

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Devine ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Devine ISD was held on Monday, September 21, 2026 beginning at 6:35 PM in the Administration Building, 605 W Hondo Ave., Devine, TX 78016

Board Members Present: Nancy Pepper (President), Keri James (Secretary), Alixana Buvinghausen, Chris Davis, Britny Stricker,

Board Members Absent: Carl Brown (Vice-President), Candace Esparza

Guests Present: Anton Reicher (The Devine News), Shelby Haass, Kandy Stein

School Officials Present: Dr. Todd Grandjean (Superintendent), Dawn Schneider (Director of HR/Info Mgmt), Michael Gomez (DHS Principal), Kandi Darnell (DMS Principal), Lysandra Reyes (Intermediate Principal), Mark Raygosa (Elementary Principal), JodiAnn Dzierzanowski (DAEP/DLA Principal), Jenni Hagdorn (Special Ed Director), Geri Woods (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Nancy Pepper called this meeting of the Devine Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:35 p.m. and stated for the record that a quorum of board members was present, that this meeting had been duly called, and that notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. She further stated that trustees Britny Stricker, Chris Davis, Keri James, Ali Buvinghausen, and Nancy Pepper were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by Nancy Pepper

3. Citizen Communication

- A. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items. None.
- B. Public Address for Items on the Agenda. None.

4. Middle School Campus Principal's Report

Principal Darnell reported on activities at the DMS Campus.

5. Administrative Reports and Discussion:

A. Central Office Reports

- 1. Superintendent's Monthly Reports Board Priorities, Bond Project, Safety & Security, Monthly Activity Calendar, District Activity Calendar.
- 2. Director of HR/Info Mgmt. Monthly Report and STAAR Report
- 3. Director of Special Education Monthly Report

B. Monthly Business Reports and Payment of Bills

C. Principals' Reports on Monthly Activities

- 1. Devine High School Principal's Report
- 2. Devine Middle School Principal's Report
- 3. Devine Intermediate School Principal's Report
- 4. JJ Ciavarra Elementary School Principal's Report
- 5. DLA/DAEP Principal's Monthly Report

D. Directors' Monthly Reports

6. Consent Agenda

Alixana Buvinghausen moved and seconded by Britny Stricker to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion passed, Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2. Those in favor: Buvinghausen, Davis, James, Pepper, Stricker; Those opposed: 0. Absent: 2; Brown: Absent, Esparza: Absent.

- A. Minutes of August 17, 2026 Board Meeting

- B. Review District Investment Policy CDA (Local/Legal) Other Revenues: Investments and adopt resolutions
- C. Approve Resolution Authorizing District Investment Officers
- D. Human Resources Day Resolution

7. Action Item (s)

A. Alixana Buvinghausen moved and seconded by Keri James to adopt the resolution regarding the Board's compliance with Texas Education Code 37.0814 to establish a good cause exception and alternative standards, and attach said resolution to the minutes of this meeting. This motion passed, Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2. Those in favor: Buvinghausen, Davis, James, Pepper, Stricker; Those opposed: 0. Absent: 2; Brown: Absent, Esparza: Absent.

B. Alixana Buvinghausen moved and seconded by Britny Stricker to Approve Board Operating Procedures as presented. This motion passed, Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2. Those in favor: Buvinghausen, Davis, James, Pepper, Stricker; Those opposed: 0. Absent: 2; Brown: Absent, Esparza: Absent.

C. Britny Stricker moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to approve \$210 as the daily rate for a Long-Term Administrative Substitute as presented. This motion passed, Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2. Those in favor: Buvinghausen, Davis, James, Pepper, Stricker; Those opposed: 0. Absent: 2; Brown: Absent, Esparza: Absent.

D. Chris Davis moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to Approve Final Payment Application for \$85,456.25 to Hellas for the Tennis Courts as presented. This motion passed, Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2. Those in favor: Buvinghausen, Davis, James, Pepper, Stricker; Those opposed: 0. Absent: 2; Brown: Absent, Esparza: Absent.

8. Closed Session

Board President, Nancy Pepper, stated for the record that the Board of Trustees, beginning at 7:03 p.m., will convene in a closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of discussing items listed under Texas Government Code Sections 551.074, 551.076, 551.082. NO FINAL ACTION, DECISIONS, OR VOTES WILL BE TAKEN WHILE THE BOARD IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

9. Reconvene from Closed Session

The board reconvened in open session at 7:52 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Chris Davis moved and seconded by Ali Buvinghausen to adjourn. This motion passed, Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2. Those in favor: Buvinghausen, Davis, James, Pepper, Stricker; Those opposed: 0. Absent: 2; Brown: Absent, Esparza: Absent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary