

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, April 27, 2026**  
**The Board of Trustees**  
**SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT was held on **April 27, 2026**, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Duncan F. Klussmann Education Center, 9016 Westview Dr., Houston, Texas 77055, with the following Board Members present: Walker Agnew Jr., Courtney Anderson, Caroline H. Bennett, Chris Earnest, Jennifer Hyland, Shannon Mahan, and David Slattery.

Board President Shannon Mahan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She noted that a quorum of Board Members was present. Trustee Chris Earnest was not present at the time of the call to order and joined the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

President Mahan certified that the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.041, had been complied with in connection with public notice of the meeting.

1. **Pledge: Trustee Courtney Anderson**
2. **Opening Prayer: Vice President Caroline H. Bennett**
3. **Opening Remarks by the Superintendent**  
The Superintendent welcomed everyone and congratulated the students receiving awards. She expressed appreciation to the Police Department for their continued efforts in keeping the district community safe. She also briefly referenced the upcoming discussion regarding the potential closure of Northbrook Middle School, noting declining enrollment and the importance of operating efficiently in the best interest of the district.
4. **Public Comment on Special Presentations**  
No one signed up to speak.
5. **Special Presentations**
  - A. **Sights and Sounds Around Spring Branch ISD**  
The Board viewed a presentation highlighting student and teacher achievements across the district, including Teacher of the Year finalists.
  - B. **Recognition of #IAMSBISD Award Recipients**  
The Board recognized SBISD Police Officer Derek Rodriguez for heroic actions and commitment to student safety, honoring him with the #IAMSBISD Award.

- C. Recognition of Region 4 School Safety and Security Recognition Program Award  
The Board recognized the SBISD Police Department for being honored through the Region 4 School Safety and Security Recognition Program.
- D. Recognition of PTA Reflections Contest Student Entries Advancing to State and National Levels  
The Board recognized SBISD students whose Reflections entries across multiple categories, including visual arts, dance, film, literature, music, and photography, advanced to state and national competitions.
- E. Recognition of Youth Art Month Student Awards  
The Board recognized students for outstanding achievements in visual arts during Youth Art Month.
- F. Recognition of CTE Architecture Student Awards  
The Board recognized CTE Architecture students for earning top honors in a regional competition.
- G. Recognition of SBISD Farrington Competition Award Winners  
The Board recognized students for excellence in world languages through the Farrington Competition.

6. **Public Comment on Agenda Items or Non-Agenda Items**

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding Item 9B:

Ashley Luna, Kelly Mills, Diana Alexander, Sean Gambini, Grace Fyfe, Laura Abrams, David Green, Emmanuel Zapata Jr., Kevin Holland, Jorge Dominguez, Leticia Hogeda-Martinez, David Lopez, Virginia Elizondo, Moira Lail, Laura Prewett, Allie Walton, Charles Luke, Kim Collado, Laura Thomas, Theresa Blades, Jamie Mathews, Megan Valentine, Linden Brewer, Haley Gilliam, Bond Hopkins,

7. **Executive Session**

President Mahan recessed the Board into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. in accordance with the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act for the purposes listed below.

- A. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Routine Personnel Matters and Other Personnel Matters including Duties of Employees and Public Officers
- B. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.0821 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Deliberation of Personally Identifiable Information of a Public School Student
- C. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act for Deliberations Regarding Employment, Duties, Evaluation, and Dismissal of Employees Including But Not Limited to Deliberation Regarding Consideration of Superintendent Recommendation to Terminate Probationary Contract Employee(s)/Propose Nonrenewal of Term Contract Employee(s)

- D. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Open Meetings Act Regarding Deliberation of the Deployment, or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices, or Deliberation of a Security Audit
- E. The Board will meet in Closed Session Under Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act in Consultation with the Board's Attorney Regarding All Matters as Authorized by Law, including, but not limited to, discussion of *Elizondo v. Spring Branch ISD*, Civ. Act. No. H-21-1997, and Legal Issues Surrounding Public Finance

President Mahan reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:23 p.m. and said that no action was taken while in the closed session.

8. **Action as Needed from Executive Session**

A. Request for Approval of Routine Personnel Items

Motion made by Secretary Walker Agnew Jr. and seconded by Trustee David Slattery that the Board of Trustees approve routine personnel items as recommended.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

B. Request for Approval of Employee Contract Recommendations for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion made by Vice President Caroline H. Bennett and seconded by Secretary Walker Agnew Jr. that the Board of Trustees approve Probationary contracts for the 2026–2027 school year for employees as recommended by the Superintendent and that the Board authorize the Superintendent to execute employment contracts to the employees accepting this offer.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Motion made by Vice President Bennett and seconded by Trustee Jennifer Hyland that the Board of Trustees approve extension of Probationary contracts for the 2026–2027 school year for employees as recommended by the Superintendent and that the Board authorize the Superintendent to execute employment contracts to the employees accepting this offer.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Motion made by Vice President Bennett and seconded by Trustee David Slattery that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendations for one-year Term contracts for the 2026–2027 school year for employees finishing the probationary period as recommended by the Superintendent and that the Board authorize the Superintendent to execute employment contracts to the employees accepting this offer.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Motion made by Vice President Bennett and seconded by Trustee Courtney Anderson that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendations for one-year Term contracts for the 2026–2027 school year for employees as recommended by the Superintendent and that the Board authorize the Superintendent to execute employment contracts to the employees accepting this offer.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Motion made by Vice President Bennett and seconded by Trustee Hyland that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendations for one-year Non-Chapter 21 contracts for the 2026–2027 school year for employees as recommended by the Superintendent and that the Board authorize the Superintendent to execute employment contracts to the employees accepting this offer.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

