

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 23, 2026**

The Board of Trustees for the Clear Creek Independent School District met in a regular meeting in the Board Room at the Education Support Center, 2425 E. Main Street, League City, Texas 77573, on March 23, 2026.

1. *Call to Order*

President Cottrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. *Establishment of a Quorum*

President Cottrell established a quorum.

Trustees present: Jonathan Cottrell, President
 Jessica Cejka, Vice President
 Jeffrey Larson, Secretary
 Jay Cunningham, Trustee
 Arturo Sanchez, Trustee
 Jamieson Mackay, Trustee
 Rebecca Lilley, Trustee

Staff present: Karen Engle, Superintendent
 Members of the Superintendent's Cabinet

3. *Pledge of Allegiance, Texas Pledge, Moment of Silence, and District Mission Statement*

Walker English, CCISD Spelling Bee winner from Armand Bayou Elementary, and Claire Li from Brookwood Elementary, led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Texas Pledge. Dr. Engle led the Board and the audience in a moment of silence. The students also assisted Dr. Engle with the District Mission, Vision, Core Values and Value Statement.

4. *Recognitions*

A. *2026 CCISD Spelling Bee Winner*

We began our recognitions tonight by celebrating two outstanding spellers. Clear Creek ISD is proud to announce the 2026 CCISD Spelling Bee Champion, Walker English, a 5th grade student from Armand Bayou Elementary. Congratulations to our runner-up, Claire Li, a 4th grade student from Brookwood Elementary. It took 16 rounds of competition to get to the two finalists. The winning word was "Acetone". Walker will attend the 2026 Scripps Regional Spelling Bee this Saturday at Houston Community College. We wish him the best of luck.

B. Trustee Recognition

Ms. Rebecca Lilley, Board Trustee, led the next presentation. Mr. Jared Bargas presented a United States flag to our Director of Facility Services, Mr. Alex Aragon. This is a meaningful presentation as Mr. Aragon recently became a U. S. Citizen.

C. H-E-B Excellence in Education State Finalist

Ms. Wendy Reyes, an outstanding counselor at McWhirter Elementary, has been named as one of the top five finalists in the State for the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards. This honor recognizes public school counselors who create safe, supportive, and caring environments for students. Ms. Reyes was surprised by this announcement during a recent pep rally in front of the student body. She will learn in May whether she is selected as a statewide winner.

D. 2026 UIL State Swim and Dive Competition

Our CCISD athletes sure made a splash at UIL swimming and diving competition. To reach this level of competition is no easy feat and we are very proud of our state qualifiers and their impressive finish.

Clear Brook High School

- Vanessa Marsh – 16th place, 100y Breaststroke

Clear Lake High School

- Avery Hearon – 10th place, Girls 200 Individual Medley
- Myah Rayburn – 16th place, Girls 500 Freestyle

Clear Falls High School

- Cameron Kitching – 10th place, Boys 500 Freestyle; 11th place, Boys 200 Medley Relay
- Jack Frey – 11th place, Boys 200 Medley Relay
- Cameron Sustala – 11th place, Boys 200 Medley Relay
- Jeremiah Thomas – 4th place, Boys 100 Breaststroke; 12th place, Boys 200 IM; 11th place, Boys 200 Medley Relay

Clear Springs High School

- Macey deGroot – *State Champion*, Girls 100 Backstroke; 5th place, Girls 100 Freestyle
- Miley Cavaness – 17th place, 1Meter Diving
- Dylan Haver – 5th place, Boys 500 Freestyle
- Darielle Riddle, Kathrin Dickamore, Leighton Haver – Relay qualifiers and finalists

E. 2026 UIL State Wrestling Tournament

We continued with our wrestlers who qualified and competed at the 2026 UIL State Tournament. Like with swimming and diving, qualifying for state is an impressive accomplishment. Our state qualifiers and finishers are:

Clear Creek High School

- Jared Remington – *State Champion*
- Keith Remington – Silver Medalist
- Ke'shawn Jones – 5th place
- Kiran Baichu – Qualifier
- Anna Le – Qualifier

Clear Lake High School

- Felix Morales – 3rd place
- Grant Bahnsen – 4th place
- State Qualifiers:
 - Fernando Morales
 - Jacob Shaffer
 - DJ Ince
 - Tristan Forsman

Girls:

- Sophia Tamayo – 3rd place
- Qualifiers
 - Priscilla Guerrero
 - Christina Decker
 - Gabi Carter

Clear Falls High School

Boys State Qualifier

- Julio Castillo Jr.

Girls:

- Minha Castillo – 5th place
- State Qualifiers
 - Kylie Brown
 - Ayana Dickinson
 - Sydney Layton

F. 2025-2026 Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Exhibition

Finally, we celebrate two talented artists whose work was selected for the Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Exhibition at the Bullock Texas State History Museum.

