

**Italy Independent School District
Board of Trustees**

**April 20 2026 @ 5:30 PM
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**District Conference Room
300 College Street
Italy, Texas 76651**

1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum Time: 5:30 PM

Establish Quorum: Board members in attendance at the meeting:

AB Allen Richards	AB Parker Reeves	<input type="checkbox"/> Nichole Galvan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dennis Perkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lee Guidry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clay Major
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashton Russ		

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Perkins; Vice President. An announcement of the meeting being recorded was provided. Board members in attendance individually acknowledged themselves for the recording.

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Texas Pledge Time: 5:31 PM

Led: Dennis Perkins; Vice President

3. Invocation Time: 5:32 PM

Led by Dr. Lance Bray; Stafford Elementary Principal

4. Presentations

- 4.A. Band State Qualifier Performance 5:33 PM

Aiden Lewis qualified for the UIL State Solo and Ensemble contest and performed for the audience. His marimba solo was entitled "Yellow After the Rain" by Peters

- 4.B. Cheerleading Update 5:37 PM

Sharla Sigler, 2026-2027 Cheerleading Coach, provided the board and audience an overview of changes being made to the cheer program for the 2026-2027 school year.

5. Open Forum

- 5.A. Public Requests to Speak 5:41 PM

Elmerine Allen Bell spoke in Open Forum and distributed invitations to the Ellis County Historical Commission dedication ceremony and reception on June 19, 2026 at 12:00 PM. A Texas State Historical Marker will be unveiled at Stafford Elementary for William Hobart Stafford.

6. Italy ISD Parent Comment Report Time: 5:44 PM

As part of the parental engagement policy, mandated by Senate Bill 12 (TEC 26.0071) in the summer of 2025, districts are required to provide for an internet portal through which parents of students enrolled in the district may submit comments to campus and district administrators and the board. The board will then prioritize and present those comments at the beginning of each board meeting.
No comments were submitted for review

7. Action Items 5:44 PM

- 7.A. Consent Agenda 5:44 PM

No items were pulled to vote on separately.

7.A.1. Prior Month Meeting Minutes for 4/8/2026.

7.A.2. Consider and take possible action on requesting the continuation of our Tuition-based Prekindergarten option for the 2026-2027 school year with the Commissioner of Education.

7.A.3. Consider and take possible action regarding SECCA, Inc. for federal and state grants (Title I, II & IV) for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of 3% of the maximum FY2027 total budgeted amount.

- 7.D. Consider and take possible action on adopting the following Health PK-6 instructional materials as recommended by the 26-27 Textbook Committee: 5:53 PM

<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost/Years</u>
CATCH-All-Journeys Curriculum	\$1499 plus S&H Renew annually Price subject to change per year Adoption: 7 years

Motion: Approve the Health PK-6 adoption as recommended by the textbook committee.

1st: Nichole Galvan 2nd: Lee Guidry Vote: 5-0 Approved

Allen Richards:	Absent	Nichole Galvan:	For
Dennis Perkins:	For	Clay Major:	For
Parker Reeves:	Absent	Lee Guidry:	For
Ashton Russ:	For		

- 7.E. Consider and take possible action on adopting the following Science K-2 instructional materials as recommended by the 26-27 Textbook Committee: 5:53 PM

<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost/Adoption Years</u>
Science Studies Weekly	\$4840 plus S&H (per 3 years) Price subject to change per 3 yrs Adoption: 7 years

Motion: Approve the Science K-3 adoption as recommended by the textbook committee.

1st: Clay Major 2nd: Ashton Russ Vote: 5-0 Approved

Allen Richards:	Absent	Nichole Galvan:	For
Dennis Perkins:	For	Clay Major:	For
Parker Reeves:	Absent	Lee Guidry:	For
Ashton Russ:	For		

- 7.F. Consider and take possible action on adopting the following Math K-8 and Algebra 1 instructional materials as recommended by the 26-27 Textbook Committee: 5:54 PM

<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost/Adoption Years</u>
Bluebonnet	\$7,320 plus S&H for 26-27 Renew annually Price subject to change per year Adoption for 8 years

Motion: Approve the Math K-8 and Algebra 1 adoption as recommended by the textbook committee.

1st: Lee Guidry 2nd: Ashton Russ Vote: 5-0 Approved

Allen Richards:	Absent	Nichole Galvan:	For
Dennis Perkins:	For	Clay Major:	For
Parker Reeves:	Absent	Lee Guidry:	For
Ashton Russ:	For		

- 7.G. Consider and take possible action on adopting the following ELAR K-5 instructional materials as recommended by the 26-27 Textbook Committee: 5:54 PM

<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost/Adoption Years</u>
Bluebonnet	\$7,415 plus S&H for 26-27 Renew annually Price subject to change per year Adoption for 8 years

Motion: Approve the ELAR K-5 adoption as recommended by the textbook committee.

