

Huntsville ISD Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 2026 6:00 PM Central

Hawkins Administration Building
441 FM 2821 East
Huntsville, TX 77320-9223

Amanda Burris: Present
John Hendricks: Present
Ken Holland: Present
Sherry Odom: Present
Rissie Owens: Present
Cathy Schweitzer: Present
Tracy Stoudt: Absent
Present: 6, Absent: 1.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

I.A. Announcement by the President as to the presence of a quorum

I.B. Certification that public notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the provision of Section 551.002 et. seq. of the Texas Government Code

II. OPENING EXERCISES

II.A. Invocation - John Hendricks

II.B. Pledges

III. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS-Any Board member may make a comment during this portion of the agenda, without prior posting being required. Comment items may not pertain to the character of any students, staff or Board member and may not be discussed or deliberated upon at this meeting.

Board Comments

First, thank you John for your invocation. Each month as we open up our board meetings with prayer, I am encouraged by each member who voices their petitions to God and I am grateful to serve with faithful members of our community and allow God to lead us.

Thank all of you for that!

Before we move into our individual comments, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the significance of tonight.

This is our new superintendent's first regular meeting with the Huntsville ISD Board of Trustees. Transitions in leadership are always significant—not because our mission changes, but because they remind us that leadership itself is temporary. Each of us who serves—whether as a trustee, superintendent, educator, or staff member—is simply a steward for a season. Our hope should always be that when our season is over, the district is stronger because we were here.

As we have just celebrated America's 250th birthday, I've found myself reflecting on what an extraordinary privilege it is to participate in local self-government. Two hundred and fifty years ago, our founders placed their faith in the idea that ordinary citizens could govern with integrity, wisdom, and a commitment to the common good. Every time this Board gathers, we're reminded that those ideals are still alive.

There are not many places where neighbors are elected by their neighbors to oversee something as important as the education of the next generation. That is both a tremendous honor and a profound responsibility.

The decisions we make are rarely just about budgets, policies, or buildings. They're about children. They're about teachers. They're about families. They're about the kind of community we want Huntsville to be for decades to come.

Mr. Fanning, welcome. We are grateful you've accepted the opportunity to lead this district. I know this Board is committed to working with you in a spirit of trust, respect, and shared purpose. We won't always agree on every issue—that's part of healthy governance—but I believe we are united in our commitment to do what's best for the students of Huntsville ISD.

As we begin this new chapter together, my prayer is that we will steward this opportunity well. Years from now, no one will remember every vote we cast or every agenda item we considered. But they will live with the results of the decisions we make. May we lead with humility, courage, and a constant focus on serving others.

Thank you.

Cathy Schweitzer - Thank you to community for showing up on Tuesday!

Rissie Owens - Glad that you are here it has been a pleasure.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING

IV.A. The Superintendent will provide information regarding district events and items of community interest.

Superintendent Report - July 2026 Regular BOT Meeting

Good evening, President, Trustees, staff, community members, and guests.

It is an honor to welcome everyone to tonight's July Board meeting. As we continue preparing for another outstanding school year, I want to begin by recognizing the incredible work already taking place across Huntsville ISD.

First, I would like to congratulate our Huntsville Hornet Football Team for qualifying and competing in the State 7-on-7 Tournament on June 26 and 27, this is the first time in school history our football program has achieved this milestone. This accomplishment reflects the dedication of our student-athletes, coaches, and everyone who supports our athletic programs. Congratulations on representing Huntsville ISD with excellence.

As we look ahead, our fall athletic seasons are quickly approaching.

- **Hornet Volleyball begins tryouts on August 1 and August 3 and will host its first home scrimmage on August 7.**
- **Cross Country, Tennis, and Golf officially begin their seasons on August 3.**
- **Freshman Football begins practice on August 3, with scrimmages against College Station High School and Lufkin before opening the season.**
- **Our JV and Varsity Football teams report on August 10, scrimmage at Lufkin on August 21,**
- **Their regular season will begin at Brenham on August 28, and return home for our home opener against A&M Consolidated on September 4.**

These events remind us that athletics, along with academics and fine arts, play an important role in developing leadership, teamwork, discipline, and school pride.

I also want to recognize the tremendous work taking place across our district as we prepare for the opening of school.

