

Minutes of Regular Meeting The Board of Trustees Duncanville ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Duncanville ISD was held Monday, August 17, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Duncanville ISD Education Plaza, 710 S. Cedar Ridge Drive, Duncanville, TX 75137.

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM

President Janet Veracruz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. This meeting was called under the Texas Government Code 551.045.

Let the record show a quorum of Board of Trustees is present, that the meeting has been duly called and that the notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

The following trustees were in attendance: Jacqueline Culton, Carla Fahey, Phil McNeely, Renee McNeely, DeRon Pelton, Hector Sanchez, and Janet Veracruz.

2. OPENING CEREMONIES

A. INVOCATION

President Janet Veracruz

B. PLEDGE TO US FLAG AND TEXAS FLAG

Brandenburg Elementary Students

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. T. Lamar Goree

1. UPDATE OF CURRENT DISTRICT EVENTS, INFORMATION, OPERATIONS, AND PROGRAMS

Dr. T. Lamar Goree

Dr. Goree presented the Superintendent's Report. Thank you very much, Madam President and other trustees. It is certainly my pleasure to bring you the superintendent's report for our meeting tonight for the month of August.

Welcome back. We've officially kicked off the '26-'27 school year. We had a fantastic first day of school on August 6th as we welcomed our Panthers back to classrooms across Duncanville ISD. We wish all our students and staff an incredible school year filled with success, growth, and panther pride.

Bond 2023 ribbon cuttings: During the last week of July, we proudly celebrated three ribbon cutting ceremonies for Smith Early Learning Academy, Central Fine Arts Academy, and the new Duncanville High School CTE addition. We extend our sincere thank you to the Duncanville community for supporting the successful passage of Bond 2023. Your investments in our students made these new and enhanced

learning spaces possible, and we are excited to welcome students into facilities designed to support their growth, learning, and future successes.

2026-2027 Academic Calendar: I'd like to take this opportunity to give a friendly reminder that the '26-'27 academic calendar is available on the Duncanville ISD website. Be sure to download and save a copy so that you can stay up on dates of importance, holidays, and events throughout this school year.

So, we've been in school for a little over a week now and we have our current ADA and enrollment information. As of today, Duncanville ISD year-to-date average attendance is 95.83% with 10,241 students enrolled towards our goal of 10,804 students. So, we are a little short of our goal. Our priority is to have every student in school every day learning, growing, and reaching their full potential. If you are tuning in and still need to enroll your child for this school year, we encourage you to visit the campus where your child will attend school and complete the registration process. Again, we look forward to welcoming even more students to our classrooms in Duncanville ISD.

Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, or FIRST report, as we call it: TEA has released the preliminary Financial Integrity Rating Systems Texas First Ratings, and I am excited to share that Duncanville ISD improved its score from an A-90% to an A-94%. Congratulations to our financial services team for their continued hard work, diligence, and commitment to ensuring Duncanville ISD remains fiscally responsible and maintains strong financial practices. The importance is a reflection of the dedication and responsibility of our management team with supporting and taking care of the resources of our district. This is all done in support of our students, staff, and our community.

Last week, the Texas Education Agency released the 25-26 accountability ratings for school districts and campuses across the state, and Duncanville ISD has a lot to celebrate. Our district maintained a C rating while several of our campuses, particularly at the elementary level, demonstrated significant academic growth. We're excited to recognize Daniel Elementary, Fairmeadows Elementary, and Hastings Elementary, which each received a B rating this year. We also celebrate campuses that made notable gains. Hastings Elementary improved by one letter grade, while Alexander, Bilhartz, and Fairmeadows Elementaries each improved by two letter grades, and Daniel Elementary School achieved an outstanding three letter grade improvement.

