Public Hearing/Regular Board Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2026 6:30 PM

Multi-Purpose Building of High Island ISD
2113 6th St.
High Island, Texas 77623

Agenda

1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum

    1.A. Notice of Posting
    1.B. Invocation
        Speaker(s): Trustee
    1.C. Pledge of Allegiance
    1.D. Public Comment
2. PUBLIC HEARING: Annual Certification of Compliance - DEI and Instructional Requirements (SB12)
3. Public Meeting and Presentation Regarding the Proposed Contingent-Fee Agreement for Delinquent Tax Collection Services with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP
4. District Reports
    4.A. Superintendent's Report
        4.A.1. Student Recognitions
        4.A.2. Construction Reports - Labiche and McInnis
        4.A.3. Attendance & Enrollment
    4.B. Campus Reports
    4.C. Athletics Report
5. Financial Report
    5.A.
        - Check Register
        - Credit Card Statements
        - Finance Report
        - Investment Report
        - Tax Report
        - Cash Flow Report
        - Cafeteria Report
        - Cardinal Park Report
6. **Consent Agenda**
    6.A. Approve previous Board Minutes
    6.B. Approve Budget Amendments
    6.C. Approval of Check Register
    6.D. Approval of Donations
        6.D.1. Mr. & Mrs. Gilmore $465 for the volleyball travel shirts.
        6.D.2. Dustin Hindman $2,000.00 for cheer and football
7. Executive/Closed Session
8. Open Session
9. Action Items

9.A. Consider of and possible action to approve the Superintendent's annual certification of High Island ISD's compliance with TEC §§39.008, 11.005, and 28.0022 for submission to the Texas Education Agency.

9.B. Consideration of and Possible Action to Approve the High Island ISD Concussion Oversight Team and Concussion Management Protocol for the 2026–2027 School Year.

9.C. Consideration of and Possible Action to Adopt a Resolution Containing the Findings Required by Texas Government Code §2254.1036 Regarding the Proposed Contingent-Fee Agreement.

9.D. Consideration of and Possible Action to Approve the Contingent-Fee Agreement with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP and Authorize the Board President to Execute It.

9.E. Consideration of and take possible action approving an agreement for School District Property Value Study services with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

9.F. Consideration of and take possible action regarding the High Island ISD 2025 Bond Capital Improvement Projects, including ongoing construction, construction progress, Allowance Expenditure Requests (AEAs), change orders, contract modifications, project budgets, authorization to utilize Owner's Contingency funds, construction-related safety and security matters, future capital improvement projects, and all other matters related thereto.

9.G. Consideration of and Possible Action to Award the Bid for Furnishing and Installing New School Furniture to Manning's Office Solutions in the Amount of $640,380.47, with the Award Funded from the 2025 Bond Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment Budget.

9.H. Consideration of and Possible Action to Adopt a Board Resolution Designating Superintendent Misti Smith and Business Manager Crystal Larson as the District's Investment Officers.

9.I. Consideration of and Possible Action to Adopt an Order Canceling the November 3, 2026, Trustee Election and Declaring the Unopposed Candidates Elected.

9.J. Consider and take possible action to approve the High Island ISD Resolution of Designation of Hazardous Bus Routing Areas for the 2026-2027 school year.

9.K. Consideration of and Possible Action to Approve the Interlocal Participation Agreement with The Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) and Authorize the Superintendent to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of High Island ISD.

10. **ADJOURN**

Public Comment Information and Requirements

Citizens' participation is the time that the Board will hear public concerns or public comments from those who have properly signed up to address the Board. 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 Each speaker is reminded that he/she is limited in his/her presentation to a maximum of five minutes and that he/she should respect confidentiality concerns and refrain from attacking the personal character of any individual student, staff member, or Board member in addressing concerns or comments.

Pursuant to state law and Board Policy BE (Legal), the Board cannot consider or take action on concerns at this meeting unless they pertain to an item on the posted agenda for this meeting. Any deliberation or decision on an item that is not posted for consideration at this meeting shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda of a future meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Senate Bill 12
Annual Certification of Compliance

September 21, 2026

Misti Smith, Superintendent

High Island ISD

What is Senate Bill 12?

Passed by the 89th Texas Legislature

Relating to parental rights in public education, instructional requirements/prohibitions, DEI duties, and student clubs.

Prohibits DEI duties and certain instruction

Codified at TEC §11.005 and TEC §28.0022.

Creates an annual certification requirement

Under TEC §39.008, school districts and open-enrollment charter schools must annually certify compliance.

