

MINUTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Smithville Independent School District was held on Monday, September 21, 2026 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Smithville ISD Administrative Building PO Box 479, 901 N.E. 6th Street Smithville, Texas 78957.

Members present: Grant Gutierrez, Chelsa Vinklarek, Chris Hinnant, Josh Magden, Candice Parsons, Bryan Jones

Members absent: Michael Hancock

Others present: Tracy Johnson, Holly Brockman, Dr. Bethany Logan, Tucker Copeland, Dr. Angie Westerfield, Lindsay and Ansley Dawson, Brett and Lorrin Badders, Bryar and Keely Garrison, Dane and Ashley Garrison, Kari Hines, Giana Lawrence, Joseph Hines, Lindsey Saunders, Whitney Brown, Margaret Lake, Nicasia Perez, Stacy Tiner, Roque Thompson, Becky Tiner, Zack Harris, Dr. Molley Ealy and Liza Rios.

Call to Order - The Board President called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call - The Board President called the roll of members. Mr. Michael Hancock was absent.

Student Led Pledge of Allegiance - Smithville Elementary students led the pledge, those students were:

- 3rd Grade - Sawyer Badders, Bryar Garrison, Ansley Dawson
- 4th Grade - Charlotte Hines, Callan Motley
- 5th Grade - Collins Lawrence, Brantley Williamson, Peyton Lake, Jimena Vasquez

BOARD RECOGNITIONS

Smithville Elementary Tiger of the Month - Smithville Elementary School celebrates outstanding students with the "Tiger of the Month" recognition. Elementary staff nominate students who exhibit characteristics such as kindness, strong character, and helpfulness. Each month, one exceptional student is honored by the campus, recognized at the school board meeting, and receives a special yard sign to proudly display at home.

The Tiger of the Month for September was Jordyn Tiner, 1st Grade, Ms. VanHoozer's class.

FFA Lone Star Farmers Degree Recipients - The Lone Star FFA Degree is the highest level of membership and achievement that the Texas FFA Association can award to state members. We are so proud of our FFA Students who recently earned this prestigious award for their hard work, commitment, service, and leadership within the FFA.

- Kynleigh Schroeder
- Katy Vasquez

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on Proposed Targeted Improvement Plans - A public hearing was held to review proposed Targeted Improvement Plans as required for campuses participating in the Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) and/or Additional Targeted Support under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Public Communications - There were no communications from the public at this meeting.

Consent Agenda - Board members routinely approve items on the consent agenda as a group. These are routine agenda items. Board members have the option to ask questions regarding any of the items listed as part of the consent agenda.

1. Approval of Board Minutes
2. Financial Statements
3. Investment Report
4. State Aid Comparison - Budgeted vs. Earned
5. Earned vs. TEA Payments
6. Tax Collection Report
7. Financial Report
8. Investment Officer
9. Investment Policy Review
10. Review Approved Providers of Investment Training
11. Approval of School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) Membership
12. Teacher Certification Status Report
13. Approval of School District Teaching Permits

The business manager Stacy Tiner, reviewed the financial disbursements for the previous month with the Board of Trustees. Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented made by Josh Magden, seconded by Candice Parsons and the vote passed 6-0. Grant Gutierrez: Yea, Chris Hinnant: Yea, Bryan Jones: Yea, Josh Magden: Yea, Candice Parsons: Yea, Chelsa Vinklerek: Yea

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent updated the Board on important issues pertaining to the District.

- Enrollment Update
- Team of 8 Annual Training
- TigerCon Professional Learning Conference Events
- Parent Teacher Conference Day & Student Holiday on 9/21/26
- Lunch & Learn on 9/22/26 at 12 pm
- BEST College Night on 9/23/26 at 6-9 pm at Bastrop High School
- Tiger Ambassador Academy on 9/28/26
- Professional Learning Day on 10/09/26
- TASB Delegate Assembly on 10/09/26
- School Holiday on 10/12/2026
- October Regular Board Meeting 10/19/26

Smithville ISD Strategic Plan Update - An update on Priority 1 — Student Success of the Smithville ISD Strategic Plan was provided by assistant superintendent, Dr. Bethany Logan.

District Branding Update - The Board received a report on current branding information, along with possible additional branding resources.

Tentative Future Board Agenda Items

- Public Hearing on the 2025-26 FIRST Ratings
- Review of Financial Information
- Board Recognitions
- Strategic Plan - Priority 2 Update
- Annual ESL/Bilingual Report

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of District and Campus Improvement Plan Goal and Performance Objectives -

Board Policy BQ [Legal] requires the Board to annually approve district and campus performance objectives and ensure that the district and campus improvement plans are mutually supportive to accomplish identified objectives. The Administration presents these plans and objectives to the Board of Trustees for approval and in support of improved student achievement. Motion to approve District and Campus Improvement Plan Goal and Performance Objectives made by Candice Parsons, seconded by Bryan Jones and the vote passed 6-0. Grant Gutierrez:

Yea, Chris Hinnant: Yea, Bryan Jones: Yea, Josh Magden: Yea, Candice Parsons: Yea, Chelsa Vinklarek: Yea

Approval of Targeted Improvement Plans - Following a public hearing presented on Targeted Improvement Plans, it is recommended that the Board approve campus Targeted Improvement Plans as presented. Motion to approve Targeted Improvement Plans made by Chelsa Vinklarek, seconded by Chris Hinnant and the vote passed 6-0. Grant Gutierrez: Yea, Chris Hinnant: Yea, Bryan Jones: Yea, Josh Magden: Yea, Candice Parsons: Yea, Chelsa Vinklarek: Yea

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Motion to Adjourn made by Grant Gutierrez, Unseconded and the vote passed 6-0. Grant Gutierrez: Yea, Chris Hinnant: Yea, Bryan Jones: Yea, Josh Magden: Yea, Candice Parsons: Yea, Chelsa Vinklarek: Yea

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

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