

**Regular Meeting**  
**July 8, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Tolesia Smith-Davis at 6:00 pm.

Members present were Lauren Glover, Rusty Mauldin, Chris McCurry, Tolesia Smith-Davis, Leah Cooper, Joey Romano, and Kirstin Johnson.

District personnel present were Michael Walker, Mike Wood, Tim Phy, Jay Patrick, Clint Coyne, Lynn Phillips, Mitzi Neely, Terry Johnson, Courtney Braddock, Jack Pearl, and Rebecca Pearl. Others present included Hugh Lewis.

Mr. Mauldin gave the invocation.

Ms. Smith-Davis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

There was no one present related to the Public Comment agenda item.

Campus and Administrative reports were given at this time. Clint Coyne gave a facilities update. Summer projects are well underway and progressing on target. He was also sure to thank the technology department for all their hard work this summer that is not necessarily seen, but as equally integral for district operations.

Dr. Lynn Phillips gave a report on progress measures for early education. She pointed out some highlights as well as areas for improvement and was overall pleased with the growth.

Dr. Phillips and Ms. Mitzi Neely gave a report on the STAAR scores for the district. The scores were not where they had hoped they would be, but they are optimistic for future scores with the second year of the new curriculum and more teacher continuity.

Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve two new local teaching permits. One for Kenneth Simmons teaching Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness, and one for Jade Strother teaching Child Development. Mr. Romano seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Phillips proposed the addition of two new innovative curriculum courses at the high school, Student to Industry Connection and Marketing, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Mauldin made a motion to approve of the addition of the courses. Mr. McCurry seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the T-TESS appraisal calendar and the list of appraisers. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Mauldin made a motion to approve Ms. Karen Jones to be the official to calculate the district's effective tax rate. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Romano made a motion to approve a new 3-year agreement with Claims Administrative Services. Mr. Wood mentioned he has been happy with CAS for our workers compensation insurance. Mr. McCurry seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Wood explained the benefits of joining a unique purchasing coop called the Central Texas Purchasing Alliance. It will allow the district to collaborate with other districts for purchasing needs. Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve signing an interlocal agreement to join CTPA. Mr. Romano seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

The action item relating to property and casualty insurance bids was tabled for a later meeting to gather more information on the submitted bids.

After some discussion, Mr. Romano made a motion to approve a local policy stating the district is opting out of allowing homeschool participation in UIL activities. Mr. McCurry seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the appointment of 5 members to the Student Health Advisory Council. Those members are Brandi Musick, Kirstin Johnson, Shanna Nelson, Brandy Isles-Hurts, and Corinna Allen. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the Concussion Oversight Team for the 2025-2026 school year. The recommended members were Dr. Trevor Waite, Matt Burke, Jenifer Carnley, Ashley Motley, and Tina McCoy. Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve the team members as presented. Mr. Mauldin seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Wood provided the Board with some information related to the 25-26 budget, which still requires some work to determine more accurate revenue estimates. Mr. Wood explained the worksheet he provided which addressed totals regarding the revenue side of the budget as they compared to last year. Mr. Wood mentioned that there will be a decrease in tax revenue with a lower compressed rate and the new \$140,000 homestead exemption. He also mentioned the state should offset the lost tax revenue due to the new homestead exemption with more state funding. Mr. Wood noted that at this point, the numbers are a moving target and by the next meeting more information will be available to him to give a clearer picture. No action was required on this agenda item.

Mr. Wood then discussed the effects of local, state and federal funding as it related to the district's budget providing the board with a handout explaining funding sources in further detail.

Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included past minutes, TASB policy update 125 and several budget amendments. Budget amendments included Open Gate Technology, graphic wrapping of the high school gym and backboards, building moving, gravel work, and additional supply funds for high school student groups. Motion was duly seconded by Ms. Johnson. Motion carried, 7-0.

The Board convened into executive session at 7:41 pm to discuss safety and security, personnel, and district matters.

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:50 pm.

There was no need for action on any personnel matters.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

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