Requires board approval and state transparency

The superintendent must certify to TEA by September 30 each year. TEA posts each certification received.

TEC = Texas Education Code | DEI = Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Parental Rights and Student Clubs

- **Senate Bill 12 requirements**

  Senate Bill 12 restricts instruction/support related to gender identity, prohibits student organizations focused on sexual orientation or gender identity, and requires parental consent for routine health services.

Prohibition of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Duties

- **Prohibits districts from assigning or permitting DEI duties**

  A district may not assign DEI duties to any person, and must prohibit employees, contractors, and volunteers from engaging in DEI duties.

- **Requires a mandatory discipline policy**

  A district must adopt a policy for appropriate discipline, including termination, of any employee or contractor who intentionally or knowingly engages in or assigns DEI duties (DH LOCAL).

- **Requires proactive employee notice**

  A district must provide every employee a physical and electronic copy of that discipline policy and procedure.

Certain Instructional Requirements and Prohibitions

- **Restricts instruction in certain divisive concepts**

  Staff may not require or teach as part of a course that one race or sex is superior to another, that a person is inherently racist/sexist because of race or sex, that a person bears guilt for others' actions based on shared race or sex, or that meritocracy and work ethic are racist concepts.

- **Governs controversial public policy discussion**

  Teachers cannot be compelled to discuss a widely debated, controversial issue of public policy, but if they choose to, they must present it objectively and free from political bias.

- **Protects student discussion and existing curriculum**

  Districts cannot punish students who bring up these topics themselves, and nothing in the section limits teaching the state's required curriculum (TEKS).

Annual Certification of Compliance Requirement

- **Annual certification**

  The superintendent must certify to TEA, no later than September 30 each year, that the district is in compliance with TEC §39.008 and the underlying laws.

- **Board approval**

  The certification must be board-approved before submission.

- **Submission and posting**

  The district uploads a board-approved certification document addressing all applicable statutory requirements, and TEA posts certifications on its website.

What High Island ISD is Required To Do

- **Document employee notification**

  Document how employees and contractors were notified of these policies and procedures. All High Island ISD employees were sent an email with a copy of DH (Local) as well as a paper copy that they were required to sign an acknowledgement stating they had received it.

- **Compile a record of changes**

  Compile descriptions of changes made to policies, programs, procedures, or trainings to come into compliance, along with any associated cost savings.

- **Prepare and submit board-approved certification**

  Prepare the certification, obtain board approval, and submit it to TEA no later than September 30.

Next Steps

- **Board action item tonight**

  The Board is asked to consider and approve High Island ISD's certification of compliance with Senate Bill 12.

- **Certification submission**

  Upon approval, High Island ISD will submit the certification to TEA ahead of the September 30 deadline.

- **Employee notification**

  High Island ISD will distribute the discipline policy and procedure to all employees in physical and electronic form.

- **Public posting**

  Once submitted, the certification will be posted by TEA as part of the state's public compliance record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Senate Bill 12
Annual Certification of Compliance

High Island ISD

TEC §39.008: Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws Required

Section 1: School System Information

Name of School District or Charter School: High Island ISD

County-District Number (CDN): 084-903

Superintendent/CEO Name: Misti C. Smith

Certification School Year: 2026-2027

Section 2: Description of Required Policies and Procedures

Provide a description or attach a copy of the policies and procedures required by TEC, §§11.005(c) and 28.0022(h) and describe how employees and contractors were notified of these policies and procedures.

High Island ISD has adopted policies and procedures addressing the requirements of Texas Education Code §§11.005 and 28.0022, including DH(LOCAL). District policy prohibits employees from intentionally or knowingly engaging in or assigning prohibited DEI duties and provides for appropriate disciplinary action, including termination.

High Island ISD provided each district employee and contractor with a physical and electronic copy of the applicable policies and procedures. The receipt was documented by the District.

Section 3: Policy or Program Changes

Were any existing policies, programs, procedures, or trainings altered to ensure compliance with TEC, §§39.008, 11.005, and 28.0022? ✔ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe or attach a copy of the changes below.

High Island ISD reviewed its policies and procedures for compliance with Texas Education Code §§11.005 and 28.0022. The Board adopted TASB Update 127, including revised DH(LOCAL), on July 20, 2026, and the District implemented procedures for required employee and contractor notification.

Section 4: Cost Savings

Were there any cost savings resulting from actions taken to comply with TEC, §39.008? ☐ Yes ✔ No

Total cost savings: $ -0-

If yes, describe or attach a copy of the cost savings.

