

## HUNTSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Board of Trustees — Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026 · 6:00 PM Central

Hawkins Administration Building · 441 FM 2821 East · Huntsville, TX 77320-9223

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#### Members Present:

| Trustee          | Office         | Attendance                            |
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| Ken Holland      | President      | Present                               |
| Tracy Stoudt     | Vice President | Present                               |
| Cathy Schweitzer | Secretary      | Present                               |
| Amanda Burris    | Member         | Present                               |
| John Hendricks   | Member         | Present                               |
| Sherry Odom      | Member         | Present                               |
| Rissie Owens     | Member         | Present — arrived after call to order |

Present: 7. **Also present:** Travis Fanning, Superintendent of Schools; district staff and members of the public.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

##### 1.A. Announcement by the President as to the presence of a quorum

President Holland announced that a quorum was present and noted that Mrs. Owens was enroute.

##### 1.B. Certification that public notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the provision of Section 551.002 et. seq. of the Texas Government Code

Superintendent Fanning certified that public notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Texas Government Code.

#### 2. OPENING EXERCISES

##### 2.A. Invocation

Given by Tracy Stoudt.

##### 2.B. Pledges

Led by fourth- and fifth-grade students from Huntsville Elementary School.

#### 3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Mrs. Stoudt reported that trustees attended the Walker County Economic Development Corporation event at the college earlier that day and thanked Superintendent Fanning for representing the district.

President Holland echoed those comments, noting the event's focus on workforce development and the district's work preparing students for post-secondary education and career certifications.

#### 4. SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING

**4.A.** The Superintendent will provide information regarding district events and items of community interest.

Superintendent Fanning reported on the following:

- District participation in the Walker County Economic Development conference and business expo on September 17.
- Homecoming Parade, Wednesday, September 23, at 6:00 PM, and district participation in Fair on the Square on October 3.
- Thanks to community partners for school-supply donations: Weatherford International (Huntsville High School), First United Methodist Church (Mance Park Middle School), and the Huntsville Public Library (elementary campuses).
- Reminder that the district will be closed October 12 for staff professional learning and October 13 for parent-teacher conferences.

#### 5. MONTHLY DIGITAL REPORT produced by Matthew Lahey

Mr. Lahey presented a video report on the Community Engagement department's new student- and staff-voiced storytelling initiative, beginning with audio spots airing on KSAM, including a radio spot recorded by three fourth-grade students on the Superintendent's "Three A's" (attendance, accountability, academics).

#### 6. RECOGNITIONS

**September Employees of the Month:**

- Custodial: Diana Martinez, Huntsville High School
- Maintenance & Operations: Daniel "Turtle" Pierce, District painter

Gift cards for the honorees were donated by Walker County Ace Hardware and Texas Roadhouse.

**Pledge Leaders:** *Huntsville Elementary School: Danae Castro, Katy Rivas, Irasema Martinez-Arellano, Dylan Flores-Herrera, Hailey Bravo, Yair Lucero and Josue Salmeron*

**The Board recessed at approximately 6:20 PM and reconvened at approximately 6:26 PM.**

#### 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

**7.A.** Agenda Items

None.

**7.B.** Non-Agenda Items

None.

#### 8. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

**8.A.** Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by John Hendricks and seconded by Tracy Stoudt, passed unanimously.

*Amanda Burris: Yea, John Hendricks: Yea, Ken Holland: Yea, Sherry Odom: Yea, Rissie Owens: Yea, Cathy Schweitzer: Yea, Tracy Stoudt: Yea — Yea: 7, Nay: 0*

- 8.A.1.** Consider Board approval of minutes
- 8.A.2.** Consider Board approval of the purchase of the MPMS Upper Roof Project.
- 8.A.3.** Consider Board approval of the purchase of ThinkCerca contract
- 8.A.4.** Consider Board approval of monthly financial statement
- 8.A.5.** Consider Board approval of Resolution #27-01 Recognizing October 23-31, 2026 as “Red Ribbon Week” & the month of October as Bullying Prevention Month in Huntsville ISD.
- 8.A.6.** Consider Board approval of Resolution #27-02 recognizing October 2026 as “Principals Month” in Huntsville ISD
- 8.A.7.** Consider Board approval of canceling the November 3, 2026 Board of Trustee Election
- 8.A.8.** Consider approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Dual Course credit between the University of Texas OnRamps and Huntsville High School.
- 8.A.9.** Consider Board approval for Maximum Class Size Exception Waiver for Elementary Schools in Grades Pre-K-4th
- 8.A.10.** Consider Board approval of Aspire LLC contract
- 8.A.11.** Consider Board approval of Gillem Staffing contract
- 8.A.12.** Consider Board approval of Holvey Educational Consulting contract
- 8.A.13.** Consider Board approval of Specialized Assessment and Consulting contract
- 8.A.14.** Consider Board approval of Webbco Enterprises LLC contract
- 8.A.15.** Consider Board approval of Faith Torres, BCBA, LLC contract

## **9. REPORT/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Superintendent Fanning introduced the new executive leadership update segment, in which each department leader provides a brief report.

### **9.A. Athletics Update — Presented by Coach Moebes**

Reported on fall sports: cheer camp awards and an upcoming Little Stingers clinic; tennis district win and new shaded cabanas; golf program grown to more than 30 athletes; cross-country medal finishes and hosting of the Huntsville Invitational; volleyball’s highest participation in recent years and strongest tournament finish in 11 years; the first two freshman football teams in over a decade; and the homecoming game opening district play against Spring Woods.