C. Request for Consideration of Superintendent’s Recommendation to Terminate Probationary Contract Employee at the End of the 2025-2026 Contract Term in the Best Interests of the District and Authorize Superintendent to Provide Notice of Same (Kennon Thompson)

Motion made by Vice President Bennett and seconded by Secretary Agnew Jr. that the Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to terminate Probationary contract employee at the end of the 2025–2026 contract term in the best interests of the District and authorize the Superintendent to provide notice of same (Kennon Thompson).

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

**9. Reports and Discussions**

A. Discussion of TEA Intruder Detection Audit(s) including regarding the January 27, 2026 Board agenda item “Update on Campus Safety Detection Audit Findings”

Presenter:

Ms. Pam Metcalfe, Executive Director for Administration, Safety, and Security.

B. Discussion of Northbrook Middle School Closure and Related Boundary Adjustments for the 2026-2027 School Year

Presenter:

Dr. Jennifer Blaine, Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. Bryan Williams, Associate Superintendent for Administration and Talent

Ms. Kayla Vaughn, Director for Administration and Talent

**10. Discussion and Possible Action**

A. Consideration of Resolution Affirming the Board’s Commitment to Flexibility and Choice in Programming Options

Motion made by Vice President Caroline H. Bennett and seconded by Trustee Jennifer Hyland to consider the item. The Board discussed the item. Trustee David

Slattery made a motion to table the item, and Trustee Chris Earnest seconded the motion.

Motion to table passed by a 6–0 vote.  
Trustee Jennifer Hyland abstained.

## 11. Report

### A. Report of School Board Member Training for 2025-2026

Secretary Agnew Jr. reported that two new Board members, Trustees Walker Agnew Jr. and Jennifer Hyland, have completed all required Local District Orientation courses and exceeded the required orientation hours, including an additional 10 hours of continuing education. He further reported that all Board members and the Superintendent have completed the annual team-building training. Trustees Courtney Anderson and David Slattery have completed all required continuing education requirements and have exceeded the required additional hours. Board members Caroline H. Bennett, Chris Earnest, and Shannon Mahan are continuing to work toward completion of their remaining required hours.

## 12. Consent Agenda Action Items

### A. Request for Approval of Budget Status Summary Report with Budget Amendments as of March 31, 2026

### B. Request for Approval of Contract Awards

1. Contract for Spring Branch ES & Westwood ES Playground Equipment Replacement
2. Contract for Spring Woods MS JOC Work and Upgrades Project
3. Contract for Roofing and Gutters Repair Services
4. Contract for the Purchase of Bulk Fuel
5. Contract for Student Technology Hardware, Software, Supplies, Equipment, Teacher Professional Development and Department Coding Support for the Career and Technical Education
6. Contract for Police Radios and Services
7. Contract for Employee Supplemental Benefits
8. Contract for Tractor, Mower and Small Engine Parts
9. Contract for Staffing Services and Related Solutions
10. Contract for Purchase and Maintenance of Warehousing Equipment
11. Contract Consumable Supplies and District Wide Furniture
12. Renewal Contract for Maintenance and Support for Student Information System

### C. Request for Approval of CTE Instructional Materials

### D. Request for Approval of TEKS Certification for 2026-2027

### E. Request for Approval of Acceptance of Gifts

### F. Request for Approval of Grant Awards and Other Services

### G. Request for Approval of Payroll and Operating Expenses — March 2026

### H. Request for Approval of Minutes for School Board Meetings

1. March 02, 2026 - Special Meeting
2. March 02, 2026 - Workshop Meeting
3. March 23, 2026 - Regular Meeting

President Mahan read the rules for adopting the consent agenda action items. Secretary Agnew Jr. requested that Item B9 be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion and a separate vote.

Motion made by Trustee Slattery and seconded by Trustee Anderson that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda action items with the exception of items B9.  
Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Item B9 – Secretary Agnew Jr. inquired about the services contract that manages district substitute services. Associate Superintendent for Administration and Talent, Dr. Bryan Williams, provided an explanation. Motion made by Trustee Slattery and seconded by Trustee Anderson that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda action item B9.

Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

**13. Information**

A. Facility Improvement Program Monthly Status Report as of March 2026

The Board did not have any questions.

**14. Closing Remarks by the Superintendent**

Dr. Blaine had no closing remarks.

**15. Meeting Adjourned**

President Mahan adjourned the Regular meeting at 11:18 p.m.

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Courtney Anderson  
President, Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

**Approved: May 26, 2026**