

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Klein Independent School District**



A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Klein Independent School District was held Monday, May 11, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Klein ISD Multipurpose Center, 7500 FM 2920, Klein, Texas 77379.

In accordance with the attached agenda, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Doug James, President at 6:00 p.m. Other trustees representing the quorum were: Mr. Dustin Qualls, Vice President; Ms. Nicole Peters, Secretary; Ms. Cathy M. Arellano; Mr. Dustin Creager arrived at 6:04 pm; Mr. Rob Ellis; and Ms. Denise Morrison.	DECLARATION OF QUORUM
Three (3) speakers registered for public comment on non-agenda items: Nikki Kinchen (was not present), Michelle Kroemer, and Daniel Kroemer.	PUBLIC COMMENT
The Trustees adjourned into executive session at 6:06 p.m., as authorized by the <i>Texas Government Code</i> in accordance with sections 551.071 private consultation with the Board's attorney; 551.072 discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property; 551.074 deliberation regarding appointment, employment, duties, evaluation of employees/public officials including board governance, superintendent's contract and evaluation, and including central office administration; 551.076 and 551.0761 discussing security personnel, devices, district-wide intruder detection audit report findings, and cybersecurity; 551.082 discussing disciplinary matters or complaints regarding school children and/or school district employees; 551.0821 discussing personally identifiable information about public school students; and 551.087 deliberation regarding economic development negotiations.	CLOSED SESSION
The meeting of the Board of Trustees was reconvened in public at 6:45 p.m., with the following trustees present: Mr. Doug James; Mr. Dustin Qualls; Ms. Nicole Peters; Ms. Cathy M. Arellano; Mr. Dustin Creager; Mr. Rob Ellis; and Ms. Denise Morrison.	TRUSTEES PRESENT
School officials present included: Dr. Jenny McGown, Superintendent; Ms. Christina Cole, Chief of Staff; Dr. Bob Anderson, Chief of Human Resource Services; Dr. Brian Greeney, Chief of Schools; Dr. Anthony Indelicato, Chief Academic Officer; Chief Marlon Runnels, Klein ISD Police Department; Mr. Dan Schaefer, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. August Wunderlich, Chief of Operations; and Ms. Ellen Spalding, Attorney.	OFFICIALS PRESENT
Mr. Ellis led the invocation, and Ms. Arellano led the audience in the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.	INVOCATION and PLEDGE
Ms. Christina Cole, Chief of Staff, introduced Ms. Leslie Kompelien, Director for the Texas Promise Academy, who provided an update on the new program.	REPORT Texas Promise Academy

Mr. Dan Schaefer, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the 2026 - 2027 budget.

REPORT
2026-2027 Budget
Update

Mr. Schaefer introduced the following members of the purchasing team: Felicia Ford; Kimberly White; Deaundrea Davis; Octavia Johnson; Kayla Kilbourn; Robert Barragan; and Gail Hansen. The team was recognized for receiving the TASBO Award of Merit for Purchasing Operations.

RECOGNITION OF
RESULTS
TASBO Award

Ms. Christy Spisak, Director of Community Relations and the Klein Education Foundation, reported that \$92,781 in Spring 2026 grants were awarded to Klein ISD classrooms.

REPORT
2026 KEF Spring
Grants

Ms. Deborah Bronner-Westerduin, Director of Career and Technical Education (CTE), recognized Klein ISD students who placed first or second at the highest level of state competition across various CTE pathways:

RECOGNITION OF
RESULTS
CTE State Winners

Texas Public Safety Association (TPSA) State Competition
Klein High School

Jeena Cooper, Madison Hall, Emma Sherlock, Jenna Barthelemy, Sophia Leckie, April Lara, Leslie Perez, Matias Loyo, Austin Brooks, Brianna Alanis, Caleb Hannah, Cadence Arseneau, and Melinda Ramirez.
Instructors: Ishmael Flores and Kira Newsom Hassler

Skills USA – Geospatial Engineering & Land Surveying
Klein Collins High School
Abraham Castillo, Jack Hedrick, and Tristan Kaylor.
Instructor: Jennifer High

Technology Student Association (TSA) Competitors
Klein High School
Jenny La
Instructor: Karen Machicek

Klein Oak High School:
Kazuki Bunnelle, Nathan Jimenez, Michael Colarte, Alik Maredia, Cadyn Noriega, Syed Zain, Varune Ramoutar, Katarina Coraza, and Janice Winston
Instructors: Daniel Mackey, Jeff McGee, and Brad Threadgill

Klein Collins High School:
Jayden Leday
Instructor: Jennifer High

Mr. Frank Chuter, Director of Fine Arts, recognized that for the 15th year in a row and for the 19th time in history, Klein ISD was named as one of the 2026 Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation.

RECOGNITION OF
RESULTS
Music Education

Mr. Chuter thanked the following Klein ISD arts educators for elevating the district's success in music: Jesse Espinosa, Klein Forest High School Band Director and High School Band Facilitator; Tanner Ledford, Klein Oak High School Orchestra Director and High School Orchestra Facilitator; Austin Dean, Klein Cain High School Choir Director and High School Choir Facilitator; Stephen Cook, Krimmel Intermediate Assistant Orchestra Director and

Intermediate Orchestra Facilitator; Keagan Fenton, Klein Intermediate Choir Director and Intermediate Choir Facilitator; Daniel Ferriera, Klein Intermediate Band Director and Intermediate Band Facilitator, and Chelsea Washek-Gauken, Eiland Elementary Music Teacher and Elementary Music Facilitator.

Mr. Chuter recognized the Klein Collins High School Woodwind and Percussion programs for their national achievements.

The Wind Ensemble was recognized for their selection to perform at the Music For All Festival in Indianapolis on March 26.

The Indoor Concert Percussion Ensemble was recognized for earning first place at the WGI World Championships.

Students recognized included: Nathan Alvarado, Delia Barker, Carmendy Beam, Aisha Boutte, Kylee Brady, Ricky Brandenburg, Natalie Cao, Abraham Castillo, Jalene Chan, Isaac Cook, Nathan Cowan, Leighton Crank, Cynthia Cruz, Laila George, Geovany Guarcas, Jack Hedrick, Alex Hoenie, Addison Huerta, Travis Hutchison, Isaiah Israel, Brent Jahn, Alexander Jones, Noah Jones, Tristan Kaylor, Jakob Kokes, Rhiane Marshall, Braden Martin, Ty Matangkasombut, William McCauley, Yesli Melgar, Victoria Mills, Christian Obando, Caleb Pardo, Abraham Paredes, Danna Paulette, Charlotte Phillips, Joel Phillips, Jaiden Rasgado-Vasquez, Michael Rodriguez, Noah Rodriguez, Ben Sachnik, Matthew Seifert, Fernando Sepulveda, Caleb Sharp, Madison Sharp, Rylan Simmons, Stella Toch, Mia Trujillo, Abigail Urban-Garcia, Aiden Vargas, Shawn Vaz, Mylah Washington, Ricky Brandenburg, William Carr, Leighton Crank, Tristan Dunaway, Lorelei Fowler, Jordyn Gibson, Savannah Ha, Kamila Hernandez, Travis Hutchison, Victor Moreau, Kira Noel, Diego Pedraza, Lily Petro, Benjamin Powers, Ryu Ramirez, Kiera Rucker, Isaiah Shea, Zachary Shimp, Alicia Silva Causley, Santana Smith, Abigail Snyder, Emilio Valdez, Jude Vasquez.

Instructors recognized included: Ms. Alexa Thibodeaux, Head Band Director; Ms. Jessica Zetterberg, Assistant Band Director; and Mr. Eddie Hernandez, Percussion Director.

Mr. Brandon Baker, Executive Director of Athletics, recognized the 2025–2026 Klein Cain High School Boys Soccer Team for their athletic achievement of winning the UIL Class 6A Division State Championship for the second year in a row.

Mr. Baker recognized Alia Baker from Klein Cain High School for winning the 2nd Place at the State UIL Wrestling Meet in the 110-lb weight class.

Mr. Baker recognized 17 Klein ISD elite student-athletes and their coaches. The students achieved Elite Academic All-State recognition from the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) in Football, Golf, Soccer, Swim/Dive, Tennis, Track, and Wrestling.

From Klein High School

RECOGNITION OF
RESULTS
Klein Collins Arts

RECOGNITION OF
RESULTS
State Champion
Soccer

RECOGNITION OF
RESULTS
Wrestling-Silver
Medalist

RECOGNITION OF
RESULTS
THSCA Elite Athletes

Swim and Dive: Madeleine Bender, Zachary Brewer, Dylan Voyles and Head Coach Jim Svoboda
Boys Track: Michael Theobald and Head Coach Keshawn Hill
Tennis: William Toronto and Head Coach Adam Cocke

From Klein Oak High School
Swim and Dive: Lauren Schueder and Head Coach Gayle Gregory

From Klein Collins High School
Boys Track: Andrew Jones, Dylan Yarbrough and Head Coach John Patterson
Tennis: Noah Nguyen, Ana-Nicole Toaca and Head Coach Travis Bridges
Wrestling: Abigail Taylor and Head Coach Kenny Rucker

From Klein Cain High School
Swim and Dive: Luke Heiman, Jack White and Head Coach Tate Conrad
Boys Track: Ezekiel Thayne and Head Coach Shay Collett
Tennis: Cooper Reid and Head Coach Austin Smith
Football: Stephen Pipkin and Head Coach James Clancy
Boys Soccer: Parker Glenn and Head Coach Jerson Carrasco

No Scouts were present at the meeting.

The Trustees took an intermission at 7:58 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

A motion to approve the contractor for the 2026 Districtwide Safety and Security Enhancements Project was made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Arellano, and carried unanimously by a vote of seven (7) for, and none (0) opposed.

A motion to approve the cost reconciliation for the 2025 Safety, Security, and Life-Cycle Project was made by Mr. Creager, seconded by Ms. Peters, and carried unanimously by a vote of seven (7) for, and none (0) opposed.

First Reading of Proposed Modifications to Local Board Policy CFB was conducted.

A motion to approve the 2026-2027 District Annual Improvement Goals was made by Mr. Creager, seconded by Mr. Qualls, and carried unanimously by a vote of seven (7) and none (0) opposed.

A motion to approve scheduling a public meeting to discuss the 2026-2027 proposed budget was made by Ms. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Ellis, and carried unanimously by a vote of seven (7) and none (0) opposed.

A motion to approve continuing the current life cycle bus replacement schedule to ensure future compliance with Senate Bill 546 was made by Ms. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Peters, and carried unanimously by a vote of seven (7) for and none (0) opposed.

SCOUT VISITORS

INTERMISSION

SAFETY AND
SECURITY
PROJECTS

SAFETY AND
SECURITY
PROJECTS

BOARD POLICY
First Reading CFB
(Local)

DISTRICT GOALS
2026-2027

PROPOSED
BUDGET
Schedule a Public
Meeting

SB 546

A motion to adopt the hearing officer's recommendation as presented in the student matter A.R. (Hildebrandt Intermediate) was made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Arellano, and carried unanimously by a vote of seven (7) and none (0) opposed.

HEARING OFFICER
RECOMMENDATION
(A.R.- Hildebrandt)

A motion that the Board terminate the probationary contracts of Oneida Gage, Sandra Stock, India Mitchell-Davis, and Tania Waye at the end of the 2025-2026 contract term in the best interests of the District and further move that the Board authorize the Superintendent or her designee to provide notice of this action to each employee named was made by Mr. Creager, seconded by Ms. Morrison, and carried unanimously by a vote of seven (7) for and none (0) opposed.

EMPLOYEE
CONTRACTS
Probationary

A motion that the Board propose the nonrenewal of the term contract of Bennett Rowe at the end of the 2025-2026 contract term for the reasons as stated in Board Policy DFBB (Local), any hearing be designated as a hearing before a Board appointed attorney hearing officer, and that the Superintendent or her designee provide the employee notice of this action was made by Mr. Creager, seconded by Ms. Peters, and carried unanimously by a vote of seven (7) for and none (0) opposed.

EMPLOYEE
CONTRACTS
Term

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

ITEMS REMOVED
FROM CONSENT
CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda as set forth below was approved by consensus:

- A. Consideration and Request for Approval for Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials
- B. Consideration and Request for Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 13, 2026 and the Budget Workshop on April 20, 2026

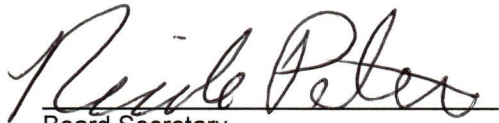
Comments from the Trustees and Superintendent included: celebration of the student achievements, including state and national recognitions and historic district and student successes; commendation for the dedication of educators and staff in fostering student success; praise for the launch of the Texas Promise Academy (TPA) as an innovative initiative offering new educational pathways across Texas; acknowledgement of strong community support and fundraising for the Klein Education Foundation; appreciation for business partnerships and their contributions to students in the classrooms; gratitude for Klein ISD heritage and traditions, such as German Fest; continued appreciation for Dr. McGown's leadership and success; and recognition of decisive Board actions, including support and funding for the 2022 Bond Program and safety and security projects and initiatives.

COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. James at 8:27 p.m. with no objection.

ADJOURNMENT


Board President


Board Secretary