

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, September 28, 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 **September 28, 2026**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. 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 H. Bennett, Chris Earnest, Jennifer Hyland, David Slattery, and Ted Tredennick.

Board President Courtney Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that 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: Vice President David Slattery**
2. **Opening Prayer: Trustee Walker Agnew Jr.**
3. **Opening Remarks by the Superintendent**
Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Blaine opened the September meeting by welcoming attendees and recognizing the student and staff achievements and awards being celebrated. She encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Guthrie Center community Open House funded through the 2022 Bond Program and announced the Sherwood Elementary grand opening, funded through the 2017 Bond Program, would take place in the near future. She also provided an update on the Budget Advisory Committee meetings being held in preparation for the upcoming legislative session.
4. **Public Comment on Special Presentations**
No one signed up to speak on special presentations.
5. **Special Presentations**
 - A. Recognition of #IAMSIBSD Award Recipients
Chris Earnest presented the #IAMSIBSD award to SBISD Police Chief Larry Baimbridge for his outstanding commitment to public safety. He read a letter of commendation sent by Steven Borgstedte, a sergeant and commercial helicopter pilot with the Houston Police Department spotlighting the heroic efforts by Chief Baimbridge to apprehend a dangerous individual.

- B. Recognition of SBISD Summer Reading Rockstars
Trustee Jennifer Hyland introduced Dr. Melissa Ramirez, Director of Humanities K-12 to announce the top Summer Reading Rockstars.
- C. Recognition of National Math Stars Students
Secretary Ted Tredennick recognized Valley Oaks Elementary School and Spring Branch Academic Institute students who were selected by National Math Stars (NMS) as exceptional Texas students to take part in its core program.
- D. Recognition of Spring Woods High School Students Honored at TAFE National Convention
Trustee Caroline H. Bennett introduced the Spring Woods High School students honored at TAFE National Convention.
- E. Recognition of Students honored in the 2026 I Am Texas Writing and Art Contest hosted by The Bryan Museum and iWRITE
Trustee Walker Agnew Jr. congratulated the students honored in the 2026 I Am Texas Writing and Art Contest hosted by the Bryan Museum.
- F. Presentation of Spring Branch Education Foundation Gifts to the District
Vice President Slattery invited SBEF Chair Scott Zindler and Executive Director Cece Thompson to come forward to present the SBISD Board of Trustees with a symbolic check representing a record-breaking fundraising year.
- G. Recognition of Award Earned by the SBISD Financial Services Division
Trustee Chris Earnest congratulated Associate Superintendent for Finance David Bender and his entire team for earning the 2026 Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for FY2025 for the 34th consecutive year.

6. Public Comment on Agenda Items or Non-Agenda Items

Andrew Moore and Donna Woehr addressed the Board regarding item 7A.
Lindey Ruiz, Andrea Kleinpeter, Carnell Cody, Wyatt Palmer, Grace Palmer, Jennifer Palmer and Rachel Senninger shared their perspectives on the responsible use of technology and the importance of managing screen time.
Marla McDill expressed her concerns about the Stratford High School football program in which her son participates.
Katherine Eisterhold signed up and attended the meeting but did not speak.
Elizabeth Martinez signed up but was not present to speak.

7. Report

- A. City of Houston Proposed Detention Project to be Located at the Memorial Middle School Site
Presenter:
Travis Stanford, Associate Superintendent for Operations

8. Executive Session

President Anderson recessed the Board into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. under Section 551.074, Section 551.0821, Section 551.076, Section 551.072, 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 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property
- E. 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 9:19 p.m. and stated that no action was taken while in closed session.

9. Action as Needed from Executive Session

- A. Request for Approval of Routine Personnel Items
Motion was made by Trustee Agnew Jr. and seconded by Trustee Hyland that the Board approve the routine personnel items as recommended by the administration.
Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

10. Reports and Discussions

- A. Discussion of Legislative Priorities
Presenter:
Vice President Slattery and Trustee Hyland, Legislative Liaisons

11. Action

- A. Request for Approval of Student Fundraising and Overnight Trips for the 2026-2027 School Year
Motion made by Trustee Bennett and seconded by Trustee Agnew Jr. that the Board approve the Student Fundraising and Overnight Trips for the 2026-2027 School Year.
Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

- B. Request for Approval of Resolution Setting the 2026 Tax Rate
Motion made by Trustee Agnew Jr. and seconded by Trustee Hyland that the Board adopt the total tax rate of \$1.0563 which includes 71.18¢ for Maintenance and Operations and 34.45¢ for Interest and Sinking.

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 August 31, 2026
- B. Request for Approval of Contract Awards
1. Increase Contract for Pool Management, Maintenance, and Lifeguard Services
 2. Increase Contract for Software & Hardware for Video Capturing, Editing for Analytical Purposes
 3. Charter Bus and Transportation Services
- C. Request for Approval of Request to the Texas Education Agency for the Maximum Class Size Exception
- D. Request for Approval of Teacher Appraisers for the 2026-2027 School Year
- E. Request for Approval of 2026 Certified Tax Rolls, Anticipated Collection Rate and Excess Debt Collection Rate
- F. Request for Approval of the Resolution of Annual Review of Investment Policy of Spring Branch ISD
- G. Request for Approval of the Report of Cooperative Management Fees as Required by Tex. Educ. Code 44.0331
- H. Request for Approval of Acceptance of Gifts
- I. Request for Approval of Grant Awards and Other Services
- J. Request for Approval of Payroll and Operating Expenses - August 2026
- K. Request for Approval of Minutes for School Board Meetings
1. August 10, 2026 - Workshop Meeting
 2. August 24, 2026 - Regular Meeting
 3. August 27, 2026 - Special Meeting

President Anderson read the rules for adoption of the consent agenda action items.

Trustee Hyland requested that items 12B1 and 12B2 and Trustee Bennett requested that 12H be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion and a separate vote.

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

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Item 12B1 – Executive Director of Athletics, Paige Hershey explained that a contract increase was necessary because the existing contract amount was insufficient to cover the associated costs.

Motion made by Vice President Slattery and seconded by Trustee Hyland that the Board approve consent agenda item 12B1.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Item 12B2 - Executive Director of Athletics, Paige Hershey explained the need for a contract increase to provide additional cameras for the natatorium and school gymnasiums, as well as to cover repair commitments that exceeded the amount budgeted under the existing contract.

Motion made by Trustee Hyland and seconded by Trustee Earnest that the Board approve consent agenda item 12B2.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Item 12H - Motion made by Trustee Agnew Jr. and seconded by Trustee Earnest that the Board approve consent agenda item 12H.

Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Trustee Bennett recused herself from voting on this item.

13. Information

A. Facility Improvement Program Monthly Status Report as of August 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 9:49 p.m.

Courtney Anderson
President, Board of Trustees

Ted Tredennick
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: October 26, 2026