

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Stephenville, Texas

April 20, 2026

The Stephenville Independent School District Board of Education met in Regular Session at 5:30 pm in the Bond Auditorium of the Administration Building, April 20, 2026 with the following members present:

Dr. Robert Barberee, President  
Mr. Donny Hill, Vice President  
Mr. Matt Miller, Secretary

Dr. Rita Cook  
Mr. Chad Elms  
Mr. Ben McCleery

Member Absent: Mr. Douglas Young

School Personnel Present: Superintendent Dr. Eric Cederstrom, Mr. Tim Sherrod, Ms. Kathy Hampton, Mr. John Briese, Mrs. Kelly Magin, Mrs. Renee Goodwin, Mrs. Michelle McNutt, Mrs. Jennifer Salyards, Mrs. Esther Tucker, Mrs. Jane Black, Mr. Josh Holt, Mrs. Stephanie Traweek, Mrs. Kristi Adams, Mrs. Rachel Kammerer, Mr. Mike Childs, Mr. Koory Arthur, Mrs. Carey Arthur, Mrs. Ariel Sword, Mrs. Mindy McCleskey, Mr. Matt Ethers, Mr. Justin Rhodes, Mr. Gregory Copeland, Mr. Kurt Swisher, Mr. August Dobraski, Ms. Clancey Kilcoyne, Ms. Kaitie Kasperitis, Mr. Mike Trice, Mr. Hayden Hoelscher, Ms. Ashley Kasner, Mr. Brian Lesley, Mrs. Hannah Briese, Ms. Gabriela Tallach and Mrs. Norma Cervetto.

Invocation

The Invocation was provided by SHS student Peighton Bishop.

Recited U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance

Koen The U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance were led by SHS students  
Vanden Berge and Aaron Jiminez.

I. Call to Order and Announce Quorum Present

President Barberee called the meeting to order and announced a quorum present.

II. Proclamations/Recognitions

- National Math Stars
- SHS: One Act Play
- SHS: Choir
- SHS: Yellow Jacket Band & Sweepstakes
- SHS: Powerlifting – Honeybees

- SHS: Powerlifting – Jackets
- SHS: Varsity Soccer – Bees
- SHS: Varsity Soccer – Jackets
- School Board Recognition – Mr. Douglas Young

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

The motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Dr. Cook to approve the consent agenda as presented including:

- Minutes: March 23, 2026 – Regular Meeting
- Minutes: April 14, 2026 – Board Workshop
- Review Check Registry
- Review of Additional Vendors
- Monthly Financial Statements
- Compensation Plans for 2026-2027 (Moved to follow Closed Session as an Action Item)
- Budget Amendments
- 5<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks Attendance
- Annual Renewal of License Fees for Skyward Student and Finance Software
- Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) and TEKS Certification

The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Dr. Robert Barberee  
Mr. Donny Hill  
Mr. Mat Miller  
Dr. Rita Cook  
Mr. Ben McCleery  
Mr. Chad Elms

The following members voted against the motion: None

The following members were absent: Mr. Douglas Young

The motion carried.

IV. Approval of Resolution of the Stephenville ISD District Board of Trustees Revising Fund Balance Classifications

The motion was made by Mr. Elms and seconded by Dr. Cook to approve the Resolution of the Stephenville ISD Board of Trustees Revising Fund Balance Classifications. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto and shall become an official part of these minutes.

The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Dr. Robert Barberee  
Mr. Donny Hill  
Mr. Mat Miller  
Dr. Rita Cook  
Mr. Ben McCleery  
Mr. Chad Elms

The following members voted against the motion: None

The following members were absent: Mr. Douglas Young

The motion carried.

V. Approval of SB 546 Bus Fleet Compliance Recommendation

SISD currently operates 15 buses that do not meet the safety requirements of SB 546, which mandates three-point seat belts for all passengers and the driver. The district has 13 buses that are not equipped with seat belts, 2 buses that are equipped with two-point seat belts, and 14 buses that are equipped with three-point seat belts. The estimated cost to the district to retrofit all buses with three-point seat belts is \$570,000. The recommendation was made to purchase 6 buses in the 2025-2026 school year and 3 buses a year in 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029. This will bring the district in full compliance with SB 546.

The motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Elms to approve the recommendation as presented.

