcome**
3. **Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags**

The pledges were recited by the board members and the attending public.

4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

There were no public comments for tonight.

5. **Call to Order Public Hearing**

Board President, Joel Bryan, recessed the regular meeting of the Bryan Independent School District. The time is 6:02 p.m. Board President, Joel Bryan, called for a Public Hearing of the Bryan Independent School District to order. The time is 6:02 p.m.

5.A. Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

Chief Financial Officer, Norma Friddle, presented on the Budget and Proposed Tax Rate.

5.B. Adjourn Public Hearing

Board President, Joel Bryan, adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m. Board President, Joel Bryan, reconvened this regular meeting of the Bryan Independent School District at 6:08 p.m.

6. **Action Items**

6.A. Consider approval of the Parameters Order authorizing the issuance and sale of the District's School Building Bonds.

Chief Financial Officer, Norma Friddle, asked for consideration of approval of the Parameters Order authorizing the issuance and sale of the District's School Building Bonds.

I move to adopt the Order authorizing the issuance and sale of "Bryan Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2026"; establishing

parameters for the sale and issuance of such bonds and delegating certain matters to authorized District officials. This motion, made by David Stennis and seconded by David Stasny, Passed.

Felicia Benford:	Yea
Joel Bryan:	Yea
Julie Harlin:	Absent
Tim Pavlas:	Yea
David Stasny:	Yea
David Stennis:	Yea
Ruthie Waller:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.B. Tax Rate Adoption: Consider Approval of a Resolution Setting the Tax Rate for 2026

Chief Financial Officer, Norma Friddle, asked for consideration and approval of a Resolution Setting the Tax Rate for 2026.

I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $0.9668 per $100 of taxable assessed valuation, which is effectively a 2.10% percent increase in the tax rate. This motion, made by David Stasny and seconded by Felicia Benford, Passed.

Felicia Benford:	Yea
Joel Bryan:	Yea
Julie Harlin:	Absent
Tim Pavlas:	Yea
David Stasny:	Yea
David Stennis:	Yea
Ruthie Waller:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.C. Information Item: Strategic Planning Update

Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Brian Merrell and Chief Financial Officer, Norma Friddle, provided a strategic planning update.

6.D. Order calling a Voter Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE)

Chief Financial Officer, Norma Friddle, asked for consideration of approval for an Order calling a Voter Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE).

I move that the Board of Trustees adopt an order calling a voter-approval tax rate election to be held on November 3, 2026 by the Bryan Independent School District. This motion, made by Felicia Benford and seconded by Ruthie Waller, Passed.

Felicia Benford:	Yea
Joel Bryan:	Yea
Julie Harlin:	Absent
Tim Pavlas:	Yea
David Stasny:	Yea
David Stennis:	Yea
Ruthie Waller:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7. **Board Member Reports**

7.A. Executive Board Committee Report
Ms. Ruthie Waller shared the Executive Board Committee report.

8. **Information Items**

8.A. Benefits Plan Financial Update
Chief Financial Officer, Norma Friddle, shared a Benefits Plan Financial update.
8.B. Update on the Bryan ISD Virtual Academy
Associate Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Dr. Barbara Ybarra, shared an update on the Bryan ISD Virtual Academy.
8.C. Assessment and Accountability Update
Associate Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Dr. Barbara Ybarra, shared an Assessment and Accountability update.

9. **Consent Agenda**

I move approval of all the items listed on the consent agenda. This motion, made by Ruthie Waller and seconded by Felicia Benford, Passed.

Felicia Benford:	Yea
Joel Bryan:	Yea
Julie Harlin:	Absent
Tim Pavlas:	Yea
David Stasny:	Yea
David Stennis:	Yea
Ruthie Waller:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.A. Consider approval of the meeting minutes for July 20, 2026
9.B. Consideration and/or action 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 Chapter 48 Funding.
9.C. Consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Blinn College for College Preparatory Courses
9.D. Consider approval of the adoption of Order and Notice of the Board of Trustees Election for November 3, 2026
9.E. Consider approval of the closeout of the 2020 Bond MEP & HVAC Systems Upgrade
9.F. Consider Approval of Purchase over $50,000 for Fresh, Delivered Pizza
9.G. Board Resolution to Approve Employee Personal Services Contract Pursuant to Tex. Educ. Code § 11.006
9.H. Consider approval of purchase over $50,000 for the replacement of chillers at Houston and Johnson Elementary, using 2020 Bond funds
9.I. Consider approval of purchase over $50,000 for the replacement of chillers at Bonham, Crockett, and Navarro Elementary, using 2020 Bond funds

10. **Action Items**

10.A. Consider Approval of Purchase over $50,000 for Armed Security Guards

Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Brian Merrell, asked the board to Consider Approval of Purchase over $50,000 for Armed Security Guards.

I move approval of the contract with Jet Security in the amount of $697,032.00 for the 2026-27 school year, as presented. This motion, made by Ruthie Waller and seconded by Felicia Benford, Passed.

Felicia Benford:	Yea
Joel Bryan:	Yea
Julie Harlin:	Absent
Tim Pavlas:	Yea
David Stasny:	Yea
David Stennis:	Yea
Ruthie Waller:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.B. Discuss and Consider Approval of School Resource Unit Interlocal Agreement between Bryan ISD and the City of Bryan

Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Brian Merrell, and Assistant Director of Safety and Security, Rich Himmell, asked for consideration and approval of School Resource Unit Interlocal Agreement between Bryan ISD and the City of Bryan.

I move approval of the resolution authorizing the District to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Bryan pertaining to the provision of School Resource Officers, as presented. This motion, made by Ruthie Waller and seconded by Tim Pavlas, Passed.

Felicia Benford:	Yea
Joel Bryan:	Yea
Julie Harlin:	Absent
Tim Pavlas:	Yea
David Stasny:	Yea
David Stennis:	Yea
Ruthie Waller:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

11. **Closed Session**

Board President, Mr. Joel Bryan called for a closed session at 8:20 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071, 551.072, 551.074 and 551.0821 for the subjects allowed.

11.A. Discuss issues pertaining to appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee - Texas Government Code 551.074

11.B. Discussion related to a public school student, wherein personally identifiable information will necessarily be revealed - Texas Government Code 551.0821

11.C. Discuss Issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property in consultation with legal counsel - Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 and 551.071

12. **Reconvene in Open Session**

The board reconvened in open session at 9:43 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

13. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

President

Secretary