In addition to these gains, several campuses earned distinctions for outstanding academic performances. Alexander Elementary School, top 25% comparative academic growth; Fairmeadows Elementary School, top 25% comparative academic growth and academic achievement in math; Hastings Elementary School, top 25% comparative academic growth, academic achievement in reading, academic achievement in math, post-secondary readiness, and top 25% comparative closing the achievement gap. Duncanville High School Collegiate Academy earned an impressive 14 distinctions.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our students, teachers, campus staff, principals, and our district academic leadership team. These results reflect the intentional work happening across Duncanville ISD and the continued focus on improving outcomes for students every day. Congratulations again to our Panthers on this tremendous progress. There is still important work to be done, but we are proud of the growth that we are seeing and excited to continue to build on this momentum.

Thank you, Madam President. That does conclude our superintendent's report.

President Veracruz commented. Congratulations to all the campuses on your gains. Thank you. So much more to do, but we will take what we see, and we appreciate all the team's leadership and boots on the ground on that effort.

D. RECOGNITIONS/COMMENDATIONS

Ana Avila

1. DONATIONS

Ana Avila

Ms. Ana Avila presented Donations. Good evening once again, Madam President, Trustees, and Dr. Goree. Thank you for the opportunity to present the donations received in August 2026. Each month, we are proud to share the incredible generosity of our community and the ongoing support that they show Duncanville ISD. Please look at the screens as I read the donations for this month.

For Panther Pantry from Chris Connealy, we have \$146.16. For Brandenburg and Byrd Middle School, we have Costco for \$500. For Duncanville ISD from Scooter's Coffee, \$345. For Duncanville ISD from Medical City Dallas Hospital, \$2,500. From LAN, we have for Duncanville ISD, we have \$2,407.16. Also, for Duncanville ISD from Costco again, we have \$19,200. And finally, for Duncanville ISD from Concord Church, we have \$5,000.

Please note, Board of Trustees, that some of these donations that went to the district went straight to our back-to-school experience event. So, we didn't necessarily get the money amount, the dollar amount, but we got the amount of donations that valued that. Does that make sense? Like our backpacks, our school supplies?

We are just so thankful to our community that showed up and showed out for this back to school event that we had in August, very early August. So excited for that. As you can see, our total monthly donations, \$30,098.32. Do we have any questions?

President Veracruz commented. So impressive. Thank you so much. And to all our community leaders who lend a hand to this contribution. Thank you.

2. PERSONNEL INTRODUCTIONS

Pamela Brown

Ms. Pamela Brown presented Personnel Introductions. Greetings Board President Veracruz, Board of Trustees and Dr. Goree. Tonight, I am going to ask Dr. Michelle Neely to join me at the podium.

We are pleased to introduce Dr. Michelle Neely as the Executive Director of Teaching and Learning. Dr. Neely brings more than 25 years of experience in education. She previously served in DeSoto ISD as Executive Director of Administrative Services and Principal of Catherine Johnson Technology Magnet Academy. As principal, Dr. Neely led the campus from a D to an A accountability rating in one year. Under her leadership, the campus earned US News and World Report Best Elementary School and Best Middle School Rankings for Improved Academic Performance in 2023, 2024, and 2025. She has also served in leadership and teaching roles in Ferris ISD and Dallas ISD.

Dr. Neely earned a doctorate of education from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, a Master's of Arts from Southern Methodist University, and a Bachelor of Arts from Sam Houston State University. Her extensive experience in instructional leadership, professional learning, and school improvement has prepared her well to lead the district's teaching and learning efforts. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Neely on her new role and welcoming her to Duncanville ISD.

And the friends and family members of Dr. Neely, I believe her husband joined her tonight. Would you please stand? The family and the children. Thank you.

President Veracruz commented. Thank you, Ms. Brown. Dr. Neely, welcome to the family. We are so appreciative of your services.

Ms. Brown continued introductions. Next, I'm going to ask Ms. Stacy Venson to join me at the podium.

We are pleased to introduce Stacy Venson as the new Executive Director of Special Education. Ms. Venson brings more than 29 years of experience in education, including extensive leadership in special education, curriculum and instruction, program compliance, and student support services. Ms. Vincent previously served as a district compliance specialist with the Oregon Department of Education and as Deputy Chief of Special Education in Houston ISD. She has also served as Chief Academic Officer and Executive Director of Special Education for Texas Can Academies, a special programs and monitoring manager with the Texas Education Agency and Assistant Superintendent of Special Programs and Special Services in El Paso ISD. She began her career as a special education teacher and later held several leadership roles in Dallas ISD.