- Chloe Chomiak, Clear Lake High School
- Alina Syed, Clear Creek High School

5. *Program Spotlight*

A. *Cambridge Math Initiative*

Ms. Tracy Pattat, Secondary Math Coordinator, Ms. Stephanie Korenek, 6th Grade Cambridge Teacher at Seabrook Intermediate, and Dr. Sheridan Henley, Executive Director of Assessment & Evaluation, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments and had questions. Ms. Pattat and Ms. Korenek answered the questions.

6. *Community Input*

The following members of the Community addressed the Board during the community input portion of the meeting:

Three Minutes:

- Ms. Lynda Riley – Math Curriculum
- Mr. William Oliver – Cambridge Math Initiative
- Ms. Ashley Buhring – Instructional Resources Selections for Math Grades K-12

One Minute:

- Ms. Ann Hammond – Resolution for International Day of Mathematics – PI Day

7. *District Update*

Dr. Karen Engle, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Board of Trustees with a District Update regarding Clear Tech Applications, Superintendent Student Advisory Council & TASB Governance, Election Reinder, and Student Activities.

8. *Action*

A. *Consent Agenda*

Trustee Cunningham moved to accept the consent agenda minus #2 and #9. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
2. ~~Consider Approval of the Texas Association of School Boards Superintendent of the Year Resolution~~
3. Consider Approval of Monthly Human Resources Board Report
4. Consider Approval of Recommendation for Contract Renewals for Employees Assigned to Administrative Positions
5. Consider Acceptance of Monthly Financial Statement
6. Consider Acceptance of Donations
7. Consider Acceptance of the 2025 Tax Collection Report
8. Consider Approval of Submission for a TEA Foreign Exchange Waiver for the 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2028-29 School Years
9. ~~Consider Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Greg Cruthirds as an ILA Buy Board Board of Trustees Member~~
10. Consider Approval of Increase in Expenditure for ILA-DIR Vendor NWN Corporation

11. Consider Approval of a Consent to the Release and Abandonment of an Electrical Easement at Brookside Intermediate
 12. Consider Approval of Renewal of Contract 2022.404 Annual Financial Audit
 13. Consider Approval of Renewal of Contract 2022.818 Landscaping, Grounds Maintenance, and Supplies
 14. Consider Approval of Renewal of Contract 2023.803 Electrical and Generator Service and Material
 15. Consider Approval of EHDC(LOCAL) Alternative Methods for Earning Credit - Credit by Examination Without Prior Instruction - SECOND READING
2. Consider Approval of the Texas Association of School Boards Superintendent of the Year Resolution

Vice President Cejka along with all the other Trustees made comments regarding item #2 and Dr. Engle. Vice President Cejka moved that the board sign the resolution to nominate Dr. Karen Engle for Superintendent of the Year. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Consider Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Greg Cruthirds as an ILA BuyBoard Board of Trustees Member

Trustee Cunningham made comments regarding item #9. Trustee Cunningham moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the resolution authorizing Mr. Greg Cruthirds to serve as a volunteer Board of Trustee member for the BuyBoard purchasing cooperative. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Consider Approval of the Use of Capital Projects Funds for Facility Related Projects

Mr. Alex Aragon, Director of Facility Services, presented the information to the Board. Trustee Sanchez moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the use of Capital Projects Funds of \$133,000 for Facility Related Projects. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Consider Approval of Instructional Resources Selections for Math Grades K – 12

Dr. Angela Stallings, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Ms. Rachel Powell, Elementary Math Coordinator, Ms. Tracy Pattat, Secondary Math Coordinator, and Ms. Veena Dass, School Improvement Officer, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments and had questions. The presenters answered the questions. Secretary Larson moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the CCISD Math Textbook Adoption Committees' recommendations for all instructional materials presented. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Closed Session

President Cottrell called the meeting into closed session at 8:48 p.m.

President Cottrell reconvened the meeting into open session at 9:37 p.m.

11. Action on Closed Session

A. Consider Approval of Recommendation of Intermediate School Principal

Trustee Cunningham moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and name Mr. Jeffery Prince as the new Principal for Westbrook Intermediate. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Consider Approval of Recommendation of Clear Path Principal

Secretary Larson moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and name Mr. Cory West as the new Principal for Clear Path Alternative School. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Consider Approval of Recommendation of Executive Directors of Elementary Education

Trustee Sanchez moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and name Ms. Monica Giuffre as the new Executive Director of Elementary Education. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Karen Engle said a few words about Ms. Giuffre.

Trustee Cunningham moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and name Ms. Kelly Mooney as the other new Executive Director of Elementary Education. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Karen Engle said a few words about Ms. Mooney.

12. Adjournment

President Cottrell adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

Jonathan Cottrell, Board President

Jeffrey Larson, Board Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Minutes prepared by Greta McMahon