

## MINUTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Smithville Independent School District was held on Monday, April 20, 2026 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Smithville ISD Administrative Building PO Box 479, 901 N.E. 6th Street Smithville, Texas 78957.

**Members present:** Michael Hancock, Chelsa Vinklerek, Chris Hinnant, Josh Magden, Candice Parsons, Bryan Jones

**Members absent:** Grant Gutierrez

**Others present:** Whitney Brown, Holly Brockman, Alan Butler, Misty Vasquez, Lindsey Saunders, Amanda Hudspeth, Ashley Marquez, Emery Bayer, Sophie Bidwell, Tom Weber, Rosie Johnson, Jessica Cleghorn, Angie Westerfield, Jenna Dandy, Tylene Trousdale, Jimary Trousdale, Courtney Bayer, Ryan Bayer, Shelley Sunderman, Eduardo Muniz, Cheeri Taylor, Misty Morris, Rebecca James, Stacy Tiner, Candy Biehle, Juan Andrade, Jessica Hodges, Darby House, Zack Harris, Cassie Barrientos, Gregory Jasik, Molley Ealy, Tracy Johnson, Bethany Logan and Liza Rios.

**Call to Order** - The Board President designee, Chris Hinnant, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call** - The Board President designee, Chris Hinnant called the roll of members. Grant Gutierrez was absent.

**Student Led Pledge of Allegiance** - Students from Smithville Elementary who have received the most Tiger Tokens for the month lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those students were:

- 1st Grade: Knox Bledsoe, Bridger Birdwell
- 4th Grade: Julieta Andrade-Soto, Olivia Abreo, Austin Andrus

#### **Board Recognitions**

Recognition of the SISD Child Nutrition Department for Earning a Texas Department of Agriculture Award. Smithville ISD has been recognized with the USDA Foods Challenge Award alongside the TDA Farm Fresh Challenge for their efforts in food service excellence.

**Outstanding Community Partner** - Smithville Education Foundation

**Tiger Powerlifting** - State & National Competitors

- Jose Soto, State Qualifier (absent)
- Shantel Harlow, State Qualifier (absent)
- Emery Bayer, State and National Champion

**SkillsUSA Plumbing** - State Champion

- Jose Soto, SkillsUSA State Champion in Plumbing (absent)

**Tiger Theater - One Act Play** - Tiger Theater's One Act Play advanced to Area and won the following individual awards:

- All-Star Technician: Leah Fleming
- HM All-Star Cast: Callie Ruyle & Mathias Vicencio
- All-Star Cast: Red Muñiz

They were joined by Dustin Hensley, Tiger Theater Director.

**Smithville Elementary Tiger of the Month** - Smithville Elementary School is excited to celebrate outstanding students with the "Tiger of the Month" recognition. Elementary staff nominate students who exhibit characteristics such as kindness, strong character, and helpfulness. Each month, one exceptional student is honored by the campus, recognized at the school board meeting, and will receive a special yard sign to proudly display at home. The Tiger of the Month for April 2026 was Hannah Butler, 3rd grader in Mrs. Cartledge's class. Congratulation Hannah!

**Public Communications** - There were no communications from the public at this meeting.

**Consent Agenda** – Michael Hancock moved to approve consent agenda items 1 through 7 as presented, with a second from Josh Magden, the vote passed 6-0. Yea – Vinklarek, Parsons, Hinnant, Magden, Hancock, Jones. Nay – none.

1. Minutes
2. Financial Statements
3. Investment Report
4. State Aid Comparison - Budgeted vs. Earned
5. Earned vs. TEA Payments
6. Tax Collection Report
7. Financial Report

The business manager, Stacy Tiner, reviewed the financial disbursements for the previous month with the Board of Trustees.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

**Superintendent's Update** - The Superintendent updated the Board on important issues pertaining to the District.

- Tiger Band earned 1st Division ratings from all 6 judges at UIL Concert and Sight Reading Competition on April 1, marking 18 consecutive years earning the sweepstakes award.
- Pre-K & Kinder "It's My First Rodeo" roundup on April 9 at Brown Primary was a huge success.
- Nineteen SHS students advanced to Regionals in UIL Academics
- Our Lady Tiger Softball team has clinched the District Championship and remains undefeated in District play.
- In partnership with EdgeConneX and AI literacy with Hello World, SES Student Zelda Perez represented SISD at Google Demo Day last week.
- Tiger Trons competed at State Competition last weekend in Houston.