Ms. Venson earned a Master of Education in Special Education from the University of North Texas and a Bachelor of Science in Education from Northeastern State University. Her extensive experience in special education programming, regulatory compliance, instructional leadership, and continuous improvement have prepared her well to lead the district's special education services.

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Venson on her new role.

And she also has her family here to join her tonight. Would you please stand? Thank you. Her children and grandchildren are here tonight.

President Veracruz commented. Thank you. Ms. Venson, thank you and welcome to the family.

3. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Board Member

There were no board member announcements or acknowledgments.

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

There were no communications from citizens.

4. CLOSED SESSION as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

The board went into closed session at 6:47 p.m.

A. CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD ATTORNEY (§551.071)

Private Consultation with the Boards' attorney with respect to pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and matters where the attorney's duty to the Board, pursuant to the code of professional responsibility of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

B. PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY (§551.072)

C. PERSONNEL (§551.074)

Appointments, Discipline, Dismissals, Duties, Employment, Evaluations, Extensions, Leaves of Absences, Non-Renewals and Proposals for Non-Renewals, Renewals, Reassignments, Retirements, and Settlements

D. SAFETY AND SECURITY (§551.076)

Chief Max Geron

1. GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION

Chief Max Geron

2. ENHANCED DOOR MONITORING DHS

Chief Max Geron

5. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:52 PM

6. TAKE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

There was no action taken on items discussed in closed session.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (ALL ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON AT THE SAME TIME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES)

Trustee Fahey made a motion to move item C from Consent Agenda to Action Agenda; Trustee Culton seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.

Board Member Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Jacqueline Culton	X		
Carla Fahey	X		
Phil McNeely	X		
Renee McNeely	X		
DeRon Pelton	X		
Hector Sanchez	X		
Janet Veracruz	X		

Trustee P. McNeely made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended; Trustee Culton seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.

Board Member Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Jacqueline Culton	X		
Carla Fahey	X		
Phil McNeely	X		
Renee McNeely	X		
DeRon Pelton	X		
Hector Sanchez	X		
Janet Veracruz	X		

A. MEETING MINUTES

Jody Lofton

B. APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$50,000

C. APPROVAL OF PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR PROVIDED THROUGH THE PROPERTY CASUALTY ALLIANCE OF TEXAS 3-YEAR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT 2025-26 TO 2027-28

Shonna Pumphrey

Moved to Action Agenda

D. APPROVAL OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR PROVIDED THROUGH THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SOLUTION 3-YEAR (WCS) INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT 2025-26 TO 2027-28

Shonna Pumphrey

E. APPROVAL OF TEXAS PUBLIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR PROVIDED THROUGH AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT 2026-27

Shonna Pumphrey

F. APPROVAL OF GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION

Chief Max Geron

G. APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED TEXAS TEACHER EVALUATION AND SUPPORT SYSTEM (T-TESS) CERTIFIED APPRAISERS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Pamela Brown

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR CLINICAL TEACHING/PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE BETWEEN ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY AND DUNCANVILLE ISD

Pamela Brown

Ms. Pamela Brown presented Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Clinical Teaching Practicum Experience Between Angelo State University and Duncanville ISD. Good evening, Board President Vera Cruz, Board of Trustees and Dr. Goree. Tonight, I am going to present the MOU between Duncanville ISD and Angelo State University. This MOU will allow Angelo State University educators to complete their clinical teaching or educational experiences in Duncanville ISD, and this agreement will last for one year through August 24th, 2027.

This agreement provides educator candidates with supervised, hands-on clinical experience in a public school setting. Each candidate will be paired with an experienced district educator who will provide mentoring, guidance and opportunities to get on the job experience in alignment with that person's certification area. The partnership supports the preparation of future educators and may also help to strengthen our teacher pipeline in the district. Either party may terminate the agreement within 30 days.