Section 5: Board Approval

Date of Board/Governing Body Meeting: September 21, 2026

Meeting notice was posted on LEA website at least seven days in advance: ▫Yes ☐ No

Public testimony opportunity provided during meeting: ▫Yes ☐ No

Certification approved by majority vote: ▫ Yes ☐ No

Section 6: Certification Statement

By signing below, the undersigned certifies that the information contained in this document is true and correct and that the district or charter school is in compliance with the requirements of Texas Education Code §§39.008, 11.005(c), and 28.0022(h).

Superintendent/CEO Signature: _____

Date: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

_____

Notary Public, State of Texas

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HIGH ISLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 - 6:30 P.M.
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
2113 6TH ST, HIGH ISLAND, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Trustees of High Island Independent School District for action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect delinquent taxes as provided in Texas Tax Code Sections 6.30, 33.07, 33.08, 33.11, and 33.48 and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

The agreement to be considered is necessary for the unpaid delinquent taxes owed to the High Island Independent School District to be collected in the most effective manner. High Island Independent School District desires that such unpaid delinquent taxes be collected as provided in the Texas Tax Code Sections 6.30, 33.07, 33.08, 33.11, and 33.48.

The Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP firm is fully qualified to provide this representation, being the largest law firm specializing in the collection of governmental receivables in the State of Texas, as well as the United States, and having been engaged in this specialized legal service for fifty (50) years. In addition, the Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP firm possesses infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that High Island Independent School District does not currently possess.

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP will represent High Island Independent School District with competence and professionalism, in the collection of unpaid delinquent taxes.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of High Island Independent School District due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in-house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

Linebarger will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in Texas Tax Code Sections 6.30, 33.07, 33.08, 33.11, and 33.48. This Article specifically provides for an additional collection fee in the amount of twenty percent (20%) to compensate collection attorneys. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to High Island Independent School District.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of High Island Independent School District because the unpaid delinquent taxes will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs of implementing infrastructure and technology, to High Island Independent School District and employing in-house personnel or paying outside counsel on an hourly fee basis which would otherwise be required.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that a copy of the Notice of Meeting of the Board of Trustees meeting of High Island Independent School District for September 21, 2026 was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at 2113 6th St, High Island, Texas, on this 14 day of September, 2026, prior to 6:30pm.

Tyra Crawford

Board Liaison and Superintendent Secretary

TEC §39.008: Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws Required

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High Island ISD provided each district employee and contractor with a physical and electronic copy of the applicable policies and procedures. The receipt was documented by the District.

Section 3: Policy or Program Changes

Were any existing policies, programs, procedures, or trainings altered to ensure compliance with TEC, §§39.008, 11.005, and 28.0022? ✔ Yes ☐ No

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Section 4: Cost Savings

Were there any cost savings resulting from actions taken to comply with TEC, §39.008? ☐ Yes ✔ No

Total cost savings: $ -0-

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Meeting notice was posted on LEA website at least seven days in advance: ✔Yes ☐ No

Public testimony opportunity provided during meeting: ✔ Yes ☐ No

Certification approved by majority vote: ✔ Yes ☐ No

Section 6: Certification Statement

By signing below, the undersigned certifies that the information contained in this document is true and correct and that the district or charter school is in compliance with the requirements of Texas Education Code §§39.008, 11.005(c), and 28.0022(h).

Superintendent/CEO Signature: _____

Date: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

_____

Notary Public, State of Texas

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HIGH ISLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION SERVICES PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES WITH LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP; AND PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION FEES AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS ASSOCIATED WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §2254.1032; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of High Island Independent School District desires to approve a contract for collection services of delinquent taxes and court fees and fines with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HIGH ISLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. After having provided adequate notice as required by Sec. 2254.1036 of the Texas Government Code, the Contract for Collection Services with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP is approved and the Board President is authorized to execute this Agreement.

After exercising its due diligence, the Board of Trustees of High Island Independent School District finds:

Section 2. That there is a substantial need for the legal services to be provided pursuant to the Contract for Collection Services;

Section 3. That these legal services cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of High Island Independent School District at a reasonable cost;

Section 4. That these legal services cannot reasonably be obtained from attorneys in private practice under a contract providing only for the payment of hourly fees, without regard to the outcome of the matter, because of the nature of these receivables as provided by Texas Tax Code Sections 6.30, 33.07, 33.08, 33.11, and because High Island Independent School District does not have the funds to pay the estimated amounts required under a contract only for the payment of hourly fees;

Section 5. That Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, is well qualified and competent to perform the legal services required to comply with the terms of this contract;

Section 6. That Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP has provided specialized legal services to High Island Independent School District in the past and High Island Independent School District has been well satisfied with the quality and outcome of the legal services provided.

