

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, March 24, 2025
The Board of Trustees
SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT was held on **March 24, 2025**, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Wayne F. Schaper, Sr. Leadership Center, Board Room, 955 Campbell Rd, Houston, TX 77024, with the following Board Members present: Lisa Andrews Alpe, Courtney Anderson, Caroline H. Bennett, Chris Earnest, Shannon Mahan, John Perez, and David Slattery.

Board Vice President Courtney Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, noting that President Lisa Andrews Alpe and Trustee Chris Earnest had not yet arrived and confirmed that a quorum of Board Members was present.

President Alpe joined the meeting during Special Presentations at 6:19 PM, and Trustee Earnest joined at 6:42 PM.

Vice President Anderson certified that the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.041, had been complied with in connection with public notice of the meeting.

1. **Pledge: Secretary Shannon Mahan**
2. **Opening Prayer - Vice President Courtney Anderson**
3. **Opening Remarks by the Superintendent**
Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Blaine started by congratulating the students and staff being honored. She then spoke about legislative matters related to public education funding, the 2025 Athletics and Arts Bond, and the success of SBISD, highlighting the outstanding work of the teachers.
4. **Public Comment on Special Presentations**
No one signed up to speak.
5. **Special Presentations**
 - A. Sights and Sounds Around Spring Branch ISD
A short video highlighting great things happening around SBISD was played.
 - B. Recognition of SBISD Trustees by Harris County Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey
Debbie Dillard, representing Commissioner Tom Ramsey's office joined the meeting to share words of appreciation and present a certificate of appreciation to the Board.

C. Recognition of SBISD CTE District of Distinction Award

CTE Director Christina Rice Imumwen and her team were recognized for their role in nearly tripling Industry-Based Certifications over the past five years. SBISD was named with CTE 2025 District of Distinction for its leadership in workforce development.

D. Recognition of Wilchester Elementary and Westchester Academy Outstanding Ranking by Children at Risk

Wilchester Elementary and Westchester Academy for International Studies were recognized by Children at Risk, ranking in the top five in their respective categories based on STAAR scores, student growth, and other factors. Principals Liz Goodman and Valerie Hernandez, along with their teams, were congratulated for this achievement.

E. Recognition of All-State Choir, All-State Orchestra, and All-State Band Students

The students who earned placements in the Texas All-State Band, Orchestra, and Choir, the highest achievement for high school musicians, were recognized.

F. Recognition of SBISD Texas Theatre Scholar Distinction Award Winners

The students were recognized for earning the Texas Theatre Scholar Distinction Award from Texas Thespians, honoring their high academic success and excellence in both coursework and theatre.

G. Recognition of SBISD Procurement Services for TASBO Award

SBISD Procurement Services was recognized for earning the TASBO Purchasing Award of Merit for the 13th consecutive year, honoring their commitment to the highest standards in procurement.

H. Recognition of Chief Larry Baimbridge and SBISD Police as 2024 Dr. Rod Paige School Safety Award Winner

SBISD Police Chief Larry Baimbridge and the SBISD Police Department received the inaugural Dr. Rod Paige School Safety Award for their dedication to student and staff safety. Chief Baimbridge introduced Ken Culbreath, who presented the award, also recognizing SBISD Police Dispatcher Jose Torres.

6. **Public Comment on Agenda Items or Non-Agenda Items**

The following individuals spoke regarding agenda item 10F K-8 Reading/Language Arts Materials:

- Jennifer Hyland
- Lauren Walker
- Kathleen Dolan
- Michelle Fredstrom

- Kara Shane
- Rob Shane

7. Executive Session

President Alpe recessed the Board into Executive Session at 7:01 PM in accordance with the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act for the purposes listed below.

- A. The Board Will Meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Routine Personnel Matters and Other Personnel Matters including Duties of Employees and Public Officers
- B. The Board Will Meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.0821 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Deliberation of Personally Identifiable Information of a Public School Student
- C. The Board Will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Deliberation of the Deployment, or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices, or Deliberation of a Security Audit
- D. The Board Will Meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act in Consultation with the Board's Attorney Regarding All Matters as Authorized by Law, including Legal Issues Surrounding Public Finance

President Alpe reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:17 PM and said that no action was taken while in the closed session.