Under the agreement, Duncanville ISD will provide appropriate facilities, qualified mentors, orientation to on-the-job training, and supervised learning opportunities for the candidates. Our mentors will also provide evaluations for their performance to the university, and the district will continue to maintain full authority over our policies, procedures, guidelines, and hiring. We may also remove a candidate, if necessary, if they do not meet the district's expectations.

Angelo State University is responsible for selecting candidates who have met their criteria for completing the necessary coursework to be at this internship or clinical experience level and are eligible for the placement. The university will assign a dedicated faculty member or a liaison to support the student while they're working here in Duncanville ISD, getting that on-the-job training. And then the university will also ensure that their candidates comply with FERPA guidelines, again, district law, district procedures, federal law, state law. And again, they will remove any candidates that did not meet the criteria.

This agreement does not create an employment relationship or a financial obligation to the district. It is simply a partnership that is beneficial to both the university and the student. And we are asking for board approval.

Trustee Fahey made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding MOU between Angelo State University and Duncanville ISD; Trustee P. McNeely seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.

Board Member Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Jacqueline Culton	X		
Carla Fahey	X		
Phil McNeely	X		
Renee McNeely	X		
DeRon Pelton	X		
Hector Sanchez	X		
Janet Veracruz	X		

Dr. Tellauance Graham presented SB12/TEC 39.008, Annual Compliance Certification. Good evening, Madam President, to all trustees and to Dr. Goree. This item is the district's annual compliance certification required by the Senate Bill 12 passed during the 89th legislative session.

I want to start with what this is and what it is not. This is not a new set of rules that the district must start following. The requirements have been in place, and Duncanville ISD has been operating in compliance. What is new is that the state now requires us to formally attest to the compliance every year in public with a board vote. And TEA will publish our certification on their website.

In your board documents, you have the certification documents that will be signed and submitted to TEA. The certification covers two statutes. The first is Education Code Section 11.005, the prohibition of diversity, equity and inclusion duties. In plain terms, the district may not assign DEI duties to any employee or contractor, and our contracts must carry a termination language if the vendor violates that.

The second section, 28.002, which governs instruction, addresses what may and may not be taught. It protects teachers from being compelled to discuss widely debated and controversial topics and requires that we protect students from obscene and harmful content.

This process has four steps. Step one, the seven-day website notice that was posted and satisfied prior to tonight. Step two is tonight, your approval by majority vote at a public meeting. Step three is submission through the AskTED portal, which my office will handle. And this portal is open now and the deadline is September the 30th. Step four, TEA is required by the statute to post every district certification publicly on the agency's website. This document will be visible to anyone who wants to review it.

This slide shows the certification process. Each department head received a checklist of specific requirements tied to specific statutes and specific board policies. And each item required a documented response and supporting evidence. That included human resources, curriculum, academics, campus administration, procurement and finance, technology, professional development, communications, and any other office that works underneath those particular departments.

Second, on the policy side, the great Duncanville board has already done most of this work. You adopted TASB Policies 119, 122, 126, and 127, and those updates carry the Senate Bill 12 language into our policy manual across 13 separate policy codes.

Third, notification. The statute specifically requires that we describe how employees and contractors were told about these policies. Each staff received an updated DH local employee standards code of conduct.

Fourth, because we were already in compliance, nothing had to be torn down and rebuilt. No programs were cut. No trainings were eliminated and no contracts were canceled.

At this time, the administration recommends the board approve the annual compliance certification for the 2026-2027 school year as presented and authorized by Dr. Goree to submit to the Texas Education Agency. At this time, do we have any questions?

Trustee R. McNeely made a motion to approve the SB12/TEC 39.008 annual compliance certification for the 2026-2027 school year as presented and authorize the superintendent to execute and submit the certification to the Texas Education Agency through the AskTED application no later than September 30th, 2026; Trustee Sanchez seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.

Board Member Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Jacqueline Culton	X		
Carla Fahey	X		
Phil McNeely	X		
Renee McNeely	X		
DeRon Pelton	X		
Hector Sanchez	X		
Janet Veracruz	X		

C. APPROVAL OF REVISION TO CH (LOCAL) POLICY REGARDING PURCHASING AUTHORITY TO ALIGN WITH CH (LEGAL) POLICY
Dr. Tellauance Graham

Greetings once again. Tonight's item is a revision to CH LOCAL, our purchasing and acquisition policy. TASB Update 126 brought forth the language following the last legislative session. We did approve TASB 126 last year.

