MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

The Board of Trustees for the Clear Creek Independent School District met in a regular meeting in the Board Room at the Education Support Center, 2425 E. Main Street, League City, Texas 77573, on September 28, 2026.

1. ***Call to Order***
   President Cottrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ***Establishment of a Quorum***
   President Cottrell established a quorum.

Trustees present:	Jonathan Cottrell, President Jessica Cejka, Vice President Jamieson Mackay, Secretary Jay Cunningham, Trustee Arturo Sanchez, Trustee Jeff Larson, Trustee Rebecca Lilley, Trustee
Staff present:	Karen Engle, Superintendent Members of the Superintendent's Cabinet

3. ***Public Hearing***
   A. ***Public Hearing to Discuss State Financial Accountability Rating***
      Ms. Alice Benzaia, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Jeffrey Kohlenberg, CCISD Controller, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments. No members of the public made comments or asked questions.

4. ***Pledge of Allegiance, Texas Pledge, Moment of Silence, and District Mission Statement***
   Declan Elmore, 6th grade Seabrook Intermediate student led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Texas Pledge. Dr. Engle led the Board and the audience in a moment of silence. Declan assisted Dr. Engle with the District Mission, Vision, Core Values and Value Statement.

5. ***Recognitions***
   A. ***Hero in the Hallway***
      Sixth grade Seabrook Intermediate student Declan Emmons has been named a Clear Creek ISD Hero in the Hallway for his meaningful tribute on the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

Declan completed a one-mile honor run at the Seabrook Intermediate track in memory of the law enforcement officers who lost their lives that day, carrying the Freedom Flag as local law enforcement officers stood by in support. A short video was played for our audience.

Declan is a member of Running 4 Heroes, a national nonprofit organization of youth runners who honor the bravery and sacrifice of our nation's first responders by running one mile for each first responder who makes the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Declan is the only youth runner in Texas.

B. National Math Stars

CCISD has four third-grade students across the district who have been selected to join the 2026 Cohort of National Math Stars. These four elementary students represent the brightest third graders in the nation. As members of the National Math Star program, they will receive 10 years of support, including advanced math learning opportunities, mentorship and guidance, financial support, STEM enrichment experiences, and more. Our 2026 National Math Stars are:

- Brendan Snell – Bay Elementary
- Giovanni Scott – White Elementary
- Hannah Barkhausen – Campbell Elementary
- Lillian Feng – Hall Elementary

C. 2025 – 2027 National PTA School of Excellence

Clear Lake High School's PTSA has earned the designation of 2025–2027 National PTA School of Excellence, one of only 321 PTAs and schools nationwide to receive this prestigious designation. The designation recognizes a PTA who demonstrates exceptional commitment to strengthening family-school partnerships and student success. Congratulations to Ms. Raska and the Clear Lake High School Parent Teacher Student Association.

Clear Lake High School PTA Members are:

Bekky Kinsey – President
Roxan Zamora
Jana Paul
Paula Hutchins
Brenda Collura
Liza Alonzo
Janine Visentin
Lelia Sprague
Trisha Douglas

Joined by:
Candice McCormack – President of the Clear Creek Community Council of PTAs

D. Leader in Me Lighthouse Schools in CCISD

Tonight's program spotlight is on our community champions for the Leader in Me. We thought it would be appropriate to recognize the number of Leader in Me Lighthouse Schools. This designation is a result of implementing Leader in Me principles and practice with fidelity.

They are measured across three areas: teaching leadership principles, creating a leadership culture, and aligning academic systems. Lighthouse Schools serve as exemplars to their community and other schools. CCISD's Leader in Me Lighthouse Schools are:

- Armand Bayou
- Bay Elementary
- Falcon Pass Elementary
- Landolt Elementary
- Space Center Intermediate

6. ***Program Spotlight***
   A. ***CCISD: A Leader in Me District***
   Ms. Monica Giuffre, Executive Director of Elementary Education, Ms. Glencora Rodgers, Executive Director of the Clear Creek Education Foundation, Ms. Sara Konesheck, Principal at Mossman Elementary School, and two Mossman Elementary Students, presented the program to the Board and the Community. Members of the Board made comments and thanked our Community Partners for all their support.

7. ***Community Input***
   The following members of the Community addressed the Board:
   - Mr. Paul Wasserloos – Dyslexia
   - Ms. Ann Hammond – National Voter Registration Day Resolution

8. ***District Update***
   Dr. Karen Engle, Superintendent, gave a district update regarding State of the District, Learning Walks, Books Alive, and High School Musicals.

