## Minutes of Regular Meeting
**Monday, August 24, 2026**
**The Board of Trustees**
**SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT was held on **August 24, 2026**, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Wayne F. Schaper, Sr. Leadership Center, Board Room, 955 Campbell Rd, Houston, TX 77024, with the following Board members present: Walker Agnew Jr., Courtney Anderson, Caroline Bennett, Chris Earnest, Jennifer Hyland, David Slattery, and Ted Tredennick.

Board President Courtney Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She noted a quorum of Board members was present.

President Anderson certified that the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.041, had been complied with in connection with public notice of the meeting.

1. **Pledge: Secretary Ted Tredennick**

2. **Opening Prayer: Trustee Jennifer Hyland**

3. **Opening Remarks by the Superintendent**
   Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Blaine reported a successful first day of school and noted continued enrollment growth, attributed in part to an influx of students from private schools. The district received recognition for outstanding performance on state assessments, including multiple distinctions. State accountability and testing results were reported as strong. She highlighted recent awards and recognitions received by various programs and departments. Dr. Blaine commended all staff involved for their outstanding contributions and acknowledged the Board's continued support.

4. **Public Comment on Special Presentations**
   No one signed up for public comments on special presentations.

5. **Special Presentations**
   A. Recognition of #IAMSBISD Award Recipients
      SBISD Police Officer Suess was recognized for his heroic lifesaving actions and dedication to public safety. Dr. Blaine proudly recognized every member of the SBISD family for the role that they had played in the district earning the "District on the Rise" recognition by the Education Scorecard. She presented the district with a certificate of recognition from Texas Governor Abbott.

B. Recognition of SBISD Council of PTAs Awards
SBISD Council of PTA President Heather Morse shared recognitions and several distinctions earned by our Council of PTAs and local PTAs at the Texas PTA conference this past summer.

C. Recognition of The Texas Way District of Distinction Award Earned by SBISD Athletics
Paige Hershey, Executive Director of Athletics, and her team were recognized for receiving the prestigious Texas Way District of Distinction award honoring school districts that demonstrate excellence in sportsmanship, leadership and community involvement.

D. Recognition of TAEA District of Distinction Award Earned by the SBISD Fine Arts Department
Houston Hayes, Director of Fine Arts and Health Fitness, shared information regarding the TAEA District of Distinction award earned by the SBISD Fine Arts Department for exhibiting outstanding leadership and promoting the arts in their communities.

E. Recognition of NSPRA Awards Earned by the SBISD Communications Department
Linda Buchman, Associate Superintendent of Communications and Community Engagement, recognized the Communications team for the NSPRA awards they received in writing, photo, social media, video, and website, including three coveted golden achievement awards.

6. **Public Comment on Agenda Items or Non-Agenda Items**
The following individuals addressed the Board regarding item 7C, Legislative Priorities: Michelle Palmer, Karen Peck, Mallory Shaddix, and Diana Alexander.
Reed Ashton Dixon, Jessalynn Worden, Lindsay Ruiz, Jennifer Palmer's daughter, Grace Palmer, a seventh-grade student at WAIS, and Rachel Sennenger spoke about student screen time and the district's classroom technology use policy. Laura Abrams commented on item 5B and introduced herself as the new Council of PTA Advocacy Chair. Andrew Moore spoke about the proposed easement involving Memorial Middle School and the City of Houston's Memorial detention basin project. Mark Fury spoke about truancy. Jeff Cecil spoke about understanding the district's stance regarding the release of bid tabulations on public bids. Josh Wallenstein, nominee for HD133, spoke about public school finance. Diana Kurtz, Director of Behavioral Health at Spring Branch Community Health Center, spoke about her work overseeing the Raider Care Center school wellness program at Northbrook High School. She thanked the Board for allowing the health center the opportunity to provide comprehensive mental health services to the NHS students and teachers. David Lopez, Director of Somos Spring Branch, spoke about district budget cuts, funding and transparency. Tyler Smith, candidate for the Texas State Legislature, spoke about the district's budget deficit. Emery Richards advocated for her daughter, Annie Richards, second grader at MDE, who hopes to be a Math Mover. Katie Ziegler and William Cosmo Bennett signed up but did not appear to speak.

7. **Reports and Discussions**
   A. Opening of School
      A video presentation was shown to provide a report on the first day of school.

   B. Presentation of the Region IV School Safety and Security Audit Review
      Presenter:
      Larry Baimbridge, Chief of Police

   C. Discussion of Legislative Priorities
      Presenters:
      Board Vice President David Slattery and Trustee Hyland, Legislative Liaisons

8. **First Reading of Policy**
   A. First Reading of Policy: BJCF (LOCAL) SUPERINTENDENT NONRENEWAL
      Trustee Hyland requested that Board members submit any proposed policy amendments by September 2. Public comments were open until August 31.

9. **Executive Session**
   President Anderson recessed the Board into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. under Section 551.074, Section 551.0821, Section 551.076, and Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the purposes listed below.

