

MINUTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Smithville Independent School District was held on Monday, June 16, 2025 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Smithville ISD Administrative Building, PO Box 479, 901 N.E. 6th Street, Smithville, Texas 78957.

Members present: Michael Hancock, Chris Hinnant, Josh Magden, Candice Parsons, Chelsa Vinklerek, Grant Gutierrez

Members absent: Bryan Jones

Others present: Stacy Tiner, Jean Ann McCarthy, Lindsey Saunders, Holly Brockman, Zack Harris, Rebecca Hamilton, Tucker Copeland, Amanda Hudspeth, Dr. Elizabeth Magden, Whitney Brown, Candy Biehle, Dr. Molley Perry, Denise Behrens

Call to Order – Mr. Gutierrez, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call – Mr. Gutierrez called the roll of members. Mr. Jones was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance – The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Communications – There were no citizens signed up to address the public.

Consent Agenda – Josh Magden moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Candice Parsons seconded and the motion passed 6-0. The Consent Agenda included:

1. Minutes
2. Financial Statements
3. State Aid Comparison - Budgeted vs. Earned
4. Investment Report
5. Earned vs. TEA Payments
6. Tax Collection Report
7. Financial Report

Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent updated the Board on important issues pertaining to the District, including:

- Dr. Perry's two weeks have included: Coffee with the Superintendent, Lions' Club, meeting with Trustees and District leaders, and planning for the new school year.
- Sun Meals and Sun Meals to Go are in full swing. Child Nutrition has served approximately 3,600 meals in the first two weeks of Summer Feeding. They are

serving breakfast and lunch daily to 100 children at Smithville Elementary, Smithville Junior High, and ACE , 40 meals at the Rec Center and 70 breakfasts for the athletic morning workouts. Our multiple day meals known as Sun Meals to Go are being distributed at Lake Thunderbird, MLK Park and Rosanky Community Center on Monday and Thursdays. We will have an evening distribution site in July at the Calvary Baptist Church. We are currently distributing meals to 150 children at these sites. These are meals for Monday through Sunday consumption. This summer we have employed 7 high school students and 3 college students along with 2 of our Child Nutrition employees.

- Also in July we will have a filming crew from DC here from July 7-10 with No Kid Hungry- Share the Strength. They will be filming our Sun Meals to Go program for four days. as well as speaking with families that receive our meals.
- Professional learning for staff in & out of the District is happening - Teacher Mentor Training, Data Driven Instruction, etc... and last week Dr. Perry served on a texedFest panel with TASA at their summer conference.
- Your link to board training through SafeSchools (Vector Solutions) has been emailed to you. Cybersecurity and Child Abuse training will be available through this source. Remember, board members are required to have 1 hour of Cybersecurity training each year, and 1 hour of Child Abuse training every 2 years. Important: your timeline starts over in May after we have announced your hours at the April board meeting. You will be required to complete Cybersecurity training between now and April 2026, and if you completed Child Abuse training this past spring you will be required to do it again between now and April 2027.
- Registration and Housing opens on July 22nd for the txEDCON25 TASA/TASB Convention, which will be held September 11-14, 2025 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. Mr. Jones is the delegate and Mr. Gutierrez is the alternate. Trustees should let Ms. Behrens know if they are planning to attend.
- ESC Region 13 is planning to host a TEC Legislative Update training for board members on Monday, August 18th in LaGrange. This is a required training for all board members. We need to get a consensus on who could attend.

School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) Report – As per Texas Education Code, Chapter 28, at least annually, the local school health advisory council (SHAC) shall submit a report to the board of trustees. Dr. Elizabeth Magden reported to the Board on activities from the 2024-2025 school year.

Update on the 89th Legislative Session – Dr. Perry updated the Board on pertinent information from the 89th Legislative Session.

2025-2026 District Budget and Compensation Plan Development – The school district staff is currently in the process of developing the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year. The process began in March with budget planning at the campus level. The Board must adopt the final budget on or before August 31, 2025 in accordance with legal requirements.

Budget hearings were conducted with each campus principal and each department director. Stacy Tiner, Business Manager, presented the first draft of the 2025-2026 budget to the Board.

Smithville ISD Strategic Plan 2023-2027 Update: School Safety – Dr. Logan, Assistant Superintendent, gives a regular progress report/update on the Smithville I.S.D. Strategic Plan. This month, she reported on school safety.

Board Self-Evaluation – The self-evaluation instrument was completed electronically by the members of the Board and submitted to President Grant Gutierrez. All members had the opportunity for review and input.

Tentative July Agenda Items – Tentative items to be included on the July agenda:

- a. 2025-2026 Budget and Compensation Plan
- b. Child Nutrition Services
- c. Board Operating Procedures
- d. Required Board Trainings
- e. Review of TASB Facilities Study
- f. Call for Public Hearing on Proposed Budget and Tax Rate
- g. Student Code of Conduct for 2025-2026
- h. T-TESS Appraisers for 2025-2026

Approval of Instructional Materials for Health and Wellness – A list of recommendations for curricula from the School Health and Wellness Committee was included in the board packet for approval. Dr. Logan reviewed the list of curricula. Candice Parsons moved to approve the Instructional Materials for Health and Wellness as presented. Chris Hinnant seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Purchase of Replacement Desks for Smithville High School – The purpose of this agenda item is to authorize expenditure for the purchase of 240 replacement desks at Smithville High School, an amount not to exceed \$75,000 from the general fund. Josh Magden made a motion to approve the expenditure as presented. Chris Hinannt seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Schedule Board Meeting Dates for 2025-2026 – The Smithville I.S.D. Board of Trustees traditionally meets on the third Monday of each month. There are several months throughout the year that those regular meeting dates conflict with school holidays, etc. The dates for regular board meetings during the 2025-2026 school year are: Monday, August 25, 2025, Monday, September 15, 2025, Monday, October 20, 2025, Monday, November 17, 2025, Monday, December 15, 2025, Tuesday, January 20, 2026, Monday, February 23, 2026, Monday, March 23, 2026, Monday, April 20, 2026, Monday, May 18, 2026, Monday, June 15, 2026 and Monday, July 20, 2026. With a motion from Michael Hancock to approve the dates as presented, and a second by Candice Parsons, the vote carried 6-0.

Adjournment – Candice Parsons moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Josh Magden seconded the motion and the meeting concluded.