## **Public and Special Meeting**

Monday, August 18, 2025 7:00 PM Board Room, 2300 McMullen Lane Suite 600, Aransas Pass, TX 78336

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM.

Wanese Butler: Present
Delfino Flores: Absent
Olivia Hill: Absent
John Mullenax: Present
David Rector: Present
Araceli Rodriguez: Present
Terry Stansberry: Present

Present: 5, Absent: 2.

Attendance Update Taken at 7:05 PM.

Olivia Hill: Present Present: 6, Absent: 1.

## I. Opening Ceremony

I.A. Call to Order

## I.B. Declaration of Quorum

- I.C. Pledges of Allegiance Led by Trustee Araceli Rodriguez
- I.D. Invocation

Led by Trustee David Rector

- II. Public Testimony There was none.
- III. Public Hearing
  - III.A. 2025-2026 Proposed Budgets and Tax Rate Dir. of Finance, Melinda Chapa
  - III.B. Public Testimony on Proposed 2025-2026 Budgets and Tax Rate

There was no public testimony regarding the proposed tax rate or budgets.

IV. Action Agenda

IV.A. Consider and Approve 2025-2026 Budgets

Dir. of Finance, Melinda Chapa

Approve the 2025-2026 Local Maintenance, Food Service and Debt Service budgets as recommended by administration. This motion, made by Terry Stansberry and seconded by David Rector, Passed.

Wanese Butler: Yea
Delfino Flores: Absent
Olivia Hill: Yea
John Mullenax: Yea
David Rector: Yea
Araceli Rodriguez: Yea
Terry Stansberry: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.B. Discuss And Take Action On A Resolution Providing for the Defeasance and Calling for Redemption of Certain Outstanding District Obligations; Delegating to Certain District Officials and Staff the Authority to Effectuate Matters Therein Resolved; and Other Matters in Connection Therewith Dir. of Finance, Melinda Chapa

Approve the resolution authorizing defeasance and redemption. This motion, made by David Rector and seconded by John Mullenax, Passed.

Wanese Butler: Yea
Delfino Flores: Absent
Olivia Hill: Yea
John Mullenax: Yea
David Rector: Yea
Araceli Rodriguez: Yea
Terry Stansberry: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.C. Consider and Approve 2025-2026 Tax Rate Ordinance

Dir. of Finance, Melinda Chapa

Move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.8088, which is effectively a 4% increase by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue maintenance and tax rate. This motion, made by Terry Stansberry and seconded by John Mullenax, Passed.

Wanese Butler: Yea
Delfino Flores: Absent
Olivia Hill: Yea
John Mullenax: Yea
David Rector: Yea
Araceli Rodriguez: Yea
Terry Stansberry: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.D. Consider and Approve a Call to Order of Election for a VATRE (Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election)

Dir. of Finance, Melinda Chapa

I move to approve the Order of Election for a VATRE as presented and I further move to authorize the Administration to take all steps necessary to ensure that such an election is conducted in accordance with law. This motion, made by John Mullenax and seconded by Olivia Hill. Passed.

Wanese Butler: Yea
Delfino Flores: Absent
Olivia Hill: Yea
John Mullenax: Yea
David Rector: Yea
Araceli Rodriguez: Yea
Terry Stansberry: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.E. Consider and Approve an Election Agreement with Dir. of Finance,

San Patricio County

Melinda Chapa

Approve the election services contract with the San Patricio County Election Administrator. This motion, made by Terry Stansberry and seconded by Olivia Hill, Passed.

Wanese Butler: Yea
Delfino Flores: Absent
Olivia Hill: Yea
John Mullenax: Yea
David Rector: Yea
Araceli Rodriguez: Yea
Terry Stansberry: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.F. Consider and Approve a Joint Election Agreement with Aransas County

Dir. of Finance, Melinda Chapa

Approve the joint election services contract with the Aransas County Election Administrator. This motion, made by Terry Stansberry and seconded by David Rector, Passed.