### **9.B. Teaching & Learning Update — Mr. Josh Campbell, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning**

Reported 1,125 Bluebonnet Learning quick-check walks completed (97% showing materials in use; 93% on pace with evidence of internalization), 263 coaching observations, 96% participation in online registration, staffing adjustments to strengthen MTSS, continued Region 6 LIFT grant support, and elementary open house on September 24, 5:00–6:30 PM.

### **9.C. Operations Update — Mr. Paul Trevino, Assistant Superintendent of Operations & Student Services**

Reported on health services (cardiac emergency response plan; Stop the Bleed train-the-trainer), child nutrition (limited-time menu offerings and digital menu monitors), technology (network upgrades, ClassLink single sign-on, and development of a proposed AI policy), transportation (3,300+ registered riders, CPR/AED certification for all transportation staff, retrofit of 30 approved buses, and new routing software), safety and security (fencing, badge

access, Mance Park traffic pattern), and summer maintenance and facility projects across all campuses, including new LED marquees.

**9.D. Human Resources Update — Dr. Bonnie Bomar, Director of Human Resources**

Reported on New Employee Orientation, 107 total summer hires including 96 teachers, and a position audit showing 168 positions with 103 filled and 65 vacancies under active recruitment.

**9.E. Finance Update — Mr. Paul Brown, CFO**

Reviewed 2025–26 revenues and expenditures as of August 31: 99% of expected General Fund revenue received (tax collections at 97%); General Fund expenditures at 70% pending the TOPS payment after TEA settle-up, with a small surplus expected; Debt Service Fund revenue at 95% with 100% of debt payments made; Food Service revenue at 90%. Mr. Brown also reported that the business office is fully staffed.

**9.F. Perdue & Brandon Delinquent Tax Report — Leslie Schkade**

Ms. Schkade, accompanied by law partner Greg East, reported that approximately 93% of the 2025 levy was collected before turnover, reviewed the delinquent roll by status and dollar range, and noted tax sales held in February and July 2026 with the next planned for February 2027.

**9.G. Accountability Results for 2026 — Mrs. Amy Turner**

Reviewed the three accountability domains and reported a 2026 overall district rating of C. Texas Online Preparatory High School received a B with distinctions in Social Studies and Science.

**9.H. 2026 STAAR/EOC Results — Mrs. Amy Turner**

Reviewed grades 3–8 STAAR and first-time EOC results, noting gains in 4th-grade math (42% to 51%), 5th grade, 8th grade, English I and II, and Biology, and areas of focus in RLA, 7th-grade math, and Algebra I. Outlined 2026–27 campus support strategies.

**9.I. 2025-2026 Huntsville ISD Program Evaluation for Gifted & Talented Program — Mrs. Ana Thomas**

Reported 556 students identified for GT services (4.82% of enrollment), reviewed STAAR outcomes, and noted new challenge journals for grades 3–5 and a second-grade GT screener this year.

**9.J. 2025-2026 Huntsville ISD Program Evaluation for Emergent Bilingual Program — Mrs. Ana Thomas**

Reported 1,469 emergent bilingual students (12.73% of enrollment), reviewed STAAR, EOC and TELPAS results, and reported 128 students (56 local, 72 TOPS) meeting reclassification criteria. In response to a Board question, Mrs. Thomas confirmed reclassification occurs only at year end after TELPAS and STAAR results are received.

- 9.K. Principal Monthly Reports — written only
- 9.L. Monthly Discipline Comparison Report — written only
- 9.M. District and Campus Improvement Plans 2026-2027 — written only

## 10. NEXT MEETING NOTICE

- 10.A. September 23, 2026 - Homecoming Parade - 6 PM
- 10.B. Regular Board of Trustee Meeting - Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 6:00 PM

## 11. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened in closed session at 7:38 PM as permitted by Sections 551.071, 551.074 and 551.076 of the Texas Government Code.

### 11.A. Section 551.071 — Consultation with attorney

11.A.1. Discuss and consider waiver of penalty and interest for the 2025 tax year under Tax Code Section 33.011(j) on Property ID Numbers 21575, 12817, 36620, 11352, 18627, 72345 and 11381.

### 11.B. Personnel (551.074)

11.B.1. Discussion regarding the Superintendent's personnel recommendations and resignations

11.B.2. Discussion regarding the Superintendent's personnel recommendation for the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

11.B.3. Discussion regarding administrative personnel matters

### 11.C. Section 551.076 — Security personnel or devices

11.C.1. 2025-2026 School Safety & Security Report

## 12. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

12.A. Announcement by the President that the Board has concluded its closed session discussions  
President Holland announced that the Board reconvened in open session at 9:19 PM.

12.B. Consider and possible action on waiver of penalty and interest for the 2025 tax year under Tax Code Section 33.011(j) on Property ID Numbers 21575, 12817, 36620, 11352, 18627, 72345 and 11381.

Motion to **not** waive penalty and interest for the 2025 tax year under Tax Code Section 33.011(j) on Property ID Numbers 21575, 12817, 36620, 11352, 18627, 72345 and 11381. This motion, made by Sherry Odom and seconded by Rissie Owens, passed unanimously.

*Yea: 7, Nay: 0*

12.C. Consider and take possible action regarding the appointment and employment of an Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

Motion to authorize Superintendent Fanning to hire the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources at a salary not to exceed the maximum amount agreed upon. This motion, made by Amanda Burris and seconded by Sherry Odom, passed unanimously.

*Yea: 7, Nay: 0*

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by John Hendricks and seconded by Amanda Burris. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

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Ken Holland, President

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Cathy Schweitzer, Secretary