

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Big Spring Independent School District

A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Big Spring Independent School District was held August 27, 2026, beginning at 5:15 PM in the High School Board Room, 707 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, TX 79720.

Members Present: Fabian Serrano, Bert Otto, Jesse Salazar, Ashley Brown, Michele Sanchez, Jon Islas, Tonya Becker

Administration Present: Jay McWilliams, Jeff Perez, Dana Scott, Melissa Tarbet, Susan Bryan

Recording Secretary: Charlotte Childress

1. Opening of Meeting - Fabian Serrano opened the meeting at 5:15 pm and declared it in open session.

A. Prayer

B. Pledge

2. Public Comments - There were no public comments.

Tex. Gov't Code §551.007(b):

"A governmental body shall allow each member of the public who desires to address the body regarding an item on an agenda for an open meeting of the body to address the body regarding the item at the meeting before or during the body's consideration of the item."

Thus, a governmental body might adopt a rule consistent with "subsection 551.007(b)'s requirements by having a single public comment period at the beginning of an open meeting to address all items on the agenda."

3. Report Items

A. Career & Technical Education and Supplemental Instructional Supplies and Equipment Bid Report

Melissa Tarbet facilitated the report.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes

1. August 10, 2026 Board Minutes - Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Michele Sanchez to approve the Consent Agenda. Bert Otto seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0.

5. Conduct a Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on Budget and Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.759819, Consisting of a Maintenance and Operation Rate of \$0.6669 and a School Debt Service Tax of \$0.092919

1. Open Public Hearing – Fabian Serrano opened the public hearing at 5:18 pm.

Susan Bryan presented the budget and proposed tax rate.

2. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

3. Close Public Hearing – Fabian Serrano closed the public hearing at 5:32 pm.

6. Action Items

A. Consider Approval of Final Amended Budget 2025-26

Motion was made by Bert Otto to approve the Final Amended Budget for 2025-2026 as presented. Jesse Salazar seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Deliberation and Possible Action to Adopt a Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion was made by Tonya Becker that the Board of Trustees approve the **Proposed Budget for the 2026-2027** fiscal year in the following amounts:

\$43,320,630.⁰⁰ Revenues

\$47,010,885.⁰⁰ Expenditures

Ashley Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Consider Approval of Tax Rate Resolution for Tax Year 2026

Motion was made by Bert Otto that the M&O property tax rate of \$0.6669 per \$100 of market value plus the I&S property tax rate of \$0.092919 per \$100 of market value for a total tax of \$0.759819 per \$100 of market value be adopted. Jesse Salazar seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution for Good Cause Exemption to Comply with House Bill 3 Passed During the 88th Legislature

Motion was made by Michele Sanchez to adopt the resolution to approve the Good Cause Exemption pertaining to House Bill 3 for the Big Spring Independent School District. Ashley Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Discussion/Approval of Personnel Issues Including:

Employment, Resignations, Reassignment, Duties, Performance Problems, and Evaluations -

Possible CLOSED SESSION under Texas Government Code 551.074:

(For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee)

No Closed Session. No Action Taken.

7. Adjournment

Motion was made by Bert Otto to adjourn. Fabian Serrano adjourned the meeting at 5:56 pm.

Date: September 15, 2026