Upcoming Dates:

- SISD Family Survey closes on April 24, 2026 at 5 pm
- BEST Leadership Brown Primary Garden Project Ribbon Cutting on May 1 at 9 am
- Senior Awards and Graduation Walk on May 18
- Art Show at Red Brick on May 18 from 4-6 pm
- Graduation at Tiger Stadium on May 22 at 8:00 pm
- End-of-Year Employee Awards and Breakfast - May 26

### **Received a Required Annual Report on Board Members' Continuing Education Hours**

- Board Policy BBD [Legal] and 19 TAC 61.61 requires the Board President to annually announce the name of each Board member who has completed the required continuing education, who has exceeded the required hours of continuing education, and who is deficient in the required continuing education. The Board President must announce Board members' continuing education hours at the last regular meeting prior to the next board election, shall cause the minutes to reflect the information, and shall make this information available publicly. Bryan Jones, Chelsa Vinklerek and Josh Magden exceeded the requirements, Candice Parsons completed the requirements and Chris Hinnant, Grant Gutierrez and Michael Hancock were deficient in the required continuing education.

### **Received an Update on SISD Strategic Plan Priority 4: Fiscal & Operational Systems** -

Each month, the Board received an update from, Stacy Tiner and Dr. Molley Ealy, on implementation and progress of one of the four priorities of the SISD Strategic Plan.

### **Tentative Agenda Items for May 2026** – May 2026 Tentative Agenda Items

- Oath of Office

- Reorganization of the Officers of the Board of Trustees
- Recognitions
- Superintendent's Report
- Strategic Plan Update : Priority 1: Student Success
- SHAC Update
- Board Approval of Purchases over \$50,000
- Approval of Contractual Personnel
- Designation of Fund Balance

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Personnel**

**Contract Renewals for 2026-27** - In accordance with Board Policy DC [Local], the Superintendent has the authority to make recommendations to the Board regarding employment of all contractual personnel. It was recommended that the Board approve one-year renewals of contracts as recommended. Josh Magden moved to approve seconded by Candice Parsons, the vote passed 6-0. Yea – Vinklarek, Parsons, Hinnant, Magden, Hancock, Jones. Nay – none.

**Employment of New Contractual Personnel** - According to Board Policy DC [Local], the Superintendent has the authority to make recommendations to the Board regarding the selection of all contractual personnel. It was recommended that the Board approve the hire of new contractual personnel as recommended. Chelsa Vinklarek moved to approve seconded by Candice Parson, the vote passed 6-0. Yea – Vinklarek, Parsons, Hinnant, Magden, Hancock, Jones. Nay – none.

**Consider Approval of the 2026 Emergent Bilingual Summer School Schedule and Reporting of Student Progress** - Whitney Brown presented to the board that in accordance with 19 TAC §89.1250(3)(B), school systems operating a two-semester system are required to offer the Emergent Bilingual Summer School program for one-half day for eight weeks while school is recessed for the summer *or* for a total of 120 hours of instruction on a schedule established by the board of trustees or governing board.

The Bilingual/ESL Department sought board approval to continue the modified bilingual summer school program that operates as a 4-week format at 6.5 hours per day, totaling 123.5 instructional hours. Reporting of student progress shall be provided to parents/guardians at the conclusion of the program and to next year's teacher. [TAC §89.1250 (3)(F)]. Josh Magden moved to approve seconded by Bryan Jones, the vote passed 6-0. Yea – Vinklarek, Parsons, Hinnant, Magden, Hancock, Jones. Nay – none.

**Consider Approval of Library Materials** - In accordance with Senate Bill 13, SISD provided public notice of Library Materials that the District proposes to acquire, and a 30-day public review period from March 12, 2026, through April 13, 2026. During this time, community members were invited to review the library materials proposed for inclusion as library materials. The proposed materials are for SHS, SJHS and Brown Primary. Candice Parsons moved to approve seconded by Chelsa Vinklarek, the vote passed 6-0. Yea – Vinklarek, Parsons, Hinnant, Magden, Hancock, Jones. Nay – none.

