



East Chambers Independent School District

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MINUTES-BOARD OF TRUSTEES EAST CHAMBERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the East Chambers Independent School District was held on **Monday, March 16, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.** in the East Chambers ISD Board Room, 216 Champions Loop, Winnie, TX 77665.

The meeting was called to order at **6:00 P.M.** by Scott Jones, President. Mr. Jones gave the welcome and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Scott Jones, President; Lisa Bauer, Vice President; Charlotte Edwards, Secretary; Frank Abalos; Jason Gardner; Kelley Touchet

Members absent: Everett Guillory

Administrators present: Andrea Smith, Superintendent; Cheryl Williams, Curriculum Director; Megan Leday, Primary Principal; Britnie Bordelon, Elementary Principal; Kelsea Broomas, Junior High Principal; Justin Lezak, High School Principal; Toby Kahla, Operations Director; Mitchell Long, Technology Director; Gena Albrecht, Business Manager; Russ Sutherland, Athletic Director; Marsha Peden, Child Nutrition Director

Audience/Visitors: Christy Ridgaway; Paula Richard; Jayda Leday; TW Leday; Wade Thibodeaux; Lena Leday; Macey Richard; Jake Leday; Larry Richard

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

Superintendent Reports:

Andrea Smith, Superintendent: Mrs. Smith reported on the following information items listed after administration reports: Discussion of Intruder Detection Audit Summary; Enrollment; Employee Resignations; Region 5 Education Service Center Election Cancellation

Administration Reports:

Cheryl Williams, Curriculum & Instruction: Mrs. Williams reported on Teacher Incentive Allotment, LIFT Grant, Secondary Math Curriculum, Child Care Center, and State Assessments.

Megan Leday, Primary Principal: Mrs. Leday reported on Enrollment, TELPAS, Read Across America Week, TTESS, Attendance Incentive, and Upcoming Events.

Britnie Bordelon, Elementary Principal: Mrs. Bordelon reported on Enrollment, Stuco, Maintenance Appreciation Day, Spring Class Parties, Book Buddies, Field Trip, Career Day, Chicken Club, YPS, Ongoing and Upcoming Events.

Kelsea Broomas, Junior High Principal: Mrs. Broomas reported on Enrollment, Cheer Tryouts, Financial Literacy Program, STAAR, House Competition, SRO Day, March Reading Challenge, UIL, Math Curriculum, TELPAS, LifeShare, Buccaneer Buzz, Bucs Live, and Green Gazette, Ongoing and Upcoming Weeks.

Justin Lezak, High School Principal: Mr. Lezak reported Enrollment, District OAP, Beat the Bell, Teacher Training, Conscious Discipline, Curriculum Review, UIL, Drill Team Competition, and Upcoming Events.

Toby Kahla, Operations Director: Mr. Kahla reported on Foster Fence Stadium and Additional Safety Fencing Update, Baseball/Softball Ticket Window, Signage, Drainage, Lighting Replacement, Ag Barn Repairs, Safety Audit, Elementary Lighting Controls.

Russ Sutherland, Athletic Director: Coach Sutherland reported on Basketball, Soccer, Powerlifting, Golf, Tennis, Baseball, Softball, Track, Off-Season Workouts, and Cheer Tryouts.

Mitchell Long, Technology Director: Mr. Long reported on Network Configuration, Backup Internet Provider, Chromebooks, and Ipads.

Marsha Peden, Child Nutrition Director: Mrs. Peden reported on February Enrollment and Meals Served, February Income, and Food Show/Tasting at Elementary.

Cindy Bull, Special Programs Director: Mrs. Bull submitted a written report reviewing the HB2 Special Education Performance Requirement.

2025-2026 PreK - 3rd graders data from Fall 2025 MAPS testing:

- Total Special Education students 108
- 59% passed both Math and/or Reading Readiness

2025-2026 4th - 12th graders data from Spring 2025 STAAR/EOC results:

- Total Special Education students 144
- 40% passed all their STAAR/EOC tests

CCMR 2025-2026 Special Education graduating seniors:

- 5 Special Education seniors:
- 2 will graduate with an Education Aide Certification
- 1 will graduate with Dual Credit Cosmetology
- 1 will graduate with a Welding Certification
- 1 will graduate with Work Ready skills

All CCMR points earned

HB2 Funding for Initial Evaluations

East Chambers will receive a \$1,000 per initial Special Education evaluation. 2025-2026 Summary of Finance includes an estimate of \$58,000 for 58 evaluations. TEA has not finalized their numbers, but based on 2024-2025 Initial evaluations, East Chambers is expecting that number to be adjusted to 62 evaluations/\$62,000.

Gena Albrecht, Business Manager:

Finance Reports:

Monthly Transactions Revenue Realized: \$3,669,520.87; Expenditures: \$2,040,158.00;

Check Register

Revenue/Expenditure Report

Depository Collateralization Report

Tax Collections

Student Activity Funds

Attorney Invoices

Investments:

\$ 2,258,151.47 Texpool

\$ 12,043,553.78 TASB Lonestar

\$ 453,743.36 TASB Lonestar Debt Service Fund

\$ 540.64 TASB Lonestar PSF Capital Improvement

CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION ITEM:

The consent agenda is presented as a single item on the agenda. Any board member may ask for a specific item to be removed from the consent agenda if they want further discussion. That item will then be placed on the regular agenda for consideration. After any requested removals, the remaining consent agenda is approved with one motion, one second, and one vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting

B. Authorization to Use Aerial and Ground Application Methods for Mosquito Control

C. Payments Over \$50,000:

Entergy - \$50,000 (estimate)

Labatt - \$50,000 (estimate)

D. Consider 2025-2026 Budget Amendments:

199/31/Guidance/Evaluation increased by \$20,000 Amended Budget \$630,515

Approved as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed.

Everett Guillory: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Scott Jones:

Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

ENTER CLOSED SESSION:

The Board entered into a closed meeting at 6:26 P.M. under §551.074 Personnel for personnel matters including hiring the Assistant Superintendent and contract renewals. The Board ended its closed meeting at 7:09 P.M.

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Hiring Assistant Superintendent: Move to approve Megan Leday to a 1 year probationary administrator contract as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Everett Guillory: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Consider Renewal of Professional Employee Contracts: as presented. Lists are attached. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Everett Guillory: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Consider Renewal of Teacher Contracts: as presented. Lists are attached. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Everett Guillory: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Consider Updated Board Goals and Corresponding District/Campus Improvement Plan Adjustments: As presented with correction of percentages in goals and CIP and DIP corresponding updates. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Everett Guillory: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Consider Updated 2025-2026 Stipend Schedule: as presented. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jason Gardner, Passed. Everett Guillory: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Consider Best Method That Provides Best Value For Purchase and Installation of Football Stadium Turf: Move to approve cooperative purchasing as the best method that provides the best value for purchase and installation of football stadium turf. This motion, made by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Charlotte Edwards, Passed. Everett Guillory: Absent, Frank Abalos: Yea, Lisa Bauer: Yea, Charlotte Edwards: Yea, Jason Gardner: Yea, Scott Jones: Yea, Kelley Touchet: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

There being no further business, Mr. Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Scott Jones, President

Charlotte Edwards, Secretary

Date