9. ***Action***
   A. ***Consent Agenda***
   Vice President moved to accept the consent agenda as presented minus items #14 & #21. The motion passed unanimously.
   1. Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
   2. Consider Approval of Human Resources Board Report
   3. Consider Acceptance of Donations
   4. Consider Acceptance of Monthly Financial Statements
   5. Consider Acceptance of the 2026 Tax Collection Report
   6. Consider Approval of Waiving or Refunding Penalty & Interest
   7. Consider Certification of 2026 Taxable Values
   8. Consider Approval of Legal Services Agreements
   9. Consider Approval of Library Materials
   10. Consider Approval of Remote Homebound Instruction Waiver
   11. Consider Approval and Appointment of Board Selected Members for the CCISD School Health Advisory Council
   12. Consider Approval of the Harris County Adjunct Faculty Agreement/Resolution Regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H
   13. Consider Approval of the Use of Capital Projects Funds for Facility Related Projects
   ~~14. Consider Approval of ILA-BuyBoard vendor Xello, Inc~~

15. Consider Approval of Increase in Authorization of Prior Year Expenditures with ILA/Choice Partners Vendor Petroleum Traders Corporation
16. Consider Approval of ILA Purchasing Cooperative Membership with The University of Texas (UT) at Austin
17. Consider Approval of a Resolution to Participate in the Harris County Precinct 2 Partnership Program
18. Consider Approval of Renewal of Contract 2023.402 Municipal Advisory Services
19. Consider Approval of Increase in Authorization of Expenditures with Contract 2024.813 Inspection and Service of Life Safety Systems
20. Consider Approval of EHDD(LOCAL) Alternative Methods for Earning Credit - College Course Work/Dual Credit - FIRST READING
21. ~~Consider Approval of Local Policy Revisions Relating to the Clear Tech Virtual Program - SECOND READING~~

14. **Consider Approval of ILA-BuyBoard vendor Xello, Inc**
Vice President Cejka pulled this item. Trustee Cejka made comments and asked questions. Ms. Kristina Ford, Director of Counseling & Student Services, answered the questions. Vice President Cejka moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the authorization of expenditures with ILA-BuyBoard vendor Xello, Inc. for a total estimated annual expenditure of $140,000 through August 31, 2027. The motion passed unanimously.

21. **Consider Approval of Local Policy Revisions Relating to the Clear Tech Virtual Program - SECOND READING**
Vice President Cejka pulled this item. Trustee Cejka made comments and asked questions. Ms. Kristina Ford, Director of Counseling & Student Services, answered the questions. Vice President Cejka moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the local policy revisions relating to Clear Tech Virtual Program – SECOND READING. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Consider Approval of Resolution to Set the 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Ms. Alice Benzaia, Chief Financial Officer, and Ms. Terri Aragon, Tax Collector, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments and asked questions. Ms. Benzaia answered the questions. Vice President Cejka moved to accent the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the Resolution to set the 2026 tax rate of $0.969. The 2026 adopted total tax rate of $0.969 consists of a maintenance & operation tax rate of $0.699 per $100 of taxable value and an interest & sinking tax rate of $0.27 per $100 of taxable value. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Consideration and Possible Approval of an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Clear Creek Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds in One or More Series; Setting Certain Parameters for the Bonds; Authorizing a Pricing Officer to Approve the Amount, the Interest Rate, Price, Including the Terms Thereof and Certain Other Procedures and Provisions Related Thereto.

Ms. Alice Benzaia, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Terrell Palmer, Post Oak Municipal Advisors, LLC, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments and asked questions. Mr. Palmer answered the questions.

Secretary Mackay moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Clear Creek Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds in One or More Series; Setting Certain Parameters for the Bonds; Authorizing a Pricing Officer to Approve the Amount, the Interest Rate, Price, Including the Terms Thereof and Certain Other Procedures and Provisions Related Thereto. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Closed Session

President Cottrell called the meeting into closed session at 7:38 p.m.
President Cottrell convened the meeting into open session at 9:21 p.m.

11. Action on Closed Session Items

A. Consider Approval of a 4M Towers Land Option & Lease Agreement

Trustee Cunningham moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve a 4M Towers Land Option and Lease Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Consider Approval of Revisions to the 2026 – 2027 Team Operating Procedures

Trustee Sanchez moved that the Board of Trustees approve the revisions to the Team Operating Procedures for 2026 – 2027 as amended in closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Adjournment

President Cottrell adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Jonathan Cottrell, Board President

Jamieson Mackay, Board Secretary

Date Approved: 10/26/24

Minutes prepared by Greta McMahon