

**Regular Meeting
March 3, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by President Tolesia Smith-Davis at 6:00 pm.

Members present were Lauren Glover, Rusty Mauldin, Tolesia Smith-Davis, Leah Cooper, Joey Romano, and Kirstin Johnson. Chris McCurry was absent.

District personnel present were Michael Walker, Clint Coyne, Jay Patrick, Chief Jack Pearl, Lynn Phillips, Mitzi Neely, Jennifer Jackson, Ashley McLendon, Ashley Key, Bettie Duffie, and Rebecca Pearl.

Others present included Tammy McLendon, Willow McLendon, Emalida Kim, John Wilson, Shannon Key, and Robert Cooper.

Ms. Smith-Davis gave the invocation.

Ms. Smith-Davis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

There was no one present for public comment.

Campus and Administrative reports were given at this time. Mr. Walker recognized JES teachers of the month Ashley Key and Ashley McLendon. Mr. Clint Coyne recognized students of the month Briana Solano, Raleigh Harper, Myka Wilson, Kinley Russel, and Skye Cooksie. Mr. Coyne then gave a facilities update stating he would have quotes for parking lot sealing and track resurfacing at the next meeting.

Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the certification of unopposed candidates, Heather Biddy (place 4) and Rusty Mauldin (place 5), and order a cancellation for the Trustee Election to be held on May 2, 2026, in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Mauldin made a motion to approve the 2026-27 budget calendar, as presented. Mr. Romano seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve Wilf & Henderson to carry out the district's efficiency audit. Mr. Mauldin seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6-0.

Mr. Jay Patrick explained the RFP analysis for the new phone system to be installed over the summer. Mr. Patrick recommended awarding the contract RFP #2026-001-VOIP to Cynergy Technology. Mr. Romano made a motion to approve Cynergy Technology as recommended by Mr. Patrick. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Chief Jack Pearl gave an update on the radio communications update project between the city, county, and district. East Texas Council of Governments is assisting the 3 entities in securing grants to cover these costs. More updates will be forthcoming as the project develops.

Following an explanation of the necessary budget amendments, Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (previous minutes and budget amendments), as presented. Motion was duly seconded by Mr. Mauldin. Motion carried, 6-0.

There was no need for executive session.

Mr. Walker recommended the hiring of Cody Gilbert. Motion by Mr. Romano to approve the personnel needs as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mauldin, motion carried 6-0.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.

President's Signature

Secretary's Signature