Ponder Independent School District

Agenda ~ Regular Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2026 ~ Executive session will begin at 5:30 pm. Open Session will begin 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 resignation of current trustee and appointment for the vacancy of Place 7 on the Ponder ISD Board of Trustees
III. **Opening Ceremony**
IV. **Public Forum / Comments to the Board**
   A. Concerning Items Not on the Agenda
   B. Concerning Specific Agenda Items
V. **Public Hearing**
   A. Discuss 2026-27 Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and Interest and Sinking (I&S) District Tax Rates
VI. **Consent Agenda**
   A. Consider minutes of previous meetings
   B. Consider approval of a MOU with the Denton County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program for the 2026-2027 school year.
   C. Consider approval of the 2026-2027 Student Handbook
   D. Monthly Reports - District Finances
      1. Budget Summary & Check Register
      2. Fund Financial Status
      3. Re-cap from Denton CAD
      4. Utilities report
   E. Consider acceptance of donations
VII. **Administrator Reports**
   A. Campus Principals
      1. Attendance & Enrollment / Academics & Extracurriculars / Current & Upcoming Events
   B. Athletic Director
   C. Director of Technology
   D. District Operations Update
   E. Chief Financial Officer
   F. Chief of Elementary Schools
   G. Chief of Secondary Schools

VIII. **New Business**

A. Consider District Budget Amendments
Suzette Henderson

B. Consider approval of a design-build contract with Hellas Construction for the construction of a multipurpose facility for Ponder ISD.
James Hill

C. Consider a resolution for the approval of the Denton County 4-H to be recognized and eligible for extracurricular status consideration under 19TexasAdministrative Code, Chapter 76.1, pertaining to extracurricular activities.
James Hill

D. Consider a resolution regarding Senate Bill 12 and Parent Rights
James Hill

E. Consider Approval of SB 12 Certification for the 2026-2027 school year.
James Hill

F. Consider the Ponder ISD Student Code of Conduct for the 2026-2027 school year.
Tara Allred

G. Consider an update to Ponder ISD Board Policy EIC(LOCAL)
Erik Lokken

H. Consider Ordinance to adopt the M&O and I&S District Tax Rates for Ponder ISD for 2026-27
Suzette Henderson

I. Superintendent's Report
   1. Bond / Construction Updates
   2. Superintendent & Board Training

J. Personnel
   1. Consider approval of new positions for PISD Child Care.
   2. Resignations / New Employment

IX. **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 .

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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.