A special thank you goes to our Teaching and Learning Department for coordinating and leading an outstanding three-day Leadership Retreat. The retreat brought together our campus and district leaders to collaborate, learn, and prepare for a successful school year. It was evident throughout the three days that Huntsville ISD is committed to continuous improvement and student success.

I also want to thank our executive leadership team, every department that presented, and our valued partners from Region 6 Education Service Center, along with all of the guest presenters who shared their expertise and invested in our leadership team. Your knowledge, collaboration, and support have helped lay a strong foundation as we begin this school year together.

As we count down to the first day of school, I also want to recognize every employee across Huntsville ISD. Whether preparing classrooms, maintaining our facilities, servicing buses, planning nutritious meals, updating technology, organizing campuses, or supporting district operations, every department plays an essential role in ensuring our students have the very best learning environment possible. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to serving our students and families. Our focus for this year is centered on Attendance, Academics and Accountability.

On a personal note, I want to say how honored and excited I am to be serving as the Superintendent of Huntsville ISD. While this is my first official Board meeting, these first few weeks have been incredibly rewarding. I have made it a priority to get out into

the community, attend district events, visit summer school, meet with staff, and connect with as many people as possible. Everywhere I have gone, I have experienced tremendous hospitality, pride, and a genuine commitment to students. It has been inspiring to witness firsthand the strong culture that already exists in Huntsville ISD.

I would especially like to thank Angela Ligon, our Communications Department, and everyone who helped organize last Tuesday's Meet and Greet. The event was a wonderful opportunity to begin building relationships with our staff, families, and community members. Thank you for your hard work, thoughtful planning, and the warm welcome that my family and I have received.

As I begin this new chapter, I am excited about the opportunities ahead. I look forward to working alongside our Board of Trustees, our exceptional employees, our students, families, and the Huntsville community as we continue building upon the outstanding tradition of excellence that defines Huntsville ISD. Together, I know we will accomplish great things for the students of Huntsville ISD.

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Athletics:

Huntsville Football 7 on 7 qualified and participated in the State 7 on 7 tournament Friday June 26th and Saturday June 27th for the first time in school history

UIL Seasons Begin:

Huntsville Hornet Volleyball begins tryouts on Saturday August 1st and Monday August 3rd. Hornet Volleyball will host the first 2026 scrimmage at home on Friday August 7th

Huntsville Cross Country, Tennis and Golf seasons will begin Monday August 3rd.

Huntsville Freshman Football practice will begin Monday August 3rd (they start a week before the JV/Varsity because we elected to do Spring Football in May). Freshman Football will have two scrimmages. The first scrimmage, we will host College Station High School on Friday August 14th. The second scrimmage will be in Lufkin on Friday August 21st.

Huntsville JV/Varsity Football practice will begin on Monday August 10th. Their first scrimmage will be at Lufkin on Friday August 21st. We open the season at Brenham on Friday August 28th. Our home opener will be the following Friday, September 4th, against A&M Consolidated. Homecoming will be Friday September 25th as we open up district play with Spring Woods High School.

V. MONTHLY DIGITAL REPORT produced by Matthew Lahey

Focusing on 2026 Leadership retreat

VI. BRIEF RECESS

None taken

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII.A. Agenda Items

VII.B. Non-Agenda items

VIII. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

VIII.A. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda. This motion, made by Amanda Burris and seconded by John Hendricks, Passed.

Tracy Stoudt: Absent, Amanda Burris: Yea, John Hendricks: Yea, Ken Holland: Yea, Sherry

Odom: Yea, Rissie Owens: Yea, Cathy Schweitzer: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII.A.1. Consider Board approval of minutes

VIII.A.2. Consider Board approval of monthly financials

VIII.A.3. Consider Board approval of Clements Field House Reroof Project

VIII.A.4. Consider Board approval of MPMS Upper Roof Project

VIII.A.5. Consider Board approval of TASB Energy Cooperative Interlocal Agreement Resolution # 26-16

VIII.A.6. Consider Board approval of Scinary Cybersecurity Suite Renewal purchase

VIII.A.7. Consider Board approval of iCEV renewal for 26-27 school year

VIII.A.8. Consider Board approval of Joint Election Agreement 2026- Distributed at table

