

Union Grove Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes
September 8, 2025

The Union Grove ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Library.

Members present: Jody Day, Tim Turner, Tim Bower, Michael Potter, Justin Smith, Karey Barbee and Brian Cox

Members absent: None

Also present: Brian Gray, Interim Superintendent; Kelly Klein, Business Manager; Landon Trent, JH/HS Principal; Stephaney Wallace, Elementary Principal; Terri Woodfin, Superintendent's Secretary; Staff Members: Rhonda Baker, Jennifer Applegate, Kathleen Thomas, Shelby Burrow; Rocketry Students; Community Members: Families of Lion of the Month Students and Rocketry students.

The meeting was called to order by Jody Day, and Tim Bower led the board in a prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge was led by Braxlee Dinkins, 5th Grade Student

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the agenda as presented, with the Deletion of 9.A. 1 Budget Amendments, and moving 9.B.1 after the Rocketry students program report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no request to speak to the board during public comments.

INFORMATION REPORT – Information items were presented to the Board as listed on the agenda.

- A. Star Student of the Month – Braxlee Dinkins, 5th Grade was the Elementary Lion of the Month; Lawson Maines, 8th Grade was the JH Student; Emma Wadle, 10th Grade was the HS Student.
- B. “Triple E” Staff of the Month – Kathleen Thomas was the Elementary Teacher and Jennifer Applegate was the JH/HS staff member
- C. Program Report – Rocketry students: The students spoke to the board and answered questions about the White Sands trip to New Mexico next summer.

ACTION AGENDA

- 1. Motion was made by Tim Bower and seconded by Justin Smith to approve the out of state trip to White Sands, New Mexico in 2026. All members voted YES. Motion carried
- D. Bill Listing
- E. Budget analysis
- F. 2025 Accountability Ratings – The district was rated a “B” overall, Elementary “A”, JH “B”, and HS “A”
- G. Enrollment Report – Elem – 369, JH –109, HS – 227, Total Enrollment – 705
- H. Principal Reports: Stephaney Wallace spoke regarding her campus activities and Landon Trent spoke about the JH/HS campus
- I. Superintendent Report
 - Extra/Co-Curricular updates
 - Athletics
 - Band
 - FFA
 - Homecoming Sept. 12 updates
 - Facility updates
 - Fencing/Gates
 - LC Trophy case
 - Netting @ Baseball and Softball field
 - Safety & Security updates
 - Staff Development Calendar

CONSENT AGENDA - It was the consensus of the Board to approve the minutes for the following, as presented:

- A. August 29, 2025 Special meeting

ACTION AGENDA

A. BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Budget amendments – Deleted
2. Motion was made by Tim Turner and seconded by Michael Potter to approve the Bus driver incentive program for 2025-2026 as presented. All voted YES. Motion carried.

B. EDUCATION MATTERS

1. Motion was made by Tim Turner and seconded by Brian Cox to approve the resolution regarding the Extra-Curricular status of Upshur County 4-H for the 2025-2026 school year. All voted YES. Motion carried.

Closed Session [Authority: Texas Government Code Section 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.0821]

Motion was made by Tim Turner and seconded by Brian Cox that the board adjourn to closed session at 6:40 pm.

Action following closed session – None

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Tim Turner and seconded by Tim Bower to adjourn.

President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Superintendent of Schools