1st: Clay Major 2nd: Nichole Galvan Vote: 5-0 Approved

Allen Richards:	Absent	Nichole Galvan:	For
Dennis Perkins:	For	Clay Major:	For
Parker Reeves:	Absent	Lee Guidry:	For
Ashton Russ:	For		

8. Reports 5:55 PM PM
- 8.A. Stafford Elementary Report
 - 8.B. Junior High/High School Report
 - 8.C. Maintenance/Operations/Transportation Report
 - 6.C.1. Utility Report
 - 6.C.2. Transportation Report
 - 8.D. Technology Report
 - 8.E. Athletics Report
 - 8.F. Food Service Report
 - 8.G. Enrollment
 - 8.H. Finance Reports
 - 8.H.1. Financial Statement
 - 8.H.2 Tax Collections
 - 8.H.3 Monthly Investment and Cash Position Report
 - 8.H.4 Check Payments
 - 8.H.5 Quarterly Financial Investments Report
 - 8.I. Director of ECSSA Report

The board had no questions or comments about the reports.

9. Information Items 5:55 PM

- 9.A. Board President's Annual Report of Board Member Continuing Education Credits.
Dennis Perkins; Vice President announced that after completing the boards Team of Eight training on April 30, 2026 the following board members will have completed and exceeded all CEU requirements: Allen Richards, Dennis Perkins, Ashton Russ, Parker Reeves, Nichole Galvan, Clay Major and Lee Guidry.

- 9.B. Upcoming Dates to Remember
Rachel Kistner; Superintendent highlighted some dates. She added information about the All Star Field Day being held on May 13th.

- Band Competitions ongoing
- Spring sports ongoing
- Other Future Dates of Interest:
 - April 26: Spring Band Concert 2:00 PM
 - May 7: CHeer Banquet 7:00 PM
 - May 8: Band Banquet 6:00 PM
 - May 11: Senior Cord Ceremony 6:00 PM
 - May 13: FFA Banquet
 - May 14: George Scott Academic Banquet @ 7:00 PM
 - May 17: Baccalaureate Class of 2025 5:00 PM
 - May 19: Stafford Career Day
 - May 19: Athletic Banquet 5:30 PM
 - May 20: JH/HS 9th-11th Awards Ceremony 9:00 AM
 - May 21: Senior Walk @ Stafford 8:30 AM
 - May 21: Senior Awards & Scholarship Program 9:30 AM
 - May 21: Senior Lunch at CBC 11:30 AM
 - May 21: Graduation Rehearsal 2:00 PM
 - May 21: Last Day of School
 - May 22: Graduation 7:00 PM

9.C. Other Future Dates of Interest:

All meetings begin at 5:30 PM unless otherwise noted.

- April 20, 2026
- April 30, 2026 Team of Eight Training @ 5:30 PM
- May 18, 2026
- June 15, 2026

10. Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to: 5:57 PM

Texas Government Code Section 551.074

Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

To discuss and collect information related to the Superintendent's evaluation.

Texas Government Code, Section 551.072

For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

If during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such a closed session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 will be held by the School Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the School Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act

11. Reconvene into Open Session for Action Relative to Closed Session 6:29 PM

12. Action Items 6:29 PM

12.A Take action, if any, on other matters discussed in Closed Session.

Any action to be taken? **Yes**

Consider and take possible action to hire Gretchen Gray as the 2026-2027 Stafford Elementary Student Support Specialist Assistant Principal.

Motion: Approve the hiring of Gretchen Gray as Stafford Elementary Student Support Specialist Assistant Principal as recommended by administration.

1st: Clay Major 2nd: Lee Guidry Vote: 5-0 Approved

Allen Richards:	Absent	Nichole Galvan:	For
Dennis Perkins:	For	Clay Major:	For
Parker Reeves:	Absent	Lee Guidry:	For
Ashton Russ:	For		

13. Adjourn Time 6:30 PM

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

**1st: Ashton Russ 2nd: Nichole Galvan Vote: 5-0 Approved **

Allen Richards:	Absent	Nichole Galvan:	For
Dennis Perkins:	For	Clay Major:	For
Parker Reeves:	Absent	Lee Guidry:	For
Ashton Russ:	For		

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Approved:

Presiding

Attest:

Board Secretary

Board Approved: _____