

FIRST Report Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

The Board of Trustees

Jarrell ISD

A FIRST Report Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Jarrell ISD was held Wednesday, December 17, 2025, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Jarrell ISD Administration, 504 N. 5th Street, Jarrell, TX 76537.

Members Present: Jenny Arnold, Ginger Martinez, Dave Lovelace, Tamara Dozier, Cliff Tschoerner, Mindee Hernandez, and Jennifer Gadison

1. **Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum**

Jenny Arnold Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She affirmed a quorum of board members was present and the notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

2. **Pledge to American and Texas Flags**

3. **Issue Certificate of Election, Statement of Elected Officer and Administer Oath of Office to Elected Board of Trustees in Place 2, Place 5, and Place 7 presented by Diane Hodde**

At 6:24 p.m., President Arnold called a five-minute recess

4. **PUBLIC HEARING: School Finance Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report presented by Robert Navarro**

Robert Navarro presented the FIRST Report. There were no Public Comments. The Public Hearing was closed by Board President Jenny Arnold at 6:45 p.m.

5. **Cougar Champions**

6. **Public Comments**

No public comments were received or presented.

7. **Adjourn to Closed Session: The Board recessed into Closed Session at 7:19 p.m. for purposes permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code Sections 551.001 et seq., 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.082, 551.083, 551.084**

A. Discussion of Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property, Texas Government Code 551.072 for Elementary School #5 and Related Legal Questions

B. Discussion with Legal Counsel to Review Architect Contract for Elementary School #5 and Related Actions

C. Discussion of Personnel, Texas Government Code 551.074

D. Discussion Regarding Roles and Duties of a Public Officer or Employee, Texas Government Code 551.074

8. Return to Open Session and Take Action if Needed on Closed Session Items

The Board of Trustees reconvened to open session at 7:45 p.m.

A. Consideration and Possible Approval of Architect Contract for 2023 Bond Elementary School #5.

A motion was made by Jennifer Gadison and seconded by Dave Lovelace to authorize the Superintendent to finalize architect contract with Huckabee for the 2023 Bond Elementary School #5. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Consideration and Possible Approval of Elementary School #5 Land Donation Agreement, Site Designation within the Atlas Ranch Subdivision, School Name, and Related Action.

A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by Mindee Hernandez to approve the Donation Agreement with Atlas Ranch Holdings, LP, designate the site within the Atlas Ranch Subdivision for Elementary School #5, approve the naming of the school as Atlas Ranch Elementary School, and authorize the Superintendent to finalize negotiations and execute the Donation Agreement and take all related actions to conduct due diligence, execute documents and close on the transaction thus saving the District \$2.8 million dollars. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Possible Action on Personnel

1. Consideration and Possible Action on Accepting Resignations.

A motion was made by Tamara Dozier and seconded by Cliff Tschoerner on accepting resignations as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration and Possible Action on Employing Personnel.

A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by Tamara Dozier on personnel recommendations for employment as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of Previous Meetings

B. Budget Amendment

C. Financial Reports

D. Purchases over \$50,000

E. Check Register

F. Principal's Report

G. Enrollment Report

H. Police Department Criteria Reporting

A motion was made by Jennifer Gadison and seconded by Ginger Martinez to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Communication and Informational Items

A. District Updates from Superintendent Dr. Toni Hicks

1. Student Outcomes/Voice/Athletics presented by Laura Buckley and Coach Haire

2. Academic Calendar 2026-2027 presented by Laura Buckley

3. Course Selection Guide presented by Kelly Blair

4. Budget Update and Proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget Calendar presented by Robert Navarro

B. 2023 Bond Update presented by Sledge Engineering

11. Action Items

11.A. Consideration and Possible Approval of Policy Update EFB (Local) and Policy Update 126 (Local) presented by Bob Mabry.

A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by Dave Lovelace to approve the recommended updates to Policy EFB (Local) and Policy Update 126 (Local) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

11.B. Consideration and Possible Approval of Additional School Buses/Vehicles presented by Robert Navarro.

A motion was made by Tamara Dozier and seconded by Ginger Martinez to approve the purchase of additional buses/vehicles with a not to exceed total of \$2.2 million as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

11.C. Consideration and Possible Approval of Light Upgrades for Jarrell High School Athletic Fields as presented by Sledge Engineering.

A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by Tamara Dozier to authorize a maximum not to exceed of \$700,000 for the Light Upgrades for Jarrell High School Athletic Fields based on quote from Musco via BuyBoard Purchase Contract Number 779-25, and authorize the Superintendent to finalize negotiations. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Consideration and Possible Action of Board Officer Reorganization

Jenny Arnold was nominated for the office of President.

A motion was made by Tamara Dozier and seconded by Ginger Martinez for President. Motion passed unanimously.

Tamara Dozier was nominated for the office of Vice-President.

A motion was made by Jenny Arnold and seconded by Ginger Martinez for Vice-President. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Lovelace was nominated for the office of Secretary.

A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by Mindee Hernandez for Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Board Comments

A. Regular Board Meeting January 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

14. Adjournment

A motion was made by Tamara Dozier and seconded by Cliff Tschoerner to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY