

Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES
08/25/2025
6:00 p.m.

Present: Aslone Foy, Jim Longbotham, Sindra McLean, Jason Milstead, Stephen Bradley, Bridgett Jackson-Tatum (6:02). Absent: Angela Crane.

Others: Scott Cummings, Teresa Battrick, Melissa Smith, Deana Rand, Cindy Ensminger, Alex Montoya, Evan Ditmore, Lora Sims, Kelley Copeland, Kristen Curry.

Aslone Foy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Jim Longbotham gave the Invocation.

Jason Milstead led the Pledges to the Flags.

Angela Crane read the District Mission Statement.

There were no public comments.

Public hearing to discuss budget and proposed tax rate for 2025-2026 opened at 6:02 p.m. Melissa Smith discussed a balanced budget with the impacts and changes of legislative to local and state funding for the 2025-26 school year, if the comptroller values are accepted; highlighted big ticket items; and salary increases due to house bill raises. Scott Cummings discussed the tax rate. Stephen Bradley stated that people need to know that the bond raises six cents, and we are lowering the tax rate by two cents. Being no other discussion or questions, the public hearing closed at 6:03 p.m.

Motion by Stephen Bradley, seconded by Jason Milstead, to approve the resolution to adopt the budget for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jim Longbotham, seconded by Sindra McLean, to move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of M&O tax rate of \$0.71220 and an I&S tax rate of \$0.20750, equaling a total tax rate of \$0.91970, which is effectively a -2.180371% percent increase in the tax rate. Motion carried unanimously.

Melissa Smith presented the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit, which is a TEA requirement, should we fall back into recapture. Motion by Jason Milstead, seconded by Stephen Bradley, for the 2025-2026 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the *Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding)*. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Cummings reviewed the Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 12 and Parent Rights. Motion by Jim Longbotham, seconded by Jason Milstead, to approve the Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 12 and Parent Rights as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Ensminger presented the Accountability Rating with a 69 for the District overall. Also discussed CCMR and data.

Consider action to nominate board of directors for Limestone County Appraisal District was tabled.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Jason Milstead, seconded by Sindra McLean, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting
- B. Budget Report and Amendments
- C. End-of-Year Amendments
- D. Goodheart-Wilcox – Texas Health Skills for Middle School Curriculum
- E. Carnegie Geometry and Algebra II Curriculum
- F. School Meal Prices
- G. Basketball Structure Repairs

There was no Executive Session.

Superintendent Comments: Board Training for Post-Legislative Update on December 15th. Student enrollment is 1476. Red Goat Café will be under new leadership. Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for September 9 at the middle school, October 6 at HOW, and October 28 at the high school. Will also be attending the grandparents' day at HOW and Enge, the bonfire, Trunk and Treat.

Board President Comments and Reports: Moving the September board meeting from the 15th to Tuesday, the 16th.

Motion by Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, seconded by Stephen Bradley, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 6:27 p.m.

_____ Aslone Foy, Board President	_____ Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, Secretary	<u>September 16, 2025</u> Date Approved
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