MINUTES – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAST CHAMBERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2026

Board Members Present: Scott Jones, President; Lisa Bauer, Vice President; Charlotte Edwards; Secretary (arrived at 6:40pm); Frank Abalos; Jason Gardner; Everett Guillory; Kelley Touchet

Present: 7. Absent: 0.

1. CALL TO ORDER - Welcome - Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Mr. Jones gave the welcome and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. BOARD TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT
3. STUDENT RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS
Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Klages brought math students from the junior high and presented Building Thinking Classrooms concepts by solving a problem with the board members and administrators.
4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
None.
5. REPORTS:
5.A. Information Items
5.A.1. Superintendent Reports
Mrs. Smith, Superintendent, reported on the following items after the administration reports:
Discussion of Intruder Detection Audit Summary
Enrollment
2026-2027 Student Handbook Updates
Employee Resignations
Sick Leave Pool - DEC(LOCAL)
Update Regarding MOU With Chambers County Regarding Soccer Fields
Update Regarding Agreement with Architects + Rabe For Baseball/Softball Renovations
5.A.1.a. Megan Leday, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Leday reported on District of Innovation/ District Advisory Committee, Emergency Operations Plan & Reunification Annex, Good Cause Exception, TCHATT, SHAC
5.A.1.b. Cheryl Williams, Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Williams reported on Teacher Incentive Allotment, Professional Development, LIFT Grant - Bluebonnet Learning, Testing Dates, Child Care Center
5.A.1.c. Kelsea Broomas, District Administrator of SPED
Mrs. Broomas reported on 2025-2026 East Chambers Bilingual - ESL Program Evaluations, Enrollment, Evaluations/ARD/504 Meetings, Policy Updates, Trainings, Staffing, Contracted Services
5.A.1.d. Julie McLendon, Primary Principal
Mrs. McLendon reported on Enrollment, School Events and Activities, Curriculum and Instruction
5.A.1.e. Britnie Bordelon, Elementary Principal
Mrs. Bordelone reported on Enrollment, School Events and Activities, and Ongoing Events
5.A.1.f. Justin Lezak, Junior High Principal
Mr. Lezak reported on Enrollment, Events/Activities, Ongoing Events
5.A.1.g. Matt Fowler, High School Principal
Mr. Fowler reported on Enrollment, Events/Activities, Upcoming Events, Ongoing Events
5.A.1.h. Toby Kahla, Operations Director

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Mr. Kahla reported on Architect Agreement, Emergency Operations Plan, Foster Fence, New Hires, Employee Retirement, TDA IPM Audit, Groundskeeping Contract Renewal.

5.A.1.i. Russ Sutherland, Athletic Director

Coach Sutherland reported on Football, Volleyball, Cross Country and Swim

5.A.1.j. Ryo Atha, Technology Director

Mr. Atha reported on Internet and Phone Service, Cybersecurity, Google Workspace, and AI Governance.

5.A.1.k. Marsha Peden, Child Nutrition Director

Mrs. Peden reported on Enrollment and Meals, Financials, Farm Fresh Month, and National School Lunch Week

5.A.1.l. Emily Bridgers, Director of Finance

Monthly Transactions
Check Register
Revenue/Expenditure Report
Revenue Realized: $294,600.14; Expenditures: $4,466,296.69
Depository Collateralization Report
Tax Collections
Student Activity Funds
Attorney Invoices
Investment Reports
$2,307,181.52 Texpool
$9,142,372.84 LoneStar
$329,304.83 LoneStar Debt Service Fund
$550.64 LoneStar PSF Capital Improvement

6. CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION ITEMS:

I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6.A. Consider Approval of Minutes

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6.B. Payments Over $50,000

Entergy $50,000 – Estimate
Labbatt Food Service $50,000 – Estimate

6.C. Consider 2026-2027 Budget Amendments

Current Budget Increase Decrease Amended Description
199 11 Instruction increase by $ 24,518.00 Amended Budget $ 12,771,250.00 Salary & STAAR Supplies
199 21 Instructional Leadership increased by $ 10,000.00 Amended Budget 320,682.00 Director Travel
199 41 Administration increased by $ 12,000.00 Amended Budget $ 1,197,415.00 Strategic Planning

7. CLOSED SESSION (if applicable):

The board entered into closed session at 7:03pm under Govt Code 551.087 to discuss the soccer field agreement. The board returned to open session at 7:31pm.

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.A. Consider Amendment to the East Chambers ISD District of Innovation Plan

I move to approve the amendment to the East Chambers ISD District of Innovation Plan as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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8.B. Consider Policy Updates Affecting the Following Policies:
DGBA(LOCAL) Personnel - Management Relations: Employee Complaints/Grievances
FNG(LOCAL) Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances
GF(LOCAL): Public Complaints
EFB(LOCAL): Library Materials
I move to approve the policy update affecting the following policies as presented: Consider Policy Updates Affecting the Following Policies: DGBA(LOCAL) Personnel - Management Relations: Employee Complaints/Grievances FNG(LOCAL) Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances GF(LOCAL): Public Complaints EFB(LOCAL): Library Materials. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Everett Guillory, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8.C. Consider 2026-2027 District Improvement Plan
I move to approve the 2026-2027 District Improvement Plan as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8.D. Consider Addition of Paraprofessional Position
I move to approve the addition of the paraprofessional position as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8.E. Consider Approval of SHAC Committee
I move to approve the SHAC Committee as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8.F. Consider Good Cause Exception To Facility Compliance Related to Safety and Security Due To the Availability of Funding and the Alternative Standard
I move to approve the Resolution to Declare a the Good Cause Exception for Chapter School Safety Requirements as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8.G. Consider One-Year Contract Renewal to Grant Smith Mowing, Inc. for Groundskeeping Services
I move to approve the one-year contract renewal to Grant Smith Mowing, Inc for groundskeeping services as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Everett Guillory: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

There being no further business, Mr. Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Scott Jones, President

Charlotte Edwards, Secretary

Date

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