**Consider Approval of Purchases in Excess of \$50,000** - Purchase of Replacement Desks for Smithville High School. Stacy Tiner recommended that SISD purchase 240 replacement desks from Worthington Direct via Buyboard for Smithville High School in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 from the general fund. Michael Hancock moved to approve seconded by Bryan Jones, the vote passed 6-0. Yea – Vinklarek, Parsons, Hinnant, Magden, Hancock, Jones. Nay – none.

**Amend the Approval Amount for the Award of HVAC RFP #63629** - In March 2026, the SISD Board approved the award of HVAC RFP #63629 to Rabroker in the amount of \$539,353. Following the approval, the vendor was notified of a required performance payment bond in the amount of \$10,448. It is recommended that the awarded amount be amended to \$549,801. Michael Hancock moved to approve seconded by Bryan Jones, the vote passed 6-0. Yea – Vinklarek, Parsons, Hinnant, Magden, Hancock, Jones. Nay – none.

**Approval of Budget Amendments** — High school furniture purchase and district communications budget increase. Budget amendments ensure that funds are properly appropriated to support the District’s necessary expenditures. Amendments at the function level require approval by the Board of Trustees. The Business Office provides monthly monitoring and reports to the Board, identifying areas that may require amendment and explaining the reasons for those adjustments. Josh Magden moved to approve seconded by Candice Parsons, the vote passed 6-0. Yea – Vinklarek, Parsons, Hinnant, Magden, Hancock, Jones. Nay – none.

**Action Regarding Senate Bill 546, Requiring School Districts to Make a Budget Determination Under Transportation Code, §547.701** – Stacy Tiner presented Senate Bill 546 of the 89th Legislative Session requires that Districts make a budget limit determination not later than the end of the 2025-26 school year regarding the cost to equip each bus operated for use by the District with three-point seat belts. All buses purchased after September 1, 2017 include seat belts; however, buses purchased prior to this date may not.

In accordance with these requirements, SISD reports the following information regarding the current bus fleet:

- 7 are not equipped with seat belts (2014-2018 models)
- 0 are equipped with two-point seat belts
- 15 are fully equipped with seat belts

The estimated cost to the district to equip the remaining 7 buses with three-point seat belts is \$227,666. Josh Magden moved to approve seconded by Bryan Jones, the vote passed 6-0. Yea – Vinklerek, Parsons, Hinnant, Magden, Hancock, Jones. Nay – none.

**Consider Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Bastrop County Cares** –

On behalf of Smithville ISD, Bastrop County Cares (BCC) applied for and received a grant focused on the prevention of Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) in the amount of \$50,000. This MOU outlines the terms and conditions under which SISD and BCC will collaborate to utilize these funds for TBI prevention. Chelsa Vinklerek motioned to approve seconded by Candice Parsons, the vote passed 6-0. Yea – Vinklerek, Parsons, Hinnant, Magden, Hancock, Jones. Nay – none.

**Consider Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Smithville Regarding Reciprocal Facility Usage** –

The Proposed Interlocal Agreement (ILA) would allow reciprocal use of facilities for non-profit or governmental purposes, subject to capacity, schedule, and available resources for use. These facilities include the SISD basketball gyms, Smithville Recreation Center and City park spaces. Dr. Ealy presented the approval to the board. Bryan Jones moved to approve seconded by Josh Magden, the vote passed 6-0. Yea – Vinklerek, Parsons, Hinnant, Magden, Hancock, Jones. Nay – none.

**CLOSED SESSION** – The Board of Trustees entered closed session at 7:13 p.m. and returned at 9:09 p.m. with no official action taken.

**Deliberation Regarding Security Audits, including a report of intruder detection audit findings, in Accordance with Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code**

**Discussion Regarding Personnel Matters, Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act**

**OPEN SESSION** – The Board of Trustees exited closed session at 9:09 p.m. with no official action taken.

**Adjournment** – Chelsa Vinklarek moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. with a second from Michael Hancock, the vote passed 6-0. Yea – Vinklarek, Parsons, Hinnant, Magden, Hancock, Jones. Nay – none.

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

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