

Ponder Independent School District

Agenda ~ Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 ~ We will begin the executive session at 5:30 pm and return to open session at 6:30 pm.

Administration Building Meeting Room
400 West Bailey Street
Ponder, TX 76259

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

If during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board would conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E, or Government Code 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC(LEGAL)].

- I. **Call Meeting to Order / Roll Call**
- II. **Executive Session**
 - A. Consider approval of contract items discussed during executive session.
- III. **Opening Ceremony**
- IV. Student Recognitions
- V. **Public Forum / Comments to the Board**
 - A. Concerning Items Not on the Agenda
 - B. Concerning Specific Agenda Items
- VI. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Consider minutes of previous meetings
 - B. Consider Interlocal Agreement with UT Austin for OnRamps Program for 2025-26
 - C. Consider designating listed assets as surplus so they may go to auction or be sold.
 - D. Consider Interlocal Agreement with Denton County Tax Assessor/Collector
 - E. Monthly Reports - District Finances
 1. Budget Summary & Check Register
 2. Fund Financial Status
 3. Re-cap from Denton CAD
 4. Utilities report
 - F. Consider acceptance of donations
- VII. **Administrator Reports**
 - A. Coordinator of Counseling & Mental Health Update
 - B. Campus Principals
 1. Attendance & Enrollment / Academics & Extracurriculars / Current & Upcoming Events
 - C. Athletic Director
 - D. Director of Technology
 - E. District Operations Update
 - F. Chief Financial Officer
 - G. Doug Whitt from SAMCO presentation on I&S tax rate and bond capacity.
 - H. Chief of Elementary Schools
 - I. Chief of Secondary Schools

VIII. **New Business**

- A. Administer Oath of Office for new Trustees (incumbents)
 - B. Consider Reorganization of Board Officers
 - 1. Elect President
 - 2. Elect Vice President
 - 3. Elect Secretary
 - C. Consider Board Resolution regarding Personnel Recognition
 - D. Ponder Partners Program presentation.
 - E. Consider approval of a third party vendor for Child Nutrition Services for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - F. Consider an agreement with School District Strategies (SDS) to provide demographic research and information so that Ponder ISD can plan for future growth.
 - G. Consider the extension of the Custodial Contract for 1 year. 2025-2026 School Year.
 - H. Consider District Budget Amendments
 - I. Consider 2025-26 Basic and Cooperative Contracts with ESC11.
 - J. Consider Board Resolution to extend the district's Depository Contract with Texas Regional Bank for the 2025-27 biennium
 - K. Consider updated Interlocal Agreement with TASB Risk Management Fund (RMF) and proposal for Property/Casualty Insurance for 2025-2026
 - L. Consider temporary authorization for the Superintendent to offer Probationary Contracts for the 2025-26 school year
 - M. Consider approval of a proposal to hire Friends Consulting Group as a third party consultant for future bond and construction projects.
 - N. Consider approval of instructional materials and technology allotment approval of funds.
 - O. Superintendent's Report
 - 1. Bond / Construction Updates
 - 2. Superintendent & Board Training
 - P. Personnel
 - 1. Resignations / New Employment
- IX. 2025-26 Budget workshop
- X. **Adjourn Meeting**

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at the Ponder ISD Administration Office and on the web at www.ponderisd.net on .

Dr. James Hill, Superintendent

**Limit on
Participation**

Audience participation at a Board meeting is limited to the portion of the meeting designated to receive public comment in accordance with this policy. At all other times during a Board meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer.

Public Comment

Regular Meetings

At regular Board meetings, the Board shall permit public comment, regardless of whether the topic is an item on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

Special Meetings

At all other Board meetings, public comment shall be limited to items on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

Procedures

Individuals who wish to participate during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins as specified in the Board's procedures on public comment and shall indicate the agenda item or topic on which they wish to address the Board.

Public comment shall occur at the beginning of the meeting.

Except as permitted by this policy and the Board's procedures on public comment, an individual's comments to the Board shall not exceed five minutes per meeting.

Meeting
Management

When necessary for effective meeting management or to accommodate large numbers of individuals wishing to address the Board, the presiding officer may make adjustments to public comment procedures, including adjusting when public comment will occur during the meeting, reordering agenda items, deferring public comment on nonagenda items, continuing agenda items to a later meeting, providing expanded opportunity for public comment, or establishing an overall time limit for public comment and adjusting the time allotted to each speaker. However, no individual shall be given less than one minute to make comments.

Board's Response

Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

**Complaints and
Concerns**

The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether an individual addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy. If not, the individual shall be referred to the appropriate policy to seek resolution:

- Employee complaints: DGBA
- Student or parent complaints: FNG

- Public complaints: GF

Disruption

The Board shall not tolerate disruption of the meeting by members of the audience. If, after at least one warning from the presiding officer, any individual continues to disrupt the meeting by his or her words or actions, the presiding officer may request assistance from law enforcement officials to have the individual removed from the meeting.

OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS
DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD OFFICERS

BDAA
(LEGAL)

- Selection of Officers** At the first meeting after each election and qualification of Board members, the members of the Board shall organize by selecting:
1. A president, who shall be a member of the Board.
 2. A secretary, who may or may not be a member of the Board.
 3. Such other officers and committees as the Board may deem necessary.

Education Code 11.061(c)

Reorganization In addition to the required post-election organization, the Board may also organize at other times. *Atty. Gen. Op. MW-531 (1982)*

Duties / Powers of Board President The duties and powers of the President of the Board include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Call a meeting of the Board, giving public notice not earlier than the 30th day or later than the tenth day before the meeting, to discuss and adopt the budget and the proposed tax rate. *Education Code 44.004* [See CE and CCG]
2. Ensure that the annual financial statements are published as required by law. *Local Gov't Code 140.006* [See CFA]
3. Execute an oil and/or gas lease or sell, exchange, and convey the minerals in land belonging to the District, approved by resolution of the Board. *Education Code 11.153*
4. Execute the deed for the sale of property, other than minerals, held in trust for free school purposes. *Education Code 11.154(b)*

OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS
DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD OFFICERS

BDAA
(LOCAL)

Board Officers	The Board shall elect a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary who shall be members of the Board. The Board may assign a District employee to provide clerical assistance to the Board. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members present and voting.
Vacancy	A vacancy among officers of the Board shall be filled by majority action of the Board.
Term and Duties	Board officers shall serve for a term of one year or until a successor is elected. Officers may succeed themselves in office. Each officer shall perform any legal duties of the office and other duties as required by action of the Board.
President	In addition to the duties required by law, the President of the Board shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Preside at all Board meetings unless unable to attend.2. Have the right to discuss, make motions and resolutions, and vote on all matters coming before the Board.
Vice President	The Vice President of the Board shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Act in the capacity and perform the duties of the President of the Board in the event of the absence or incapacity of the President.2. Become President only upon being elected to the position.
Secretary	The Secretary of the Board shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ensure that an accurate record is kept of the proceedings of each Board meeting.2. Ensure that notices of Board meetings are posted and sent as required by law.3. In the absence of the President and Vice President, call the meeting to order and act as presiding officer.4. Sign or countersign documents as directed by action of the Board.