The suggested language raises the threshold requiring prior board approval of a single budgeted purchase to the same amount as the state now uses. We're now matching the state law, not moving past it. Every purchase control we have today will stay in place.

Our current policy, CH LOCAL, was issued on May the 25th, 2021, requires board approval before any single budgeted purchase over \$50,000 or more. Senate Bill 1173 of last year's 89th legislative session amended the Texas Education Code 44.031 and raised the state's competitive procurement threshold effective September 1st, 2025. TASB carried the change into the recommended policy language through Update 126. On the left side, you can see what changes on this slide. The approval line moves from 50,000 to 100,000. Budgeted purchases below the new line stop waiting on the agenda cycle and budgeted item time shifts toward major commitments. On the right, what does not change. No new spending authority. Purchasing still reviews every transaction before commitment and all state and federal procurement laws still applies. A larger purchase still will come to the board.

At this time, do we have any questions about that?

Trustee Pelton made a motion to approve the proposed changes to board policy CH as recommended by the administration; Trustee R. McNeely seconded the motion. Motion passes 6-1.

Board Member Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Jacqueline Culton	X		
Carla Fahey	X		
Phil McNeely		X	
Renee McNeely	X		
DeRon Pelton	X		
Hector Sanchez	X		
Janet Veracruz	X		

Moved from Consent Agenda Item Item 7.C

APPROVAL OF PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR PROVIDED THROUGH THE PROPERTY CASUALTY ALLIANCE OF TEXAS 3-YEAR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT 2025-26 TO 2027-28

Shonna Pumphrey

Ms. Shonna Pumphrey presented Approval of Property and Casualty Insurance for the 2026-2027 School Year Provided Through the Property Casualty Alliance of Texas 3-Year Interlocal Agreement 2025-26 to 2027-28. Good evening, President Veracruz, Superintendent Goree, distinguished trustees. Tonight I bring forth the approval of the property and casualty insurance for the 26-27 school year.

Duncanville ISD participates in an insurance pool, the Property Casualty Alliance of Texas, to ensure that Duncanville is receiving the best rates possible. The district utilized Insurica, a third-party insurance broker, to solicit pricing for property and casualty insurance. Insurica assessed the most competitive insurance markets along with the pricing from PCAT based on Duncanville's current assets, rates and deductibles, and loss history.

The district's current property and casualty insurance coverage ends on August 31st, 2026. So, at the end of this month, the estimated annual premium for this renewal is \$1,679,432 for the 26-27 school year. This is a 16.2% decrease over the Fiscal Year 26 premium. And funds for this expenditure are already included in the general operating budget that was approved by the board in June of this year. I am recommending tonight that the board approve the renewal of the district's property and casualty insurance policy for the '26-'27 school year.

I will take any questions at this time.

Trustee Culton commented and asked. Good evening. Thank you for speaking on this item. Did any of our coverages change?

Ms. Pumphrey replied: They did not.

Trustee Culton asked. There was a summary of coverage changes in the board book, and I'm just trying to understand it. Can you brief us on it?

Ms. Pumphrey replied: Was there a particular category or item? I will do my best. Our risk manager, Ms.

Noella, I can get with her, but I can try to answer anything that I can.

Trustee Culton asked. I guess I have a question regarding the number of vehicles. Are they going to be covered under different insurance?

Ms. Pumphrey replied. No, they provided a detailed schedule that Ms. Whavers went through and verified with the vehicles for the district. I know we made sure the new buses that we acquired last year were added. And some may have dropped off, but I'm not sure. But she did go through and validate the individual property listings.

And I can follow up with her to get the specific vehicles that may have dropped off. I did notice the change in the quantity there.

Trustee Culton commented. I would appreciate that.

