

Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

The Board of Trustees

Jarrell ISD

A Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Jarrell ISD was held Wednesday, August 20, 2025, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Jarrell ISD Administration, 504 N. 5th Street, Jarrell, TX 76537.

Members Present: Jenny Arnold, Ginger Martinez, Jennifer Gadison, Dave Lovelace, Tamara Dozier, Cliff Tschoerner and Mindee Hernandez

1. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum

Jenny Arnold Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She affirmed a quorum of board members was present and the notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

2. Pledge to American and Texas Flags

3. Public Hearing for Proposed 2025-2026 Tax Rate Presented by Robert Navarro

4. Public Comments

- A. Nigel Little – JHS Arts Program
- B. Leslie Gerlindo-Mendoza – Theatre Workshop
- C. Jacqueline Munive – Budget Cuts
- D. Ja'zavia Green – Fine Arts Facility
- E. Lukas Winget – Theater
- F. Matthew Kreher – JHS Theatre
- G. Altezza Alforte – Fine Arts Facility

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of Previous Meetings
- B. Budget Amendment
- C. Financial Reports
- D. Purchases over \$50,000
 - 1. EdElements
- E. Check Register
- F. Principal's Report
- G. Enrollment Report
- H. Police Department Criteria Reporting
- I. School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Members
- J. Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Certified Appraisers and Calendar for the 2025-2026 School Year
- K. Jarrell ISD Appraisal Calendar 2025-2026

A motion was made by Tamara Dozier and seconded by Cliff Tschoerner to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Communication and Informational Items

- A. District Updates from Superintendent Dr. Toni Hicks

President Arnold called for a five-minute recess and reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

- 1. Student Outcomes/Voice presented by Laura Buckley and Coach Haire
 - 2. District of Innovation (DOI) presented by Laura Buckley
 - 3. Budget Update presented by Robert Navarro
 - 4. 2025-2026 JISD Student Handbook presented by Bob Mabry
- B. 2017, 2021, and 2023 Bond Updates presented by Sledge Engineering

7. Action Items

- A. Consideration and Possible Approval to Adopt the 2025-2026 Tax Rate presented by Robert Navarro.

A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by Tamara Dozier to adopt and set the 2025-2026 proposed M&O tax rate of \$0.6669 and an I&S tax rate of \$0.50 for a total tax rate of \$1.1669, which effectively represents a revenue percent increase of 3.7% in the tax rate from the no new revenue rate. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits (Option 3) Agreement and to Delegate Contractual Authority to the Superintendent presented by Robert Navarro.

A motion was made by Jennifer Gadison and seconded by Ginger Martinez 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 or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding). Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Consideration and Possible Approval of the TASB Risk Management Liability Insurance Coverage Renewal for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 presented by Robert Navarro.

A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by Tamara Dozier to approve the TASB Risk Management Fund insurance coverage renewal for fiscal year 2025-2026 with a weather peril deductible of 2%, minimum \$250,000, and a renewal premium amount of \$590,431 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Consideration and Possible Approval of 2025-2026 Compensation Plan Amendments presented by Bob Mabry.

A motion was made by Dave Lovelace and seconded by Ginger Martinez to recommend the approval of the 2025-2026 Compensation Plan Amendments as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Consideration and Possible Approval of the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct presented by Bob Mabry.

A motion was made by Dave Lovelace and seconded by Cliff Tschoerner to approve the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Consideration and Possible Approval of Policy Updates: 125, EFB(L), FNCE(L), FD(L), FM(L) presented by Bob Mabry.

A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by Tamara Dozier to recommend the approval of the recommended updates to Manual Update 125(L), FNCE(L), EFB(L), FD(L), and FM(L) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Adjourn to Closed Session at 8:06 p.m.: The Board recessed into Closed Session at 7:40 p.m. for purposes permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code Sections 551.001 et seq., 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.082, 551.083, 551.084**
- A. Texas Government Code 551.074; Discussion of Personnel
 - B. Texas Government Code 551.072; Discussion of Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property
 - C. Texas Government Code 551.074; Discussion regarding Roles and Duties of a Public Officer or Employee
9. **Return to Open Session at and Take Action if Needed on Closed Session Items**
The Board of Trustees reconvened to open session.
- A. Possible Action on Personnel
 - 1. Consideration and Possible Action on Additional Positions.
A motion was made by Tamara Dozier and seconded by Ginger Martinez on Additional Positions as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 2. Consideration and Possible Action on Accepting Resignations. A motion was made by Tamara Dozier and seconded by Mindee Hernandez on accepting resignations as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 3. Consideration and Possible Action on Employing Personnel.
A motion was made by Tamara Dozier and seconded by Cliff Tschoerner on personnel recommendations for employment as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
 - B. Consideration and Possible Action on Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property, Tex. Gov't Code 551.072.
 - **Atlas Ranch:**
A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by Tamara Dozier to approve the Superintendent to continue the negotiations for the Atlas Ranch School Site based on the Term Sheet dated August 6, 2025, with the exception that to ask for a possible negotiation change. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **Cardinal Farms:**
A motion was made by Tamara Dozier and seconded by Ginger Martinez to approve the Superintendent to continue the negotiations for Cardinal Farms property. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **Brandon Coolwater:**
A motion was made by Tamara Dozier and seconded by Mindee Hernandez to approve the Superintendent to continue the negotiations for the CR 314 LLC School Site based on the Term Sheet dated July 16, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **Irvine:**
A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by Jennifer Gadison to approve the Superintendent to continue the negotiations for Irvine. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **Waterloo:**
A motion was made by Tamara Dozier and seconded by Ginger Martinez to approve the Superintendent to continue the negotiations for Waterloo. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Board Comments

- A. Special Board Meeting September 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
- B. TXEDCON25 September 11-14, 2025
- C. Regular Board Meeting September 24, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by everyone to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY