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, October 19, 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, Michael Hancock, Chelsa Vinklarek, Chris Hinnant, Josh Magden, Candice Parsons, Bryan Jones

Others present: Misty Vasquez, Tracy Johnson, Lindsey Saunders, Dr. Ashley Marquez, Stacy Tiner, Whitney Brown, Zack Harris, Dr. Bethany Logan, Tucker Copeland, Roque Thompson, Dr. Angie Westerfield, Erin O'Rourke, Darby House, Becky Bryant, Ava Bryant, Jennifer Holmes, Damion Deary, Charlie Hines, Gideon Blaeuer, Miranda Blaeuer, Delon Howlett, Fred Howlett, Randi Jones, Simone Hornsby, Kevi Duty, Reena Fischer, Chrtistina Osborn, Ashley Gunter, Molly Gunter, Kasia Swank, Dr. Molley Ealy, Liza Rios.

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Call to Order - The Board President called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call - The Board President called the roll of members. All were present.

Student Led Pledge of Allegiance - Students from Smithville Elementary who have received the most Tiger Tokens for the month led the group in the pledge. Those students were:

- 1st Grade: Isaac Saunders,
- 2nd Grade: Smith Hornsby, Aubrey Jones
- 3rd Grade: Damoni Deary, Patton Nelson, Hallie Hinnant
- 4th Grade: Charlotte Hines, Cayson Swartz, Chancy Duty
- 5th Grade: Ashley Taylor, Greyson Osborn

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 will be honored by the campus, recognized at the school board meeting, and will receive a special yard sign to proudly display at home.

The Tiger of the Month is Donald Miles, 2nd grader in Mrs. Holmes' class.

Outstanding Students of the First Nine Weeks - Each nine weeks, the middle school and high school faculties select an outstanding student from their respective campus. Students are rated on criteria including grades, honesty, enthusiasm, cooperation with teachers and their peers, class participation and leadership.

The outstanding students for the first nine weeks from SJHS are:

- Brock Guerra, 8th Grade
- Molly Gunter, 7th Grade

The outstanding students for the first nine weeks from SHS are:

- Gideon Blaeuer, 10th Grade
- Ava Bryant, 10th Grade

National Principals Month - In October, we celebrate a special group of leaders in our school community - our school principals. These dedicated individuals play a pivotal role in shaping our students' futures and the trajectory of our education system. This month-long celebration is an opportunity to recognize and thank our principals for their unwavering dedication, exceptional leadership, and remarkable impact on student success.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing - Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas - This item was pulled from the agenda and will be included in the November regular meeting.

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

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8. Approval of Budget Amendments - Proposed amendments include the following:
   - Twelve passenger van utilizing undesignated fund balance was previously approved; however, not received prior to the end of FY 2026.
   - Brown Primary playground resurfacing project scope/quote adjustment to ensure coverage of the complete play surface.
   - Basketball goal replacement for the SHS gymnasium.
9. Approve the Acquisition of Library Materials - In accordance with Senate Bill 13, SISD provided public notice of Library Materials that the District proposes to acquire, and a 30-day public review period. The proposed library materials were approved as recommended.

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 Michael Hancock and the vote passed 7-0. Grant Gutierrez: Yea, Michael Hancock: Yea, Chris Hinnant: Yea, Bryan Jones: Yea, Josh Magden: Yea, Candice Parsons: Yea, Chelsa Vinklarek: Yea

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- Enrollment and Attendance Update – 1,841 students and 95.2% attendance at the end of the first six-weeks
- Tiger Band Advances to Area Marching Contest
- District Cross Country Meet at the McMahan Ranch and both teams advanced

Upcoming Events:

- Fields of Faith - October 21 at 6 pm
- Trunk or Treat - October 24 from 5-7 pm
- Red Ribbon Week - October 26-30
- Tigers v. Luling for First Responder and Veteran Recognition; Senior Night - October 30 at 7 pm
- Veterans Day Salute Celebration - November 11
- Tiger Theater Presents Clue - November 14 & 15
- SEF Grant Awards - November 16
- November Regular Meeting - November 16
- Team of 8 Training - December 7 at 5:30 pm
- SEF Scramble FORE! Education Tournament - February 25

Discussion Regarding the 2026 TASB Delegate Assembly and the 90th Texas Legislative Session - Superintendent, Dr. Molley Ealy and Board President, Grant Gutierrez, shared with the Board highlights, state and education issues, information from the 90th Legislative Session,

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Delegate Assembly and 2027 TASA Legislative Priorities from their recent attendance to TASA/TASB's txEDCON.

Receive an Update the SISD Strategic Plan Priority 2 : Staff Satisfaction & Engagement – The Board of Trustees received an update from Dr. Ashley Marquez, Human Resources Director, on the Smithville ISD Strategic Plan. This month's update focused on Priority 2: Staff Satisfaction & Engagement.

Annual Report on the Bilingual/ESL Education Program - In accordance with Texas Administrative Code §89.1265, each year districts must provide a presentation of their Bilingual/ESL program evaluation to the school board. Whitney Brown, Student Services Coordinator, reported to the Board as required.

Discussion Regarding Board Policy EIC (LEGAL) and (LOCAL) – The Board received a report on Board Policy EIC (Legal) and (Local) by Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Bethany Logan. Suggested revisions to ensure alignment with current practices and the Course Description Guide were reviewed.

Tentative Future Board Agenda Items

- Board Recognitions
- Financial Reports
- Priority 3 of the SISD Strategic Plan
- Board Policy EIC (LOCAL)
- Approval of New Courses for 2027-2028
- 2026 Bastrop County Tax Levy Report
- 2025-2026 Annual Financial Audit
- 2027-2028 Instructional Calendar Development
- Legislative Priorities for the 90th Texas Legislative Session
- Superintendent's Evaluation
- Personnel

Adjournment – Mr. Gutierrez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on Tuesday, September 13, 2026.

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