Trustee Culton made a motion to approve the renewal of the property and casualty insurance for the 2026-27 school year provided through the Property Casualty Alliance of Texas three-year into local agreement 2025-2026 to 2027-28 as recommended by the administration; Trustee Sanchez seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.

Board Member Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Jacqueline Culton	X		
Carla Fahey	X		
Phil McNeely	X		
Renee McNeely	X		
DeRon Pelton	X		
Hector Sanchez	X		
Janet Veracruz	X		

9. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION AGENDA

A. BOND PROJECT UPDATE

Mari Zamora

Ms. Mari Zamora presented Bond Project Update. Good evening, Madam President, trustees, and Dr. Goree. It was so exciting to see our students enjoy their new and improved facilities on the first day of school. Now, while our doors are now open, we continue to finalize construction and bond projects across the district. To provide a recap of what's happened, what we've accomplished, and a look ahead at what's to come, our partners are here from LAN. Welcoming them to the podium, beginning with Kevin Simon.

Mr. Kevin Simon continued the presentation. Good evening, President Veracruz, Board of Trustees, and Dr. Goree. I wanted to give you all a brief update on Clint Q. Smith Early Learning Academy. As Mr. Zamora said on the first day, it was refreshing to see the smiles on the three-year-olds. And Dr. Goree was shooting off the confetti cannon and high fiving all the kids and they were singing down the hall. So,

it was great to see the interaction with them and all the staff and everything.

So, I want to give you some brief updates of where we're at. Like Ms. Zamora said, we're still working on some minor things, but we're getting there for the final completion.

On the left side of the slide is the library and kind of the open concept library with the tree and all that. That was a big hit for the ribbon cutting on the first day of school for the staff and the parents and the kids. And on the right is one of the experience classrooms. That's the space room. As you can see on the tables, there's some teaching items that the teachers put on there.

And on this slide on the left is one of the collaboration spaces. This is the spring collaboration space. You see there's some interactive seating and things that the teachers can bring them out of the classroom into more collaboration space. And one of the final pieces we're doing on the right side is the indoor playground that should be ready by next week for the kids. And so, they're going to probably be very excited to get in there and take some of their energy out on that.

And lastly is the cafeteria. As you can see, it's brand new with the serving line and everything. So the kids love it.

I'll turn it over to my cohort, Mr. Silva.

Mr. Angel Silva: Good evening. We have Brandenburg renovations. On the left side, we have the cafeteria that we were using for all the construction material and everything during this process. On the right side, we have one of the classrooms that we have renovated. And this is one of the campuses that have new furniture brought in. So, you can see the difference probably from the furniture that we had last year to this year. It looks much better.

Also, this is another picture from the library. We were able to replace the carpet and ceiling. And then this is the furniture that we were able to use from Alexander Elementary. So, the principal looked for those, and she was looking to have the same furniture on this campus over here. And then, the picture on the right is the hallway that we did during the construction. And then on the right side, we're still finishing the collaboration room that Dr. Goree did for this campus. It should be completed by this week. And everything else is functioning on the campus and beautiful.

The next project we'll have is Duncanville High School.

Mr. Qamar Haque continued the presentation. Good evening, President Veracruz, Board of Trustees, Dr. Goree. We are here to show you the new addition. We opened the school. We're doing the final touches on that.

The left photograph is the new bistro. The new graphics are outlined. The new furniture is there. On the right side is cosmetology. All the teachers are there. The students were there. They're all getting set up, getting things ready. This is the new ninth grade administration suite, which is now in the middle of the campus. So, they're coming in. We're hoping to complete this by Labor Day weekend so they can move in. They're anxiously waiting. Next is area J. My partner, with the Summit

LAN representative added to the presentation. Hello, President Veracruz, Board of Trustees and Dr. Goree. Area J is progressing well and is nearing completion. All classrooms were completed and turned

over for campus used for the first day of school. So, that was a total of 34 classrooms. Not as fun and exciting as Smith, but 34 classrooms, nonetheless.

Work is ongoing in the administration area in Black Box Theater. Crews will begin installing the ceiling grid in the administration suite and Black Box Theater this week, followed by the MEP trim out, working towards an August 26th completion of the Black Box and September 2nd completion of the admin area, which will also receive new furniture that weekend.