The following board members voted in favor of the motion:

Dr. Robert Barberee  
Mr. Donny Hill  
Mr. Mat Miller  
Dr. Rita Cook  
Mr. Ben McCleery  
Mr. Chad Elms

The following members voted against the motion: None

The following members were absent: Mr. Douglas Young

The motion carried.

VI. Approval to Purchase Buses

The motion was made by Mr. McCleery and seconded by Mr. Miller to purchase six (6) 77 Passenger buses from Longhorn Bus Sales in the amount of \$962,700.

The following board members voted in favor of the motion:

Dr. Robert Barberee  
Mr. Donny Hill  
Mr. Mat Miller  
Dr. Rita Cook  
Mr. Ben McCleery  
Mr. Chad Elms

The following members voted against the motion: None

The following members were absent: Mr. Douglas Young

The motion carried.

VII. Approval to Purchase Suburbans

The motion was made by Dr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Hill to purchase three (3) Suburbans from Bruner Motors in the amount of \$188,592.21.

The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Dr. Robert Barberee  
Mr. Donny Hill  
Mr. Mat Miller  
Dr. Rita Cook  
Mr. Ben McCleery  
Mr. Chad Elms

The following members voted against the motion: None

The following members were absent: Mr. Douglas Young

The motion carried.

VIII. Approval to Purchase Servers

The motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Elms to purchase servers in the amount of \$95,811.41.

The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Dr. Robert Barberee  
Mr. Donny Hill  
Mr. Mat Miller  
Dr. Rita Cook  
Mr. Ben McCleery  
Mr. Chad Elms

The following members voted against the motion: None

The following members were absent: Mr. Douglas Young

The motion carried.

IX. Early Childhood and CCMR Goals Report

Mrs. Kelly Magin, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction presented the Early Childhood and CCMR Goals Report.

X. Second Reading and Approval of TASB Updated DOI Local Policies

The motion was made by Mr. Elms and seconded and Dr. Cook to approve the TASB Updated DOI Local Policies as presented.

The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Dr. Robert Barberee  
Mr. Donny Hill  
Mr. Mat Miller  
Dr. Rita Cook  
Mr. Ben McCleery  
Mr. Chad Elms

The following members voted against the motion: None

The following members were absent: Mr. Douglas Young

The motion carried.

XI. Board Member Continuing Education Hours Announcement

Robert Barberee	16 Hours
Rita Cook	14 Hours
Chad Elms	15 Hours
Donny Hill	23.5 Hours
Ben McCleery	14 Hours



The motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Hill to adopt a \$5,000. plus step for teacher compensation for the 26-27 school year.

The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Dr. Robert Barberee  
Mr. Donny Hill  
Mr. Mat Miller  
Dr. Rita Cook  
Mr. Ben McCleery  
Mr. Chad Elms

The following members voted against the motion: None

The following members were absent: Mr. Douglas Young

The motion carried.

XVI. Personnel

Resignations:

Ella Murray – Special Ed Life Skills Teacher – Central Elementary  
Effective: May 22, 2026

Annabel Fief – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher – Chamberlin Elementary  
Effective: May 22, 2026

Jane Black – Assistant Principal – Gilbert Intermediate  
Effective: June 12, 2026

Teryl Dunn – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher – Gilbert Intermediate  
Effective: May 21, 2026

Jaclyn Pessel – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher – Henderson Jr. High  
Effective: May 22, 2026

Lauren Simmons – Secondary Science – Stephenville High School  
Effective: May 22, 2026

JJ Johnston-Murphy – Counselor – Stephenville High School  
Effective: June 25, 2026

Lena Walker – Speech Language Pathologist – Special Education  
Department  
Effective: May 27, 2026

Employment:

Olga Hernandez – Pre-K Bilingual Teacher – Central Elementary  
Effective: August 6, 2026

Jordan Coffey – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade RLA Teacher – Hook Elementary  
Effective: August 6, 2026

Callie Owens – MTSS RLA Teacher – Henderson Jr. High  
Effective: August 6, 2026

Juan Gallegos – Assistant Band Director – Stephenville High School  
Effective: August 3, 2026

Rachel Danley – Secondary Science Teacher – Stephenville High School  
Effective: August 6, 2026

Kole May – Agriculture Teacher – Ag. Mechanics – Stephenville High  
School  
Effective: July 1, 2026

XVII. Adjourn

No further business appearing before the board, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ CORRECT:

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Secretary

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President