

**Notice of Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Thursday, August 14, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2025, beginning at 6:30 PM, in the cafeteria, 200 Co Rd 421, Stephenville, TX 76401.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. For more information about public comment, see Policy BED. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board President Cody Pike. The members in attendance were Cindy Shipman, Lance Brooks, Cody Pike, Brett Thetford, and Betty Peterson. Member Neil Culpepper joined via Zoom.

Administration present were Superintendent Wes Corzine, Principal Molly Purl, Dean of Students Tabitha Bleeker, and Business Manager Yvette Thomason.

2. Invocation

The invocation was led by Greg Hamilton.

3. Pledges of Allegiance - United States and Texas

4. Public Comment

Parents, staff, and community members commented on the 2025-2026 student dress code.

5. Budget Workshop

Mr. Corzine spoke on the 2024-2025 budget to actual revenues and expenses and how the year is projected to finish. The 2025-2026 proposed tax rates were presented as an M&O tax rate of 0.6189 and I&S tax rate of 0.1945 for a combined rate of 0.8134.

The 2025-2026 budget will be presented and voted on at the August 28, 2025, board meeting.

6. Consent Agenda

Description:

Review of Check Register

Review of Comparison to Revenue

Review of Detail Transactions - Utilities

Minutes of Previous Board Meetings

Cindy Shipman made a motion to approve the consent agenda from the July 17th and July 24th board meetings.

Brett Thetford seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Superintendent Report

A. Special Board Meeting - August 28, 2025

There will be a called board meeting on August 28, 2025, to present and adopt the proposed 2025-2026 budget, and adopt the proposed 2025-2026 tax rates.

B. Special Session Legislative Update

Mr. Corzine spoke about a bill filed by the State House and Senate that could potentially eliminate the STAAR test by the 2027-2028 school year and be replaced with an assessment that would measure beginning, middle, and end of year student academic growth.

C. Entitlement of Excess Local Revenue

Mr. Corzine explained the process required by The Texas Education Agency by Huckabay ISD in the event HISD qualifies as a recapture district. The process includes a contract stating how HISD would repay funds to the TEA if HISD receives more local revenue allowed by Tier 2 guidelines.

8. **Principal Report**

A. Enrollment

Mrs. Purl said the student enrollment at the time of the meeting was 340 students with an overall attendance of 99.12%.

B. Core Values, Vision, Mission

Mrs. Purl presented the Core Values of *Tradition, Respect, Integrity, Belief, and Excellence*. The Vision Statement of *Inspiring Others*, and Mission Statements: *"We value our traditions, show respect, live with integrity, believe in ourselves, pursue excellence, and inspire others every day."* This compilation was created by the HISD staff during August staff development.

C. 2025-2026 Huckabay ISD Student Handbook

Mrs. Purl presented the 2025-2026 HISD Student Handbook that includes the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct.

Cody Pike called recess at 7:54 PM. The meeting reconvened at 8:03 PM.

9. **Discussion Item(s)**

A. Board Policy BP(Legal)(Local)

There was no discussion on Board Policy BP(Legal)(Local).

10. **Action Item(s)**

A. Consider Approval of 2025-2026 M&O and I&S Proposed Tax Rate

Mr. Corzine presented the proposed M&O tax rate of 0.6189 and I&S tax rate of 0.1945 for a combined rate of 0.8134.

Lance Brooks made a motion to approve the proposal of the 2025-2026 tax rates.

Betty Peterson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Consider Approval of 2024-2025 Budget Amendments - Presenter: Yvette Thomason, Huckabay ISD Business Manager

Yvette Thomason presented end-of-year budget amendments.

Betty Peterson made a motion to approve the end-of-year budget amendments.

Lance Brooks seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Consider Approval of 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct - Presenter: Molly Purl, Huckabay ISD Principal, Campus Behavior Coordinator

Mr. Corzine presented the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct.

Lance Brooks made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct.

Betty Peterson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Consider Approval of Huckabay ISD Board Policy FNCE(Local) - Personal Communication Devices HB 1481

Mr. Corzine presented the proposed Board Policy FNCE(Local) - Personal Communication Devices that states, *A student shall not use a personal communication device on school property during the school day. While on school property, the student shall store any personal communication device in accordance with administrative regulations.*

A student who violates this policy or any regulations shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the Board-adopted Student Code of Conduct.