LAN representative added to the presentation. Good evening, Board of Trustees. Okay, so we got the school that everybody was nervous about. Central, which we got all the kids in. They got all the classrooms running. 12 classrooms at this time right now are in place. Cafeteria's up and running. We did get the health inspection the day before, so that was up. You're looking at the picture on the left, the picture of the cafeteria with the graphic wall that was in there, as you can see to the right of that picture. And then the picture on the right is a picture of the library. The library is not complete yet. We're still waiting for the cabinetry company to come in and finish and some other items to be done, but everything should be finished by September 2nd for this.

Next, you have the picture on the left. You can see a classroom that's sitting there. And then the picture on the right is the nurse's station. Once again, we're still under construction with parts of this school. The C, piano wing, and the D, gym, are all both being completed right now along with the kitchen itself in the back. The flooring was just put in place. So, all of this should be able to move forward. We're going for the Building C and D, hopefully by the end of this week, to be able to start opening those two portions to the students. And then we'll get to the very last part, which will be the kitchen.

Next you have the Merrifield Education Center. You're looking at the new monument sign that was built there on the left. And then the picture on the right is the separation storefront piece that we put in for this school that separates PACE. And that wood door you see down there is the cafeteria, so that separates that area. The reason why you see no doors on here is, in order to pass this with the fire marshal, with the way this worked with the hardware, I had to take the doors off of certain doors in order so they would not block anybody and he would give us a temporary C of O. So, we did that and it worked out.

Next, you have the fuel station. This has been a project that has been a long time running and coming in. You can see the picture on the left is us just pouring the concrete slab for the 20,000-gallon fuel tank that will go there. That will be installed next week. The pad must sit till this Friday before it's cured enough to allow them to set a tank on there that big. And then, in that there's also the parking and grading, the rock that's there. That will be where the fuel truck drop-offs are at and then we'll drive back out.

Operations roof complex, that would be the facilities building, transportation building, and the warehouse building. Those are complete as far as the roof work goes. We are waiting on the metal trim. That still had a lead time. We've got a couple more weeks before that arrives because it was a color that was chosen for that to match the existing. So, we expect to see that in the next couple of weeks and then it'll take the contractor 10 days to install it once he has that. But that's all we're waiting on those roofs. Hyman roof is complete. That job is just cleaning up the site and finishing up some other stuff that's around there.

Mr. Qamar Haque added to the presentation. The last few projects are, we are doing the south side of the high school, the roofing for N, O, P, Q. These are predominantly the ninth-grade center, the gym, the cafeteria, and the maintenance center. The LED lights have been installed about halfway through. We're going back to every campus and just replacing all the lights. Furniture installed, the majority are complete. There are a few pieces left in some of these schools. And the high school, the admin suite is getting new furniture, in a couple of other places, the collaboration spaces, the new spaces we created in the ninth-grade center.

Predominantly, we are right now 90% encumbered on the bond funds and we're just about 10% left. And this roofing is going to be in the afternoon, in the evening, and the weekends. And the schedule is challenging because we must accommodate all the evening activities at the high school. So, it's going to take longer. We are hoping to finish by the spring break of 2027.

Dr. Goree added. I do want to just take a moment just to say thank you. And I'm going back to this slide. Thank you to all our partners. We truly do appreciate and acknowledge your hard work by getting us into schools. And thank the board first too, to your commitment to replacing furniture. And it's just incredible.

Next to Smith, the furniture is what I'm most excited about. And more particularly these desks. If you look at those desks, you see the top is white. They're those active dry erase boards. So, engaging the kids because they're writing all over the desk and just loving every minute of it. So, the furniture is just first-class. And I do believe the furniture alone is going to increase engagement and excitement about learning for our children.

Thank you.

President Veracruz commented. I love that. We appreciate all the teams out there working tirelessly to get our schools and our campuses safe for our students. Thank you so much.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Pelton made a motion to adjourn; Trustee Sanchez seconded the motion at 8:22 p.m.



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