HALLSVILLE ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows: Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice. All or part of the agenda can be considered consent.

Attendees
Mr. Jay Nelson, President
Mr. Dale Haney
Mr. Troy Crafton, Secretary
Mr. Shane Goswick
Mrs. Jen O'Pry, Trustee
Mr. Jason Ainsworth, Trustee

Absent
Mr. Matt Folmar, Trustee

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551
   The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m.

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
   The invocation was led by Jay Nelson

3. **BOBCAT PRIDE AND RECOGNITIONS**
   3.a. Maya Onofre Receives Scholarship for Art & Design - Mark Dimmitt

   3.b. Recognition of Principals - Lindsay Slaten

4. **OPEN FORUM**
   There were no requests to speak during Open Forum

5. **PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS SCHOOL FIRST RATING**
   As part of an annual requirement, a public meeting presentation was given to discuss Hallsville ISD's 2025-2026 rating earned on the State's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST), which was based on data reported in the Annual Financial Report from the 2024-2025 fiscal year. It was reported that the District earned an overall score of 85 (out of a possible 100 points), or an "Above Standard Achievement" for this reporting period. The score encompasses 21 system indicators. Details were given about the scores earned for each rating indicator, and required disclosures were made for the 2024-2025 reporting period, regarding the Superintendent contract, Superintendent and Board Member reimbursements, Superintendent outside compensation, any Executive Officer or Board Member gifts, and any business transactions between Board Members and the District.

6. **CONSENT ITEMS**

6.a. Minutes - September 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

6.b. September 2026 Balance Sheet - General Fund

6.c. September 2026 Financial Statement - General Fund

6.d. Approve Purchasing Coop Agreement with Purchasing Solutions Alliance

6.e. Out of State Travel - 4th Grade GT Students to SciPort in Shreveport, LA

6.f. Out of State Travel - West Elementary 4th Grade to SciPort in Shreveport, LA

6.g. Out of State Travel - HHS Choir to Atlanta, GA

Shane Goswick made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety as presented. Dale Haney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (6-0)

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

7.a. September 2026 Check Register Report

7.b. FMG(LOCAL) - Student Activities Travel (30-day read)

8. **ACTION ITEMS**

8.a. Consider Approval of Reimbursement for Federal Grant Services to Stride/K12 - Mary Brown

Administration requested approval to reimburse Stride/K12 $360,650.10, for Federal Grant Services. TVAH qualifies as a Title I campus, which makes them eligible for ESSA grant funding. This reimbursement is for personnel services, and the funds have been allocated and approved by TEA.

Shane Goswick made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety as presented. Dale Haney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (6-0)

8.b. Consider Approval of 2025-2026 Final Settle-Up Payment to Stride/K12 - Mary Brown

Administration requested approval to make the final 2025-2026 payment for ADA to Stride/K12. After all applicable oversight fees and reimbursements, the final payment will be in the amount of $18,341,755.13. All calculations have been validated by TEA.

Troy Crafton made a motion to make the 2025-2026 final settle-up payment to Stride/K12 as presented. Shane Goswick seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (6-0)

8.c. Consider Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Continued Wage Payments - Mary Brown

Administration requested the adoption of a resolution to continue wage and contract payments to all regular employees related to the September 21, 2026 emergency school closure due to a City of Hallsville water main leak.

Dale Haney made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing continued wage payments as presented. Jen O'Pry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (6-0)

8.d. Consider Approval of General Contractor for Covered Practice Facility - Mary Brown

Administration made a recommendation to award the contract to TCMC, Inc., as the General Contractor for the covered practice facility. The recommendation is to go with Base A and Base B. We will also go with Alt 1 within that bid, but we will not do the Alt 2 credit. The cost of this project is $6,890,000.

Troy Crafton made a motion to approve TCMC, Inc. as the General Contractor for the covered practice facility as presented. Jen O'Pry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (5-0)

NOTE: This item was tabled until after the Board met in Executive Session. Action was taken on this item after the board reconvened in Open Session. Shane Goswick was not present for this vote.

8.e. Consider Approval for "New" Full-Time Virtual Campus (launching 2027-2028) - Julie Smith

TVAH administration requested and received approval at the September meeting to start the process of a "new" full-time virtual campus to begin in the 2027-2028 school year, which is a requirement of Texas Senate Bill 569. The actual application is being presented this month, and it is a requirement of SB569 that the application be approved by the board of trustees. Once approved, the application will be sent to TEA.

Troy Crafton made a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the application for a 'new' full-time virtual campus launching in the 2027-2028 school year, and authorize the Superintendent or designees to submit the required Standard Authorization Application package to the Texas Education Agency under Texas Senate Bill 569(TEC30B). Shane Goswick seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (6-0)

8.f. Consider Approval of Upgrades to Bleachers at I-5 - Matt Tucker

Administration requested approval to upgrade the bleachers inside the I-5 gym. Reynolds Construction is the recommended vendor for the $97,000.00 project, and the funding source is the General Fund.

Dale Haney made a motion to approve the bleacher upgrades at I-5 as presented. Jen O'Pry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (6-0)

9. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

9.a. Facilities Report - Matt Tucker

9.b. Curriculum & Instruction/PD Report - Jennifer Hoskins

9.c. Transportation Report - Roy Presley

9.d. Athletics Report - Cody Farrell

9.e. Technology Report - James Burt

9.f. Special Education Report - Amy Collins

9.g. Special Programs Report - Amy Whittle

9.h. CTE Report - Kathy Gaw

9.i. TVAH Report - Julie Smith

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

10.a. District Vulnerability Assessment Full Report

The board recessed for Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 8:13 p.m.

11. **PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dale Haney made a motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Troy Crafton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (5-0) NOTE: Shane Goswick was not present for this vote

12. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

12.a. Monday, November 16, 2026 @ 6:30pm - Regular Board Meeting

13. **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

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SUPERINTENDENT