   A. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Routine Personnel Matters and Other Personnel Matters including Duties of Employees and Public Officers
   B. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.0821 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Deliberation of Personally Identifiable Information of a Public School Student
   C. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Deliberation of the Deployment, or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices, or Deliberation of a Security Audit
   D. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act in Consultation with the Board's Attorney Regarding All Matters as Authorized by Law, including, but not limited to, discussion of *Elizondo v. Spring Branch ISD*, Civ. Act. No. H-21-1997, and Legal Issues Surrounding Public Finance

   President Anderson reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:21 p.m. and said that no action was taken while in closed session.

10. **Action as Needed from Executive Session**
    A. Request for Approval of Routine Personnel Items
       Motion was made by Trustee Caroline Bennett and seconded by Trustee Walker Agnew Jr. that the Board approve the routine personnel items as recommended.
       Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

11. **Action**
    A. Request for Approval of Acquisition and Removal of Pipeline Easement - Northbrook HS
    Motion was made by Secretary Ted Tredennick and seconded by Trustee Agnew Jr. that the Board approve the acquisition and removal of pipeline easement at Northbrook HS.

    Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

12. **Consent Agenda Action Items**
    A. Request for Approval of Budget Status Summary Report with Budget Amendments as of July, 2026
    B. Request for Approval of Contract Awards
        1. RFQ for Professional Services for Facilities Assessment and Capital Planning
        2. Construction Manager at Risk for the Memorial HS- Arts & Athletics- 2025 Bond
        3. Construction Manager at Risk for the Northbrook HS Arts & Athletics- 2025 Bond
        4. Contract for Custodial Cleaning Supplies and Services
        5. Contract for the Energy Management Controls, Parts and Services
        6. Contract for the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Supplies, Filters and Spare Parts
        7. Contract for Purchase of Maintenance Equipment
        8. Contract for Installation, Repair and Replacement of Video Security Cabling and Cameras
        9. Contract for Installation of Self-Contained Special Needs Classroom Audio and Video Security Cameras
        10. Contract for the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Maintenance Services
        11. Contract for HCDE Academic and Behavior School-West
        12. Increase Contract for Special Education Documents Converted to Digital Files
        13. Contract for Cellular Telephone Service
        14. RFP for Real Estate Broker Consulting Services
    C. Request for Consideration and Approval of Order Authorizing Issuance of Unlimited Tax Schoolhouse and/or Refunding Bonds, Series 2026B, Setting Certain Parameters for the Bonds; Authorizing the Superintendent or Associate Superintendent for Finance to Approve the Amount, the Interest Rate, and Price, Including the Terms Thereof; and Certain other Procedures and Provisions Related Thereto
    D. Request for Consideration of Administrator Requests for Outside Employment in Accordance with House Bill 3372, 89th Legislative Session
    E. Request for Approval of Teacher Appraisers for the 2026-2027 School Year
    F. Request for Approval of Resolution regarding HB 3033 Designation of Nonbusiness Days
    G. Request for Approval of Acceptance of Gifts
    H. Request for Approval of Grant Awards and Other Services
    I. Request for Approval of Payroll and Operating Expenses – June 2026
    J. Request for Approval of Payroll and Operating Expenses - July 2026

K. Request for Approval of Minutes for School Board Meetings
   1. June 08, 2026 - Workshop Meeting
   2. June 22, 2026 - Regular Meeting

President Anderson read the rules for adoption of the consent agenda action items. Trustee Agnew Jr. requested that items 12B2 and 12B9 and Trustee Hyland requested that 12B1 be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion and a separate vote.

Motion made by Vice President Slattery and seconded by Trustee Agnew Jr. that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda items with the exception of items 12B1, 12B2, and 12B9.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Item 12B1 – Associate Superintendent for Operations Travis Stanford explained the purpose of the districtwide facilities assessment and its initiative.
Motion made by Trustee Hyland and seconded by Trustee Agnew Jr. that the Board approve the consent agenda item 12B1.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Item 12B2 – Trustee Agnew Jr. inquired about an update on Memorial High School's third gymnasium. Travis Stanford explained that various studies and scenarios were conducted surrounding the potential rebuilding of gym number three located outside of the property.
Motion made by Trustee Agnew Jr. and seconded by Trustee Hyland that the Board approve the consent agenda item 12B2.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Item 12B9 – Trustee Agnew Jr. specified that the details of the item indicated that it was required by Senate Bill 507 but the funding is coming from the 2017 Bond contingency. Dr. Blaine explained that it is required by law and the state does not provide funding. She stated that the district was fortunate that the community has passed these bonds and the SBISD administration and the Board are good stewards of those dollars and allocate those sources to pay for this requirement.
Motion made by Trustee Agnew Jr. and seconded by Trustee Hyland that the Board approve the consent agenda item 12B9.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

13. **Information**
   A. Facility Improvement Program Monthly Status Report as of July, 2026
   The Board had no questions.

14. **Closing Remarks by the Superintendent**
   Dr. Blaine had no closing remarks.

15. **Meeting Adjourned**
President Anderson adjourned the regular meeting at 8:36 p.m.

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| Courtney Anderson<br>President, Board of Trustees | Ted Tredennick<br>Secretary, Board of Trustees |

**Approved: September 28, 2026**