An authorized District employee shall confiscate a student's personal communication device that is used in violation of this policy or any applicable regulations.

The District shall not dispose of the personal communication device. The District shall provide appropriate notice, and devices that are not retrieved shall be stored according to administrative regulations.

Exceptions

A student shall be authorized to use a personal communication device on school property during the school day only under the following circumstances:

- 1. The student's use is necessary for implementation of the student's individualized education program, a 504 plan, or a similar program or plan;*
- 2. The student's use is required due to a documented need based on a directive from a qualified physician; or*
- 3. The student's use is necessary to comply with a health or safety requirement imposed by law or as part of the District or campus safety protocols.*

Implementation

The Superintendent shall develop regulations to implement this policy.

Compliance

Annually, the Superintendent shall report to the Board on the implementation and compliance of this policy.

Brett Thetford made a motion to approve Board Policy FNCE(Local) - Personal Communication Devices.

Lance Brooks seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Consider Approval of Huckabay ISD Board Policy FD(Local) - Non-enrolled Student Eligibility SB 401

Mr. Corzine presented the proposed Board Policy FD(Local)- Non-enrolled Student Eligibility that states, *A student enrolled in a private school, including a homeschool, shall not be eligible for concurrent enrollment in the District nor for participation in curricular or extracurricular activities. [See EEL and FM]*

Lance Brooks made a motion to approve Board Policy FD(Local) - Non-enrolled Student Eligibility.

Brett Thetford seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

F. Consider Approval of Huckabay ISD Board Policy FM(Local) - Non-enrolled Student Eligibility SB 401

Mr. Corzine presented the proposed Board Policy FM(Local) - Non-enrolled Student Eligibility that states, *[For eligibility of a private school student, including a home-school student, to participate in extracurricular activities, see FD(LOCAL).]*

Brett Thetford made a motion to approve Board Policy FM(Local) - Non-enrolled Student Eligibility. Lance Brooks seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

G. Consider Approval of Risk Management Cooperative (RMC) of Texas Annual Renewal for 2025-2026

Mr. Corzine presented the Risk Management Cooperative (RMC) of Texas Annual Insurance Renewal for 2025-2026 costing \$95,628.

Betty Peterson made a motion to approve the Risk Management Cooperative (RMC) of Texas Annual Insurance Renewal for 2025-2026 costing \$95,628.

Brett Thetford seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

H. Consider Approval of Huckabay ISD Board Policy BP(Local)

No action was taken.

11. Recess to Closed Session was at 8:24 PM. Closed session convened at 8:35 PM and recessed at 9:09 PM. Open session was reconvened at 9:12 PM.

Description:

For the purpose of consideration of matters for which closed or executive sessions are authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code §(.071-084), whereupon the Superintendent, at the request of the President of the Board of Education, will present for the Board's discussion the following matters:

- A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, to consult with the District's attorney, in person or by phone.
- B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee including the consideration by the board of the Superintendent's evaluation and contract.
- D. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.076, to deliberate continued evaluation and implementation of security plans, of security personnel or devices and/or conducting security audits.

A. Discuss Good Cause Exception Annual Renewal

B. Discuss District Employees and Board Members Carrying Firearms on District Property and Vehicles

C. Discuss Appointment of Vacant Board Seat

12. Action Item(s) From Closed Session

A. Consider Approval of Huckabay ISD Good Cause Exception Annual Renewal

Cody Pike made a motion to approve the Good Cause Exception Annual Renewal.

Betty Peterson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Consider Approval of District Employees and Board Members to Carry a Firearm on District Property and District Vehicles According to CKED(Local)

Betty Peterson made a motion to approve District Employees and Board Members to Carry a Firearm on District Property and District Vehicles According to CKED(Local).

Neil Culpepper seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

13. Adjournment was at 9:15 PM.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See TASB Policy BEC(LEGAL)]

Cody Pike, Board President

Cindy Shipman, Board Secretary