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MINUTES-BOARD OF TRUSTEES EAST CHAMBERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the East Chambers Independent School District was held on **Monday, August 11, 2025, 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; Everett Guillory; Kelley Touchet

Members absent: None

Administrators present: Scott Campbell, Superintendent; Andrea Smith, Assistant Superintendent; Toby Kahla, Operations Director; Mitchell Long, Technology Director; Cheryl Williams, Curriculum Director

Audience/Visitors: Christy Ridgaway, Gena Albrecht, Laurie Payton, TAC, and Otilia Gonzales, PBFCM

Public Participation: None

FEDERAL AND STATE SPECIAL PROGRAMS PUBLIC HEARING:

Discuss and receive input on all federal and state special programs including Title programs, Every Student Succeeds Act, Compensatory Education, English as a Second Language/Bilingual, Gifted/Talented, Career and Technology, Title II, Perkins Vocational, Special Education, Extended Year and Extended Day Services, Dyslexia and 504, CARES Act Grants and CRF Grant, ESSER II, ESSER III, ESSER Supplement, and TCLAS. Meeting time is 6:00P.M. August 11, 2025 at the Administration Building 216 Champions Loop Winnie, TX 77665. Private non-public school representatives and the general public are invited to assist in evaluation of all Special Programs for 2024-2025 and planning for 2025-2026. No public comment was received.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

The board heard a presentation given by Otilia Gonzales representing Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott, LLP, the district's tax attorney firm, who reported very positively on the collection of delinquent taxes. Laurie Payton, Chambers County Tax Assessor Collector, also commented on her departments efforts to collect payments prior to needing to turn them over to Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott, LLP.

Budget Workshop:

Mr. Campbell reviewed the items below with the board.

- A. 2025 Certified Values
- B. Tax Rate Notice
- C. Working 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

REPORTS:

Student Achievement:

Andrea Smith, Assistant Superintendent: Mrs. Smith reported on the Teacher Incentive Allotment, Professional Development, Transitioning to the role of Superintendent, and the Child Care Center.

Megan Leday, Primary Principal: Mrs. Leday submitted a written report on enrollment, Team Leader Meetings, Meet the Teacher, ECP Professional Development, and First Day of School.

Britnie Bordelon, Elementary Principal: Mrs. Bordelon submitted a written report on enrollment, 3rd Grade Orientation, Meet the Teacher, Staff Inservice, Ongoing Events.

Kelsea Broomas, Junior High Principal: Mrs. Broomas submitted a written report on enrollment, 6th grade orientation, Meet the Teacher, Staff InService, Camps, PLC Teams and upcoming events.

Justin Lezak, High School Principal: Mr. Lezak submitted a written report on enrollment, Welcome Back Staff, Teacher Inservice, Band, Meet the Teacher, Freshman Orientation, Senior Night, and Other Upcoming Events.



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Maintenance and Operations:

Toby Kahla: Operations Director: Mr. Kahla reported on the renewal of TASB Risk Fund, Auditorium Stage Extension, Summer Cleaning, Junior High Ceiling Repair, Foster Fence Project, CDL Physicals, Handbooks, Playground Updates, and Exterior Door Upgrades

Superintendent Report:

Scott Campbell, Superintendent: Mr. Campbell reported on the items listed after administrator reports.

Russ Sutherland, Athletic Director: Coach Sutherland submitted a written report on summer strength and conditioning program, high school football practice, and high school volleyball.

Mitchell Long, Technology Director: Mr. Long reported on the new phone system, rostering of programs used throughout the district, Google and Windows settings, New Content and Internet Filters, as well as a new classroom management system. Chromebooks, and Personnel Request.

Marsha Peden, Child Nutrition Director: Mrs. Peden submitted a written report reviewing the summer feeding, the charge policy, Wellness Policy, Guest/Visitors Price, and the financials.

- Discussion of Intruder Detection Audit Summary
- Employee Resignations
- New Teacher/Coach Hires including Alex Zurby August Payroll

Finance Reports:

Monthly Transactions Revenue Realized: \$1,799,737.10; Expenditures: \$2,200,848.77;

Check Register

Revenue/Expenditure Report

Depository Collateralization Report

Tax Collections

Student Activity Funds

Attorney Invoices

Investments:

\$ 2,198,461.03 Texpool

\$ 9,189,736.71 TASB Lonestar

\$ 284.84 TASB Lonestar 2022 Bond Prop A

\$ 389,055.72 TASB Lonestar Debt Service Fund

\$ 526.38 TASB Lonestar PSF Capital Improvement

Superintendent's monthly report included the monthly transactions & financial report as of July Check Register, Board Report/Budget, & June Investment Summary.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION:

The Board entered into a closed meeting at 6:35 P.M. under GOV'T CODE 551.074 to discuss personnel. The Board ended its closed meeting at 7:04 P.M.

