

Regular Meeting  
Monday, June 16, 2025 5:30 PM Central

District Conference Room  
300 S. COLLEGE  
Italy, TX 76651

***Members present: Allen Richards, President; Dennis Perkins, Vice-President; Ashton Russ, Secretary; Nichole Galvan, Clay Major, Parker Reeves Absent Tessa South.***

1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum- ***Allen Richards, President,. called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Board President Allen Richards***

3. Invocation-***Led by Dr. J. Lance Bray***

4. Action Items

4.A. Consider and take action on the resignation of Board of Trustee member, Tessa South, to be effective upon the conclusion of this vote.

5. Open Forum-***NA***

6. Action Items

6.A. Consent Agenda

6.A.1. Prior Month Meeting Minutes

6.A.2. Consider and take possible action to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as offered by TASB Policy Service for consideration and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 125.

6.A.3. Consider and take possible action on the renewal of membership in the Walsh Gallegos Retainer Program for the 2025-2026 FY.

6.A.4. Consider and take possible action to approve the 2025-2026 Drug Testing Guidelines and Consent Form.

6.A.5. Consider and take possible action regarding the Annual Renewal of the Ellis County Shared Service Agreement for 2025-2026.

6.A.6. Consider and take possible action to approve 2025-2026 T-TESS Appraisers.

6.A.7. Consider and take possible action on approving the engagement letter with auditors Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn, Seay & Scarborough for the 2025-2026 School Year.

***Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by Administration by Nichole Galvan. Motion seconded by Clay Major. Motion carried by unanimous 6-0 vote.***

6.B. Per Senate Bill 401, consider and take possible action to adopt a policy to opt-in or opt-out of whether to grant non-enrolled homeschool students the opportunity to participate in UIL activities beginning in the 2025-2026 school year and continuing until the Italy ISD Board of Trustees chooses to take action otherwise.

***Motion made to adopt a policy to opt-out of whether to grant non-enrolled homeschool students the opportunity to participate in UIL activities beginning in the 2025-2026 school year and continuing until the Italy ISD Board of Trustees chooses to take action otherwise***

The bill contains the following language related to an ISD's option:

"(c-2) Not later than the date specified under league rule, the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school may adopt a policy declining to grant non-enrolled students the opportunity to participate in league activities."

This means a school is required to allow homeschool participation unless the school board adopts a policy to opt out of allowing it.

In the 2024-25 school year, UIL required schools to opt in to allow homeschool participation by August 1st for those homeschool students to be eligible for varsity participation. Under this new law, homeschool students are eligible to participate at your ISD unless your school board opts out.

To accommodate this new law, UIL is setting the date for opting out as September 1, 2025. In subsequent years, that date will be August 1st for any change in status a school board votes to take. For example, if your school does not opt out for this coming school year, and wishes later to do so for 2026-2027, that change must be made by August 1, 2026.

To review, ISDs must opt out of allowing homeschool participation by September 1, 2025 or homeschool students are able to participate in UIL activities, as written in law.

## 7. Reports

### 7.A. Maintenance/Operations/Transportation Report

#### 7.A.1. Utility Report

#### 7.A.2. Transportation Report

### 7.B. Enrollment

### 7.C. Finance Reports

#### 7.C.1. Financial Statement

#### 7.C.2. Tax Collections

#### 7.C.3. Monthly Investment and Cash Position Report

#### 7.C.4. Check Payments

#### 7.C.5. Quarterly Investment Report

## 8. Information Items

### 8.A. Summer Leadership Institute 2025 in Fort Worth is June 18-21

### 8.B. Dates to Remember

- Summer School May 28 - June 19 (Mon-Thurs)
- Tour D'Italia June 21st
- EOC Retests June 23-26

### 8.C. Upcoming Board Meetings

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

- July 21, 2025
- August 4, 2025 @ 7:00 PM (Budget Workshop)
- August 25, 2025 (instead of August 18, 2025)
  - 5:30 Special meeting for Public Hearing on Proposed Budget and Tax Rate
  - 5:45 Regular meeting to approve budget amendments, proposed budget and set tax rate and any other business
- 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

## 9. Adjourn to Closed Session-*at 5:43 pm*

### 9.A. Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to: 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.
- To consider the process for selecting someone to fill a Board Vacancy.
- 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

10. Reconvene into Open Session for Action Relative to Closed Session **-at 6:47 pm**

11. Action Items

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

11.A. Consider and take action on the revised Board Operating Procedures for 2025-2026.

***Motion made to approve the revised Board Operating Procedures by Dennis Perkins. Motion seconded by Nichole Galvan. Motion carried by unanimous 6-0 vote.***

11.B. Consider and take possible action on the request from teacher, Karlee Harton, to rescind her previous resignation letter submitted to the superintendent.

***Motion made to rescind the previous resignation letter submitted to the superintendent by Karlee Harton made by Parker Reeves. Motion seconded by Ashton Russ. Motion carried by unanimous 6-0 vote.***

11.C. Consider and take action on the procedure to fill the School Board vacancy previously held by Tessa South.

***Motion made to approve and appoint to fill the School Board vacancy previously held by Tessa South by Dennis Perkins. Motion seconded by Parker Reeves. Motion carried by unanimous 6-0 vote.***

11.D. If applicable, consider and take action on the dates and timeline for accepting applications and interviewing candidates to fill the unexpired term of Tessa South until the next general election. **-No Action**

11.E. If applicable, consider and take action on the appointment of a trustee to fill the unexpired term of Tessa South until the next general election.

***Motion made on the appointment of a trustee to fill the unexpired term of Tessa South until the next general election and to appoint Dr. Lee Guidry made by Ashton Russ. Motion seconded by Parker Reeves. Motion carried by unanimous 6-0 vote.***

12. Non-Action Items (if applicable)

12.A. Issuance of Certificate of Appointment-***Issuance of Certification of Appointment for Dr. Lee Guidry.***

12.B. Statement of Appointed Board Member and Swearing In of Newly Appointed Board Member & Oath of Office of Appointed Board Member.

***Statement of Appointed Board Member and Swearing In of Newly Appointed Board Member & Oath of Office of Appointed Board Member for Dr. Lee Guidry by Danette Dearing.***

13. Adjourn- *There being no more business to discuss Lee Guidry made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Dennis Perkins. Motion carried by unanimous 7-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.*

***APPROVED:***

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***Presiding***

***ATTEST:***

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***Board Secretary***