Section 7. That the contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP is the result of an arm's length transaction between High Island Independent School District and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP and is fair and reasonable.

Section 8. That High Island Independent School District is not to incur any cost or attorney fee for delinquent tax collection services and as compensation to Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LPP for delinquent tax collection services, pursuant to Texas Tax Code §§6.30, 33.07 and 33.08, an additional collection fee is hereby authorized in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of the delinquent tax, penalty and interest, if any such tax becomes delinquent on or after February 1 of each tax year and remains delinquent on July 1 of the year in which the tax becomes delinquent for all properties upon which delinquent taxes have accrued and for which may accrue in the future; and that pursuant to Tax Code §§33.08, 26.07(f), 26.15(e), 31.03, 31.031, 31.032 or 31.04, an additional collection fee is hereby authorized in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of the delinquent tax, penalty and interest, if any such tax becomes delinquent as provided in the Texas Tax Code and that any and all collection action and imposition of additional collection fees having been undertaken previously by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP and its predecessor is hereby ratified.

Section 9. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of September, 2026.

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Bennie Barrow, Board President
High Island Independent School District

I, Buffy Diebel, as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of High Island Independent School District, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of High Island Independent School District at its Regular Meeting held on the 21st day of September, 2026, as the same appears in records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I subscribed my name hereto officially on this _____ day of September, 2026.

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Buffy Diebel, Board Secretary
Board of Trustees
High Island Independent School District

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD TO DESIGNATE INVESTMENT OFFICERS

WHEREAS Section 2256.005(f) of the Public Funds Investment Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 2256) requires the Board of Trustees of High Island Independent School District to designate one or more officers or employees as investment officer of the District; and

WHEREAS the investment officer is responsible for the investment of the District's funds consistent with the District's investment policy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of High Island Independent School District designates the following employees to serve as investment officers of the District to invest District funds as directed by the Board:

- Misti Smith, Superintendent
- Crystal Larson, Business Manager

FURTHER, it is acknowledged that the above-named individuals have met the education requirement to hold such designation.

The authority of the investment officers granted by this resolution is effective until rescinded by the District or the termination of the named individual's employment by the District.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HIGH ISLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

HIGH ISLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____	By: _____
Board President	Board Secretary
Board of Trustees	Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DESIGNATION OF HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTING AREAS

HIGH ISLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pursuant to Texas Education Code Section 42.155 and 19 TAC Section 61.1016

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code Section 42.155(d) permits a school district to apply for and receive state transportation funding for students who reside within two miles of their assigned school facility, provided that walking to school would subject the students to hazardous traffic or employment conditions; and

WHEREAS, 19 Texas Administrative Code Section 61.1016 requires the local Board of Trustees to formally define and adopt specific hazardous routing parameters by resolution after consulting with local law enforcement and traffic safety professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of High Island Independent School District desires to protect student safety and ensure equitable access to academic facilities by providing supplemental transportation services in designated high-risk environments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the High Island Independent School District that the following conditions and specific route segments are formally designated as hazardous traffic areas for the School Year, 2026-2027 academic calendar year:

SECTION 1: SPECIFIC HAZARDOUS ROUTING DESIGNATIONS

The Board hereby designates the following specific physical areas and route matrices within a two-mile radius of district school facilities as hazardous conditions, making students residing along these segments eligible for transportation services:

High Island ISD	**SH 124**	**No walkway is provided and children must walk along or cross a highway.**
High Island ISD	**6th St, 7th St, Dunman St, High School Rd**	**Construction of a new school building followed by demolition of old buildings. (Temporary)**
High Island ISD	**Peach St, Kane Ln, Walter St., and 1st ST.**	**High Crime (Sex Offenders) throughout the district.**

SECTION 2: ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS AND REPORTING

The Superintendent or their designated representative is hereby authorized and directed to submit this formal resolution, alongside all necessary spatial mapping, structural reports, and traffic safety evaluations, to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to satisfy annual reporting requirements and secure appropriate student transportation funding allotments.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this _____day of _____, 2026.

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President, Board of Trustees	**Secretary, Board of Trustees**
Bennie Barrow	Buffy Diebel