

Union Grove Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes
April 13, 2026

The Union Grove ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Library.

Members present: Jody Day, Michael Potter, Kelly Chambliss, Karey Barbee, Brian Cox and Justin Smith

Members absent: Tim Turner

Also present: Dr. Greg Bower, Superintendent; Stephaney Wallace, Elementary Principal; Landon Trent, JH/HS Principal; Kelly Klein, Business Manager; Terri Woodfin, Superintendent's Secretary; Teachers/Staff: Jennifer Morvan, Rhonda Baker, Gailyn Sutton, Whitney Hutchins, Shelby Burrow; Community members: Kyler Littlejohn and Randy Spears; Parents and students of the Star Students of the Month and GT students.

The meeting was called to order by Jody Day, and Justin Smith led the board in a prayer.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the agenda as presented.

Pledge of Allegiance - The pledge of allegiance was led by 6th Grade student Gauge Hulsebus.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – In accord with board policy, three minutes to hear citizen communications not on the agenda. Randy Spears spoke to the board regarding a petition that was started last year to name the Lion Center Auditorium after his wife Sandy Spears who taught theatre for Union Grove ISD for ten year. UGISD has had many successful students come through Union Grove ISD due to the passion and hard work imparted on the by Sandy. He would like the board to give consideration about renaming the building in the future.

Board Member Statements - None

INFORMATION REPORT – Information items were presented to the Board as listed on the agenda

- A. Star Students of the Month Awards: Elementary – Gauge Hulsebus; JH – Elijah Cook; HS – Cami Ferguson
- B. Star Staff of the Month Awards: Elementary – Whitney Hutchins; JH/HS – Gailyn Sutton
- C. Program Report – Elementary GT Students – Jennifer Morvan and two of her students presented slides for the board from their field trip to Kilgore College for the Elementary GT Fair.
- D. Bill Listing
- E. Budget Analysis
- F. Investment Report
- G. Enrollment: Total: 703; HS 225; JH 104; EL 374
- H. Principal Report
- I. Discussion of Board Training – The board discussed the different conferences that will be held this summer and decided on the TREA Conference in Round Rock.
- J. Superintendent report: Dr. Bower informed the board regarding:
 1. First Impression of the District
 2. Band
 - Director and Assistant Band Director – Andy Thompson will be leaving UGISD and going to Gilmer.
 - Band Booster – Dr. Bower met with Christina O’Neal to discuss the Band Director position and has invited her to sit in on the interviews for the Band Director.
 - Spring Concert will be held on April 30th at the LC Auditorium
 3. Athletics
 - Track – The Varsity Boys track won the district meet; along with JV boys, 8th Grade and 7th Grade. Several girls will also be advancing to the Area meet on April 16th.
 - Softball – Senior night will be held tomorrow night vs. Ore City
 - Baseball – Tuesday vs. Ore City

Golf – Varsity Boys are at the currently competing at the regional meet in Jacksonville, and the girls will compete on Wednesday and Thursday.

4. OAP – Area Champs and they are advancing to the Regional OAP on April 23rd
5. Rocketry – They will be at the Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility on April 22nd followed by the System’s go launch in Fredericksburg on May 1-3rd.
6. FFA – They are currently participating in several CDE’s
7. Academic UIL – We won the District meet and are advancing lots of students to compete on April 24th & 25th.
8. STAAR Testing – Underway for both campuses
9. Elementary Career Day – May 1st
10. NSH Induction – May 7th at 6pm in the LC Auditorium
11. Awards Banquet – Senior Banquet will be May 11th, and the HS Awards will be May 13th
12. Next Board Meeting – Due to the Senior banquet on May 11th the May board meeting will be moved to May 13th at 6pm.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was the consensus of the Board to approve the minutes for the following, as presented:

- A. Regular meeting on March 23, 2026

ACTION AGENDA

A. Business Matters

1. Motion was made by Justin Smith and seconded by Brian Cox to approve the Engagement Letter with Auditor, Wilf & Henderson Certified Public Accountants. All members voted YES. Motion carried. Unanimous

EDUCATION MATTERS

1. Motion was made by Michael Potter and seconded by Brian Cox to approve the out of state trip for the 4th Grade class to go to Sciport Discovery Center in Shreveport, LA on May 13th per requirements of FMG (LOCAL) All members voted YES Motion carried. Unanimous

CLOSED SESSION [Authority: Texas Government Code Section 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.0821]

Motion was made by Justin Smith and seconded by Michael Potter that the Board adjourn to closed session at 6:31 pm. Motion carried. Unanimous

ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

1. Board member statements – None
2. Motion was made by Justin Smith and seconded by Michael Potter to approve giving the Superintendent, Dr. Greg Bower authority to negotiate the land purchase. All voted YES, Motion carried. Unanimous
3. Motion was made by Justin Smith and seconded by Michael Potter to approve giving Dr. Greg Bower authority to sign agreements with three different attorneys. All voted YES, Motion carried. Unanimous

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Justin Smith and seconded by Michael Potter to adjourn. Motion carried. Unanimous

President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Superintendent of Schools