

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2026 6:00 PM

Board Room, 1209 Twelfth St, Palacios, TX 77465

Marcos Aparicio: Present
Karen Botbyl: Present
Carl Filip: Present
Haley Garcia: Present
Rafael Garcia: Absent
Dane Kubecka: Absent
Fabian Marroquin: Present

1) Call to Order and Determine a Quorum

Discussion: Meeting was called to order by Board President Haley Garcia at 6:00pm and determined a quorum is present.

1)A. Invocation

Discussion: Invocation was given by Dr. Brian Williams.

1)B. Pledge of Allegiance

2) Awards and Recognitions

Discussion: TIA Teacher Stephanie Tasker was recognized for her Exemplary Designation. I AM Texas Finalists Monica Carrillo and Juana Zamora were recognized.

3) Public Comments/Testimony

Discussion: No public comments

4) Presentations/Communications

4)A. Accountability Update

Discussion: The District Accountability Update was given by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jamey Johnson.

The PJSH Accountability Update was given by Secondary Principal Stephanie Garcia.

The PES Accountability Update was given by Elementary Principal Buddy Kelley.

Presenter: Dr. Jamey Johnson, Ms. Stephanie Garcia, Mr. Buddy Kelley

Mr Kelley noted that he would like to bring back the Accelerated Reader program and if not that particular program, just have more books in the hands of students reading.

Board Member Marroquin thanked the three for digging into the data and presenting it in this way.

Board Member Botbyl questioned the cohorts and how they were determined across the State of Texas after Mrs Garcia read the schools that were in one of our Secondary Cohorts, most of them being Magnet or Charter schools.

4) B. Safety / Security / Operations Update

Discussion: Dr. Brian Williams gave the Safety / Security / Operations update, noting that a survey is needed around the bee farm and will be started soon to find the actual boundaries of the property.

Presenter: Dr. Brian Williams

4) C. State and Federal Funds Update

Discussion: Dr. Jamey Johnson gave an ESSA Funds update. Board members noted they appreciated getting the Federal Funds explanations in this manner, and they have never seen the Federal Funds presented this way.

Presenter: Dr. Jamey Johnson

5) **Information Items (No Action)**

Discussion: Information was given to the board about the Jackson County CAD update and the TASB EE Opinion Survey. Mr Valentine noted that the Jackson County CAD was having a meeting that night to adopt their resolution on voting entities. He also noted the District would be taking part in the TASB EE Opinion Survey once again this year. The survey will go out to staff Oct 16-30 and the results will be given to the district in December. The board will review the results of the survey at the January board meeting.

5) A. Jackson County CAD Update

5) B. TASB EE Opinion Draft Survey

6) **Closed Session**

Discussion: The Board entered Closed Session at 7:12pm.

6) A. Personnel *Texas Gov't Code §551.074*

6) B. Team of 8

6) C. School Board Evaluation Updates

6) D. Three Year Bond Spending Plan Re-Evaluation

7) **Reconvene Into Open Session**

Discussion: The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:55pm.

7) A. Announcement by the chair that the Board has concluded it's closed session discussions as permitted by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act, and is reconvening in open session.

8) **Action Items**

8) A. Consent Agenda

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 8A3 Meeting minutes from Aug 31 and 8A4 Retainer Agreement Renewal from Walsh Gallegos Kyle Robinson & De Los Santos P.C. This motion, made

by Fabian Marroquin and seconded by Karen Botbyl,
Passed.

Voting Detail:

Marcos Aparicio:	Yea
Karen Botbyl:	Yea
Carl Filip:	Yea
Haley Garcia:	Yea
Rafael Garcia:	Absent
Dane Kubecka:	Absent
Fabian Marroquin:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Discussion: Item 8A1 was pulled to approve at the
October Meeting
Item 8A2 was pulled to vote on separately.

8)A.(1) Approve Meeting Minutes 8/10/2026

Discussion: This item was pulled out of Consent
to be considered for approval at the October
meeting.

Board members absent from the Aug 10 meeting in
the minutes could not vote on this item and
remaining members would result in not enough
votes to approve.

8)A.(2) Approve Meeting Minutes 8/24/2026

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve meeting minutes from
August 24, 2026. This motion, made by Karen
Botbyl and seconded by Marcos Aparicio, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Marcos Aparicio:	Yea
Karen Botbyl:	Yea
Carl Filip:	Abstain (With Conflict)
Haley Garcia:	Yea
Rafael Garcia:	Absent
Dane Kubecka:	Absent
Fabian Marroquin:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2,
Abstain (With Conflict): 1

8)A.(3) Approve Meeting Minutes 8/31/2026

8)A.(4) Walsh Gallegos Kyle Robinson & De Los
Santos P.C. Retainer Renewal

8)B. Senate Bill 12 Compliance (TEC 39.008)

Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws
Required

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the Senate Bill 12
Compliance (TEC 39.008) Certification of
Compliance with Certain Laws Required. This
motion, made by Haley Garcia and seconded by
Marcos Aparicio, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Marcos Aparicio: Yea
 Karen Botbyl: Yea
 Carl Filip: Yea
 Haley Garcia: Yea
 Rafael Garcia: Absent
 Dane Kubecka: Absent
 Fabian Marroquin: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

9) Reports to the Board

9)A. Business Reports

Discussion: Director of Finance, Peggy Scantlen, gave the business reports in a slideshow presentation. Board members noted they enjoyed having the information in this form rather than previous.

Board Members questioned the jump in expenses for the Shark Pups Daycare, noting this is not what was expected and the numbers are going in the wrong direction. Board Members asked about the timeline of when the State will step in to cover some of the expenses.

Dr. Williams stated the Daycare is still on the list for state help and should have answers in late Fall. The Board noted that having a staff to student ratio for the Shark Pups Daycare would be helpful information for the next meeting.

The Board also agreed that the daycare was not opened to make a profit but to be a great resource for our parents needing childcare but would like to break even reminding the admin that year 5 was when this was to occur.

9)A.(1) Monthly Financial Reports

Discussion: No questions concerning the check register

9)A.(2) Monthly Investment Report

Discussion: presented in a slideshow format

9)B. Superintendent's Report – First 90 Day Update

Discussion: Mr Jason Valentine gave his First 90 Days Report.

9)C. Board Reports

Discussion: Board Member Marroquin gave an update on the School Board Evaluation team of 3 stating that himself, Dane Kubecka and Rafael Garcia would be on the school board evaluation team of 3 and would meet sometime before the next board meeting.

President Haley Garcia reminded the board of TxEdCon coming up and the next board meeting on October 12 at 6pm.

10) Other Business

10)A. Next Regular Meeting

11) **Adjournment**

Action(s):

I make a motion to adjourn this meeting. This motion, made by Karen Botbyl and seconded by Fabian Marroquin, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Marcos Aparicio:	Yea
Karen Botbyl:	Yea
Carl Filip:	Yea
Haley Garcia:	Yea
Rafael Garcia:	Absent
Dane Kubecka:	Absent
Fabian Marroquin:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Discussion: Meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Minutes Approved this ____ day of October, 2026.

Board Secretary

Board President