VIII.A.9. Consider Board approval of Order for School Board of Trustees Election on November 3, 2026

VIII.A.10. Consider Board approval of TASB renewal of Workers' Compensation deductible for all employees of the District- To be distributed at table

VIII.A.11. Consider Board approval of the Principal Coaching & Mentoring Program

VIII.A.12. Consider Board approval of bid acceptance for:

VIII.A.12.a. Career Tech Supplies

VIII.A.12.b. Music Supplies and Instruments

VIII.A.12.c. Awards, Rewards, Incentives and Spirit Items

VIII.A.12.d. Athletic/PE Supplies & Equipment

VIII.A.13. Consider Board approval of the 2026-2027 Employee Handbook-to be distributed at table

VIII.A.14. Consider Board approval of Budget Amendment #7

VIII.A.15. Consider Board approval of the 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook

VIII.A.16. Consider Board Approval of amendment to 2026-2027 Compensation Plan-to be distributed at table

VIII.B. Consider and approve 2026 Delegate Assembly delegate and alternate to serve as district's representative

Board unanimously voted for John Hendricks as delegate and Cathy Schweitzer as the alternate.

IX. REPORT/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

IX.A. House Bill 3 Progress Towards Board Approval Goals Update
Presenter: Mrs. Amy Turner

X. NEXT MEETING NOTICE

X.A. Regular Budget Workshop- August 6, 2026 6:00 PM

X.B. Regular Board of Trustee Meeting- August 20, 2026 6:00 PM

XI. CLOSED SESSION: Entered closed session at 6:29 PM

Closed session may be held for the purposes permitted in Section 551, sub-chapter D et. seq. of the Texas Government Code.

Section 551.071 For the purpose of a private consultation between the Board of Trustees and its attorney when the Board of Trustees seeks the attorney's advice with respect to pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and matters where the duty of the Board of Trustees' counsel to his client pursuant to the Code of Professional Responsibility of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meeting Act.

Section 551.072 For the purpose of discussion with respect to the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect of the position of the Board of Trustees in negotiations with a third person.

Section 551.073 For the purpose of deliberation regarding prospective gifts or to deliberate a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the Board of Trustees or the

school district, if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the Board of Trustees in negotiations with a third person.

Section 551.074 For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee, unless such officer or employee requests a public hearing.

Section 551.075 To confer with an employee or employees where the conference is for the sole purpose of receiving information from the employee(s) or questioning of public business shall take place between the Trustees during the conference.

Section 551.076 To discuss the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices.

Section 551.082 For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child or children or to hear a complaint by an employee against another employee if the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing.

Section 551.0821 For the purpose of considering a matter regarding a student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation.

Section 551.084 For the purpose of excluding witness or witnesses from a hearing during examination of another witness.

Section 39.030 For the purpose of discussing academic skills assessment instruments and individual assessment instruments.

XI.A. Personnel (551.074): for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.

XI.B. Conduct Level III Hearing and Deliberation for Level III Parent Grievance pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 551.074, §551.082, §551.0821. Reconvened from closed session 7:23 PM, and Hearing called to order. Hearing closed and entered closed session at 7:34 PM.

XI.B.1. For the purpose of conducting a Level III Parent/Student complaint

XI.B.2. Consultation with legal counsel regarding Level III Parent Grievance Hearing and related matters, and any other subject matter as permitted by law, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071, §55.129, §551.0821.

XI.C. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION at 7:53 PM

XI.D. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

XI.D.1. Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board about any matter considered in such a closed or executive session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

XI.D.1.a. Consider and take possible action on Level III Hearing for Parent Grievance or

XI.D.1.b. at a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon Notice thereof, as the Board shall determine

Motion to uphold and adopt the Level II decision was made by Sherry Odom and Second by Amanda Burris. Vote passed unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Motion to adjourn consent agenda. This motion, made by John Hendricks and seconded by Amanda Burris, Passed.

Tracy Stoudt: Absent, Amanda Burris: Yea, John Hendricks: Yea, Ken Holland: Yea, Sherry Odom: Yea, Rissie Owens: Yea, Cathy Schweitzer: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Ken Holland, Board President

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