

Regular Meeting  
Monday, August 25, 2025 5:40 PM Central

District Conference Room  
300 S. COLLEGE  
Italy, TX 76651

***Allen Richards, President; Dennis Perkins, Vice-President; Ashton Russ, Secretary; Nichole Galvan, Clay Major, Parker Reeves, and Lee Guidry.***

1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum- ***Allen Richards, President, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m., announced the presence of a quorum, and stated that the meeting had been duly called and posted in the time and manner required by Texas Government Code Section 551***

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Texas Pledge- ***Led by Allen Richards, President.***

3. Invocation- ***Led by Dennis Perkins, Vice-President***

4. Open Forum-***No comments***

5. Action Items

5.A. Consent Agenda

5.A.1. Prior Month Meeting Minutes

5.A.2. Consider and take possible action to approve the 2025-2026 renewal proposal for Italy ISD's continued coverage through the TASB Risk Management Fund (Fund) for Unemployment Compensation.

***Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by administration by Lee Guidry. Motion seconded by Nichole Galvan. Motion carried by unanimous 7-0 vote.***

5.B. Consider and take possible action regarding any Budget Amendments for the 2024-2025 school year.

***Motion made to approve the Budget Amendments for the 2024-2025 school year by Nichole Galvan. Motion seconded by Clay Major. Motion carried by unanimous 7-0 vote.***

5.C. Consider and take possible action regarding the Italy ISD 2025-2026 Budget. Budgets include local regular budget, debt service and school nutrition.

***Motion made to approve the Italy ISD 2025-2026 Budget, including local regular budget, debt service and school nutrition by Dennis Perkins. Motion seconded by Ashton Russ. Motion carried by unanimous 7-0 vote.***

5.D. Consider and take possible action regarding the Italy ISD 202-2026 Tax Rate and Resolution setting the Tax Rate. As a note: Melissa Gonzalez; Italy ISD Business Manager, and the Ellis County Tax office are the designated officials that fill out the tax rate calculation worksheet each year.

The increase comes because the No New Revenue Tax Rate (NNRTR) adjusts each year due to changes in various taxable values. The actual voter approved tax rate has not changed from last year and the taxes on most houses will decrease if the constitutional amendment on November 4 is successful and increases the homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000 as well as another \$50,000 reduction for homeowners over 65. When compared to the proposed 2025 tax rate, while it did not change, the percent change calculation from the tax rate calculation worksheet between the NNRTR and our proposed tax rate resulted in an increase of 20.74%.

***Motion made to approve the Resolution to levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the district for tax year 2025 at a total rate of \$1.073700, which is effectively a 20.74 percent increase in the tax rate made by Dennis Perkins. Motion seconded by Clay Major. Motion carried by unanimous 7-0 vote.***

5.E. Discussion and consideration of a resolution directing the defeasance and/or redemption of certain of Italy Independent School District's outstanding Unlimited Tax Bonds.

***Motion made to approve and to adopt a resolution calling a portion of the Italy Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015 for redemption prior to maturity by Nichole Galvan. Motion seconded by Ashton Russ. Motion carried by unanimous 7-0 vote.***

5.F. Consider and take possible action on the "Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 12 and Parent Rights".

SB 12, the extensive parental rights bill from this session, has been of particular interest to districts, and we know you are anxious to get policies related to this bill into place. In order to assist districts with compliance and understanding, TASB Policy Service has created a sample resolution relating to Parent Rights and SB 12 for member district use. While we do not believe the resolution is required, compliance with SB 12 and all other new legal requirements are not optional, and we offer the sample resolution in the event districts wish to bring something to their boards on these matters before Update 126 is released to districts this fall. We have also prioritized work on the grievance policies and hope to have samples available for you in September. There will be revisions necessary at FNG, the student and parent complaint policy, as well as at DGBA (employee complaints) and GF (public complaints).

***Motion made to approve the Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 12 and Parent Rights by Parker Reeves. Motion seconded by Lee Guidry. Motion carried by unanimous 7-0 vote.***

## 6. Reports

6.A. Stafford Elementary Report

6.B. Junior High/High School Report

6.C. Maintenance/Operations/Transportation Report

6.C.1. Utility Report

6.C.2. Transportation Report

6.D. Technology Report

6.E. Athletics Report

6.F. Food Service Report

6.G. Enrollment

6.H. Finance Reports

6.H.1. Financial Statement

6.H.2. Tax Collections

6.H.3. Monthly Investment and Cash Position Report

6.H.4. Check Payments

6.I. Director of ECSSA Report

7. Information Items

7.A. Dates to Remember

Check the district website for all athletic schedules.

- Aug. 29 First home football game
- Sept. 1 No School-Labor Day
- Sept. 5 School on Friday for everyone
- Sept. 9 First home volleyball game
- Sept. 13 Band at the Community Drumline Invitational
- Sept. 17 Ellis County College Fair Night
- Sept. 18 End of first 6-weeks
- Sept. 19 Staff Development Day
- Sept. 15-19 Homecoming Week

7.B. Upcoming Board Meetings

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

- September 15, 2025
- October 20, 2025
- November 17, 2025
- December 15, 2025
- January 26, 2026 (Regular meeting date Jan. 19th is MLK Holiday)
- February 16, 2026
- March 23, 2026 (Regular meeting date March 16th is first day back after Spring Break)
- April 20, 2026
- May 18, 2026
- June 15, 2026

8. Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to: ***Adjourned at 6:05 p.m.***

- 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.
- 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

9. Reconvene into Open Session for Action Relative to Closed Session -***Reconvened at 6:37 p.m.***

10. Adjourn- ***There being no more business to discuss Parker Reeves made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Lee Guidry. Motion carried by unanimous 7-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.***

***APPROVED:***

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***Presiding***

***ATTEST:***

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***Board Secretary***