NOTICE OF AUGUST BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REFUGIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Thursday, August 27, 2026
5:30 PM

A August Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Refugio Independent School District will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2026, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Administration Building - Distance Learning Center, 212 West Vance St., Refugio, TX 78377.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows: *(Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this notice.)*

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**
4. **PUBLIC HEARING - 2026-2027 Financial Plan - Budget and Proposed Tax Rate**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
   - 6.A. Campus Reports
     - 6.A.a. Refugio Elementary School
     - 6.A.b. Refugio Jr. High School
     - 6.A.c. Refugio High School
   - 6.B. Board Goals
   - 6.C. District Reports
     - 6.C.a. Academics
       - 6.C.a.1. 2026 Accountability Ratings
     - 6.C.b. Financials
       - 6.C.b.1. 2025-2026 Budget Status
       - 6.C.b.2. Payment of bills
       - 6.C.b.3. Statement of Account
       - 6.C.b.4. Certified Values and Maximum Compressed Tax Rate for 2026-2027
   - 6.D. Operations
   - 6.E. Student Enrollment
   - 6.F. School Safety and Security
   - 6.G. Mental Health Specialist Report
   - 6.H. General comments on the state of the district
7. **BOARD ADMINISTRATION**
   - 7.A. September Board Meeting - Thursday, September 24, 2026
   - 7.B. Required Board Training — Parental Rights Training
8. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   - 8.A. Minutes from Regular Board Meeting - July 27, 2026
   - 8.B. Minutes from Special Board Meeting - August 15, 2026
   - 8.C. Accept donations and amend the 2025-2026 budget.
   - 8.D. Intergovernmental Participation Agreement with the Town of Refugio
   - 8.E. Appraisal Calendar 2026-2027
   - 8.F. Local School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) for 2026-2027
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
   - 9.A. Consider and approve final budget amendments for the 2025-2026 budget.
   - 9.B. Discuss and approve the operational budget for 2026-2027.
   - 9.C. Resolution of the board to set 2026-2027 tax rate.
   - 9.D. Adopt the 2026-2027 tax rate by ordinance for purposes of maintenance and operations and for the payment of principal and interest debt payments.

9.E. Approve purchase of ESC Region 3 Contracted Services for 2026-2027

9.F. Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Refugio, Refugio Police Department for school resource officer.

9.G. SB 401 - Home School Opt Out

9.H. Consider and Approve change to 2026-2027 Academic Calendar

- October 30, 2026 - Early Release 1:30 p.m.

9.I. Consider and approve a contract with Global Data Technologies for the district phone system

10. **CLOSED SESSION - In accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 551.074, 551.075 and 551.076**

10.A. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public office or employee or to hear complaints against an officer or employee.

10.B. To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions.

10.C. Deliberate regarding the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices, or a security audit pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.076

10.D. Superintendent's mid-year evaluation

11. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

11.A. Take any action necessary resulting from discussions held during closed session.

11.B. Superintendent's recommendation regarding 2026-2027 full-time/part-time employment of Non-Chapter 21 contract employees.

11.C. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on the acceptance of the district's three-year safety and security audit report and summary of findings for submission to the Texas School Safety Center

11.D. Superintendent's mid-year evaluation

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 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)]

Texas Government Code Section:

418.183(f)	Deliberate information confidential under Government Code Sections 418.175-418.182, related to Homeland Security.
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551.089	Deliberate 1. Security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; 2. Network security information as described by Government Code 2059.055(b); or 3. The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

Education Code Section:

39.030(a)	Discuss or adopt individual assessment instruments or assessment instrument items.

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on August 21, 2026, at 4:00 PM

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Melissa Gonzales, Superintendent
(for the Board of Trustees)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOARD PRESIDENT
REFUGIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

(To call meeting to order)

Board President: I call this meeting of the Refugio Independent School District to order. Let the record show that a quorum of board members is present, that this meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

(To conduct a closed session)

Board President: This board will now conduct a closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

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