8. Action as Needed from Executive Session

- A. Request for Approval of Routine Personnel Items
Motion made by Trustee John Perez and seconded by Trustee Caroline H. Bennett that the Board of Trustees approve routine personnel items as recommended.
Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

9. Action

- A. Request for Approval of 2025-2026 Graduation Ceremony Dates
Motion made by Vice President Anderson and seconded by Trustee David Slattery that the Board of Trustees approve the 2025-2026 graduation ceremony dates.
Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.
- B. Request for Consideration and Approval of Hearing Officer(s) for Proposed Nonrenewal Hearings, if Any
Motion made by Vice president Anderson and seconded by Secretary Mahan that the Board appoint Mr. Robert Barringer, Mr. Raymond Gregory II, and Mr. W. Jerry Hoover as the Board's designated hearing officers, in accordance with Board Policy DFBB, for any hearing on proposed nonrenewal of term contracts.
Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

- C. Request for Approval of Board Meetings Schedule for 2025-2026
Motion made by Trustee Bennett and seconded by Trustee Perez that the Board of Trustees approve the Board meetings schedule for 2025-2026.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

10. Consent Agenda Action Items

- A. Request for Approval of Budget Status Summary Report with Budget Amendment as of February 28, 2025
- B. Request for Approval of Facility Improvement Program Monthly Status Report with Project Budget Changes as of February 28, 2025
- C. Request for Approval of Contract Awards
1. Change Order #004 for the Ag Farm Renovations-2022 Bond Project
 2. Contract for Buffalo Creek Elementary School Site Improvements
 3. Stratford HS CTE Renovations- Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)
 4. Increase Contract for the Purchase of School Buses
 5. Contract for International Baccalaureate Program
 6. Contract with the Northwest Harris County Cooperative (NWHCC) for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 7. Contract for District Instructional Materials and Allotment Funds
 8. Request for Proposal for After School Programs
 9. Contract for Warehouse Inventory Restocking
 10. Contract for Staffing Services and Related Solutions
- D. Request for Approval to Offer State Innovative Courses: Fundamentals of Real Estate, Occupational Safety and Environmental Technology I, and Multilingual Acculturation Studies for Newcomers
- E. Request for Approval of UIL Exempt Course List for 2025-2026 School Year
- F. Request for Approval for K-8 Reading/Language Arts Materials
- G. Request for Approval of Foreign Exchange Student Limitation Waiver for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027
- H. Request for Approval of Staff Development Waiver for 2025-2026
- I. Request for Approval of Grant Awards and Other Services
- J. Request for Approval of Payroll and Operating Expenses - February 2025
- K. Request for Approval of Tax Overpayment Refunds (Sec. 31.11)
- L. Request for Approval of Minutes for School Board Meetings
1. February 05, 2025 - Workshop Meeting
 2. February 18, 2025 - Regular Meeting
 3. February 24, 2025 - Special Meeting

President Alpe read the rules for the adoption of the consent agenda action items.

Trustee Slattery pulled item 10F and Trustee Perez requested that item 10C7 and 10D be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion and a separate vote.

Trustee Perez moved to approve the consent agenda action items except 10F, 10C7, and 10D. Trustee Bennett seconded the motion.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Item 10F – Associate Superintendent of Academics Dr. Annie Wolfe explained the selection process of the HMH curriculum and how it aligns with the science of reading, as well as the teacher training that will be provided when the curriculum is deployed. Motion made by Vice President Anderson and seconded by Trustee Earnest that the Board of Trustees approved the consent action item 10F.

Motion passed by a 6-1 vote.
Trustee John Perez cast an opposing vote.

Item 10C7 – Dr. Wolfe explained that 10C7 is attached to academic instruction materials allotment funds, not professional learning contracts. Motion made by Trustee Perez and seconded by Secretary Mahan that the Board of Trustees approved the consent action item 10C7.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Item 10D – Student Support Services Executive Director Dr. Lance Stallworth will provide Multilingual Acculturation Studies course to the Board. Motion made by Trustee Perez and seconded by Secretary Mahan that the Board of Trustees approve with the exception of Multilingual Acculturation Studies for Newcomers and approve the Fundamentals of Real Estate and Occupational Safety and Environmental Technology I courses.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

11. Closing Remarks by the Superintendent

Dr. Blaine had no closing remarks.

12. Meeting Adjourned

President Alpe adjourned the Regular meeting at 9:18 PM.

Lisa Andrews Alpe
President, Board of Trustees

Shannon Mahan
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: April 28, 2025