

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STEPHENVILLE I.S.D.  
Stephenville, TX. 76401

August 25, 2025

The Stephenville Independent School District Board of Education met in Regular Session at 5:30 pm in the Bond Auditorium of the Administration Building, August 25, 2025 with the following members present:

Dr. Robert Barberee, President  
Mr. Donny Hill, Vice President  
Mr. Matt Miller, Secretary

Mr. Chad Elms  
Mr. Ben McCleery  
Mr. Douglas Young

Member Absent: Dr. Rita Cook

School Personnel Present: Dr. Eric Cederstrom, Superintendent, Mr. Tim Sherrod, Ms. Kathy Hampton, Mr. John Briesse, Mrs. Kelly Magin, Mrs. Michelle McNutt, Mrs. Ether Tucker, Mrs. Joanie Bennett, Mrs. Mica Rudd, Mr. Victor Saucedo, Dr. Josh Holt, Mrs. Stephanie Traweek, Mr. Brad Burleson, Mrs. Jennifer Salyards, Mrs. Carey Arthur, Mr. Koory Arthur, Mrs. Brenda Perez, Mrs. Blessing Wright, Mrs. Renee Goodwin, Mr. Justin Swenson, Mrs. Holly Hubbard, Ms. Savannah Bowers, Mr. Cameron Price, Mr. Brian Lesley, Mrs. Rachel Kammerer, Mrs. Norma Cervetto.

Others Present: Chief Dan M. Harris, Stephenville Chief of Police

Invocation

The Invocation was provided by Mr. Ben McCleery.

Recited U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance

The U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance were led by Mr. Donny Hill.

I. Call to Order and Announce Quorum Present

President Barberee called the meeting to order and announced a quorum present.

II. Proclamations/Recognitions

The following Proclamations/Recognitions were presented:

-SHS: FFA and Here By The Owl Award

III. Required Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget and Tax Rates was conducted.

No one from the audience spoke.

IV. Approved to Adopt the Proposed Budget for Stephenville Independent School District for the 2025-2026 school year

The motion was made by Mr. Elms and seconded by Mr. Hill to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget for General Operating, Child Nutrition, and Debt Service as presented.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

V. Approved to Adopt the Proposed Tax Rate for the Stephenville Independent School District for 2025-2026.

The motion was made by Mr. McCleery and seconded by Mr. Miller that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.8875, which is effectively a 8.77 percent increase in the tax rate.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

The motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. McCleery to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of the MOU for SRO's with the City of Stephenville and move that item to September.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

- Minutes: July 21, 2025 – Regular Meeting
- Minutes: July 30, 2025 – Board Team of Eight Training
- Minutes: August 11, 2025 – Board Workshop
- Review Check Registry
- Review of Additional Vendors
- Monthly Financial Statements
- Budget Amendments
- Worker's Compensation Renewal
- Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Option 3 Agreement) and to delegate contractual authority to Superintendent

For the 2025-2026 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of

obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit, the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding) or the Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credit and Netting Chapter 48 Funding.

- Special Ed Van with Lift
- SHS Synthetic Track Surfacing Proposal
- SHS Furniture Bid
- Scoreboards (Baseball and Lem Brock Fields)
- Stephenville ISD District Site-Based Committee as the District Level Advisory committee to renew the District Innovation Plan

#### Amended Motion

The motion was made by Mr. Elms and seconded by Mr. Young to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of the MOU for SRO's with the City of Stephenville and move that item to September.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

The motion carried.

VII. Postponement of Item VIII: Consider Agreement for Assessment and Collection between the County of Erath and the Stephenville Independent School District

The motion was made by Mr. McCleery and seconded by Mr. Elms to postpone Item VII Consider Agreement for Assessment and Collection between the County of Erath and the Stephenville Independent School District.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

VIII. Consider Adoption of the Board Operating Procedures

The motion was made by Mr. McCleery and seconded by Mr. Miller to postpone indefinitely the Action Item: VIII Consider Adoption of the board Operating Procedures until the next board meeting.

The following board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Barberee, Mr. Miller, Mr. Elms, Mr. McCleery and Mr. Young.

The following board member was out of the room during the vote: Mr. Hill

The following board member was absent: Dr. Cook

The motion passed.

IX. Board Communications and Future Action Items

- SRO MOU with the City of Stephenville
- Board Operating Procedures
- Presentation of information item only on the Child Nutrition program, budget, and fund balance at the next board meeting.
- Stadium revenue

X. Heard Superintendent's Report including:

- Student Enrollment (3501 students); down 46 students from last year but rising daily.
- Facilities Update

XI. Closed Session

President Barberee announced to those present that the Board would adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of Section 551.071 and/or 551.086 at approximately 7:23 pm.

- Discuss Personnel Matters and/or Hear Complaints against Personnel (551.074)
  - Deliberate appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties or discipline of contract and/or at-will employees.
- Discuss purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (551.072)
- Discuss the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices (551.076).

XII. Open Session

The board reconvened to Open Session at approximately 8:16 pm.

XIII. Personnel

Employment:

Erica Cervantes – Pre-K Bilingual Teacher – Central Elementary  
Effective: August 7, 2025

Caitlin Herman – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher – Chamberlin Elementary

Effective: August 9, 2025

Jonathan Norman – Assistant Athletic Director/Stadium Manager  
Effective: August 1, 2025

XIV. Adjourn

No further business appearing before the board, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Secretary

CORRECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
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President