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Updates and Changes to Local Policies: EFB – Instructional Resources: Library Materials: FD – Admissions: FM – Student Activities: FNCE – Student Conduct: Personal Telecommunications/Electronic Devices: On a motion by Lisa Bauer and second by Charlotte Edwards, the board voted 7-0 to approve the Local Policies: EFB – Instructional Resources: Library Materials; FD – Admissions; FM – Student Activities; FNCE – Student Conduct: Personal Telecommunications/Electronic Devices as presented after discussion regarding phones and policy on discipline.

Consider Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate: On a motion by Lisa Bauer and a second by Charlotte Edwards, the board voted 7-0 to approve the tax notice as presented.

Consider Approval of Local Certifications Under DOI: On a motion by Lisa Bauer and a second by Charlotte Edwards, the board voted 7-0 to approve the local certifications for the following staff under the DOI: Bailey Kahla, Jayme Smith, Hattie Shalyn Harmon, Daphne Brooks, Lauren Wallin, Ariana Charles, Taylor Rupp, Brent Heironimus, and Kylie Tipton.

Consider 2025-2026 Teacher Appraisal Calendar: On a motion by Lisa Bauer and second by Jason Gardner, the board voted 7-0 to approve the 2025-2026 Teacher Appraisal Calendar as follows: New Teacher Training- August 1, 2025, Teacher Orientation (Aug 6-12), no later than the first three weeks (Sept. 3, 2025) of school and at least 2 weeks before the first



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observation, Goal Setting and Professional Development (GSPD) Conference- within six weeks of completing orientation (required for all teachers in the first year of appraisal under T-TESS and teachers new to the district)-by September 24, 2025, End-of-Year Conference must be completed at least 15 days prior to the last day of instruction

Consider Approval of District Professional Development Policy: On a motion by Lisa Bauer and a second by Charlotte Edwards, the board voted 7-0 to approve the District Development Policy in compliance with DMA(LOCAL) and aligned with SBEC professional development clearinghouse.

Consider Tuition Rate For Employee Children PreK3 and PreK4: On a motion by Lisa Bauer and a second by Charlotte Edwards, the board voted 7-0 to approve all employee children PreK3 and PreK4 tuition rate be no charge.

Consider Adding Computer Technician Position: On a motion by Lisa Bauer and a second by Jason Gardner, the board voted 7-0 to approve adding a computer technician position to the technology department.

Consider Approval of 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct: On a motion by Lisa Bauer and a second by Charlotte Edwards, the board voted 7-0 to approve the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct as presented.

Consider Endorsement of 2025-2026 Student Handbook, Transportation Handbook, and Student Bus Safety Handbook: On a motion by Lisa Bauer and a second by Charlotte Edwards, the board voted 7-0 to endorse the 2025-2026 Student Handbook, Transportation Handbook, and Student Bus Safety Handbook as presented.

Consider Resolution for Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization: On a motion by Lisa Bauer and a second by Charlotte Edwards, the board voted 7-0 to approve the resolution recognizing the Chambers County 4-H Organization as an extracurricular status program.

Consider Adjunct Faculty Agreement with Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service: On a motion by Lisa Edwards and a second by Charlotte Edwards, the board voted 7-0 to approve the adjunct faculty agreement with Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service as presented.

Consider 2025-2026 East Chambers Lunch Charge Policy: On a motion by Lisa Bauer and a second by Jason Gardner, the board voted 7-0 to approve the 2025-2026 East Chambers Lunch Charge Policy as no charging allowed for a la carte items or seconds served in the cafeteria. All breakfast and lunch meals are provided free to students.

Consider 2025-2026 East Chambers Wellness Policy: On a motion by Lisa Bauer and a second by Charlotte Edwards, the board voted 7-0 to approve the 2025-2026 East Chambers Wellness Policy as presented.

Consider Budget Amendments for 2024-2025: None.

Consider Approving Payments Over \$50,000: On a motion by Lisa Bauer and a second by Charlotte Edwards, the board voted 7-0 to approve the following payments over \$50,000:

Labatt Food Service \$50,000.00

Entergy \$50,000.00

TASB Risk Management Fund \$101,156.00

There being no further business, Mr. Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Scott Jones, President

Charlotte Edwards, Secretary

Date