Wanese Butler: Yea
Delfino Flores: Absent
Olivia Hill: Yea
John Mullenax: Yea
David Rector: Yea
Araceli Rodriguez: Yea
Terry Stansberry: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.G. Consider and Approve a Joint Election Agreement with Nueces County

Dir. of Finance, Melinda Chapa

Approve the election services contract with the Nueces County Election Administrator. This motion, made by John Mullenax and seconded by Olivia Hill, Passed.

Wanese Butler: Yea
Delfino Flores: Absent
Olivia Hill: Yea
John Mullenax: Yea
David Rector: Yea
Araceli Rodriguez: Yea
Terry Stansberry: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.H. Consider and Approve a Donation from APISD Education Foundation for Innovative Teaching Grants and Student-Led Beautification Project

Dir. of Finance, Melinda Chapa

Approve the donation of \$44,222.00 from the APISD Education Foundation for Innovative Teaching Grants and Campus Beautification. This motion, made by Olivia Hill and seconded by David Rector, Passed.

Wanese Butler: Yea

Delfino Flores: Absent

Olivia Hill: Yea
John Mullenax: Yea
David Rector: Yea
Araceli Rodriguez: Yea
Terry Stansberry: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.I. Consider and Possibly Rescind Prior Board Action
Approving Policy FM(LOCAL)

Board President, Wanese Butler

Rescind prior action of the Board at the August 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting to approve policy FM(LOCAL) to allow homeschool students to participate in UIL activities at APISD. This motion, made by Terry Stansberry and seconded by John Mullenax, Passed.

Wanese Butler: Yea
Delfino Flores: Absent
Olivia Hill: Yea
John Mullenax: Yea
David Rector: Yea
Araceli Rodriguez: Yea
Terry Stansberry: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.J. Consideration and Possible Action on Policy Regarding Homeschool Student Participation in University Interscholastic League (UIL) Activities Interim Superintendent Wayne Bennett

Adopt local policies FD and FM to opt-out of permitting home school students to participate in UIL extracurricular activities at Aransas Pass ISD. This motion, made by Terry Stansberry and seconded by John Mullenax, Passed.

Wanese Butler: Yea
Delfino Flores: Absent
Olivia Hill: Yea
John Mullenax: Yea
David Rector: Yea
Araceli Rodriguez: Yea
Terry Stansberry: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

V. Convene in Executive Session as Authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551.001 et seq.,

Interim Superintendent Wayne Bennett

Concerning Any and All Purposes Permitted by the Act:

Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney

Cancel executive session. This motion, made by Olivia Hill and seconded by David Rector, Passed.

Wanese Butler: Yea

Delfino Flores: Absent
Olivia Hill: Yea

John Mullenax: Yea

David Rector: Yea

Araceli Rodriguez: Yea Terry Stansberry: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VI. Reconvene in Open Session and Act On Any Items

Requiring Action from Closed Session

VII. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Butler recused herself at 7:56pm. Mr. Mullenax

proceeded to preside over the meeting.

Interim Superintendent Wayne Bennett

Approve the consent agenda items. This motion, made by Terry Stansberry and seconded by David Rector, Passed.

Wanese Butler: Abstain (With Conflict)

Delfino Flores: Absent
Olivia Hill: Yea
John Mullenax: Yea
David Rector: Yea
Araceli Rodriguez: Yea
Terry Stansberry: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Mrs. Butler resumed presiding over the meeting at 7:57pm.

VII.A. Renewal of Adjunct Faculty Agreement with Texas A&M AgriLife San Patricio County Extension

VII.B. Renewal of Resolution to Recognize Extracurricular Status of San Patricio County 4-H Organization

VII.C. Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with Del Mar College for the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) Dual Enrollment Programs

Interim Superintendent Wayne Bennett

VII.D. Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Del Mar College for Dual Enrollment Programs

Interim Superintendent Wayne Bennett

## VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Stansberry noted the change to the Open Meetings Act that requires agendas be posted 3 business days prior to a board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.

Board Secretary