

**Notice of Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, October 21, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM, in the Rio Vista Administration Building, 100 Capps St., Rio Vista, TX 76093.

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

3. Prayer

4. Pledges

5. Recognitions

1. RVMS Spotlight

6. Open Forum for Agenda Items

7. Consent Agenda

Description: All items may be acted upon at the same time by the board of trustees. Items may be excluded when making a motion. ex. I make a motion to approve item B and C.

1. Board Minutes

8. Reports

1. Superintendent Report, Communications, and Information
2. Chief Academic Officer Report
3. Chief Financial Officer Report
4. RVMS Campus Spotlight

9. Action Items

1. Consider and take action to approve the 25-26 financial audit
Speaker(s): Financial Auditors, Megan Schwarz
2. Consider and act on a resolution calling the remaining outstanding Rio Vista Independent School District Maintenance Tax Note, Series 2023 for redemption prior to maturity; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject
Speaker(s): Megan Schwarz
3. Consider and take action to approve AG/CTE budget amendment (\$7k from scrap metal haul)
Speaker(s): Megan Schwarz
4. Consider and take action to approve 26-27 ESL Waiver
Speaker(s): Misty Bridges
5. Personnel

10. Closed Session

Description: The Board will now adjourn into executive session pursuant to the following sections

of	the	Texas	Open	Meetings	Act:
418.183	39.030	Educ.	Code: Homeland	Assessment	Instruments Security
551.071	Private	consultation	with	the	Board's attorney
551.072	Discussion	purchase, exchange, leases, or value			of real property.
551.073	Discussing	negotiated contracts	for	prospective	gifts or donations
551.074	Discussing	personnel or to hear complaints	against		personnel
551.0785	Medical	or	Psychiatric	Records	
551.076	Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of,				security personnel or devices.
551.082	Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against				personnel.
551.0821	Personally	Identifiable	Student	Information	
551.083	Consider the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the Board will follow, or will				instruct its representatives of employee groups.
551.084	Excluding	witness	from	a	hearing.
551.087	Economic Development Negotiations				
1. Greg Gibson of Moak Casey - 39.030 Educ. Code: Assessment Instruments					
11. Adjournment					

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, Texas 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 TASB Policy BEC(LEGAL)]

An original copy was posted in the outdoor cabinet next to the front door of the Rio Vista School District Administration Building.

For the Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 6:30 PM

Rio Vista Administration Building, 100 Capps St., Rio Vista, TX 76093

Kasey Black: Present
Bryan Ford: Present
Matt Gilbert: Present
Brad Greenslade: Present
RJ Hodges: Present
Mary Morgan: Present
Cathy Smith: Present

1. Call to Order

Discussion: Board President called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. Roll Call

Discussion: All board members were present.

3. Prayer

Discussion: High school student Bryson Yadon prayed over the school board meeting.

4. Pledges

5. Recognitions

Discussion: High School Principal Mark Whitfill opened with High School recognitions throughout the campus.

5.1. RVHS Campus Spotlight

Discussion: High school spotlight Principal Mark Whitfill recognized the following:

Yearbook: Katie Ball, Scarlett Williams,
Esmerelda Valle
FCA: Slate Campbell, Bryson Yadon, Chloe Morris,
Maddie Smith, Ariana McBee, Zede Rogers, HT
Kissel, Brynlee Hodges, Sam Metcalf
Staff: Shawna McClanahan, Brittany Brake, Megan Dupre, Stephanie Clover, and LouAnna Kissel,
Coach Perez

6. Open Forum for Agenda Items

Discussion: There are no public participants.

7. Consent Agenda

7.1. Board Minutes

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the board minutes held on August 19, 2026 and September 09, 2026. This motion, made by RJ Hodges and seconded by Brad Greenslade, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Kasey Black: Yea
Bryan Ford: Yea
Matt Gilbert: Yea

Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Mary Morgan: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8. Reports

8.1. Superintendent Report, Communications, and Information

Discussion: Dr. Chappotin discussed events that are happening around the district.

8.2. Chief Academic Officer Report

Discussion: Chief Academic Officer Charles Mims discussed and updated the board on Educational Operations Updates for the 26-27 school year.

8.3. Chief Financial Officer Report

Discussion: Chief Financial Officer Megan Schwarz gave updates on financials and current purchases.

8.4. RVHS Campus Spotlight

Discussion: Campus Principal Mark Whitfill gave updates on academics and culture-focused goals for the high school. He also shared some of the student-led events that are happening on campus.

9. New Business

9.1. Consider and take possible action to approve CTE out of state travel

Action(s):

I move that the Rio Vista ISD Board of Trustees approve Rio Vista FFA out-of-state travel for eligible students and FFA advisor(s) to attend 2027 National FFA Next Gen Conferences, Washington Leadership Conference, and National FFA Convention & Expo, with student travel funded through fundraising and sponsorships and the district responsible only for approved teacher/advisor travel expenses. This motion, made by RJ Hodges and seconded by Matt Gilbert, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Kasey Black: Yea
Bryan Ford: Yea
Matt Gilbert: Yea
Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Mary Morgan: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.2. Consider and take possible action to approve Hill College Tax Rate

Speaker(s): Megan Schwarz

Action(s):

I move to approve the Hill College tax rate as presented. This motion, made by Brad Greenslade and seconded by Kasey Black, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Kasey Black: Yea
Bryan Ford: Yea
Matt Gilbert: Yea
Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Mary Morgan: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0**Discussion:** The board approved the adoption of the proposed tax rate for the year 2026. The proposed tax rate is \$.033796 per \$100 of value.

- 9.3. Consider and take possible action to approve the Annual Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws as required by Texas Education Code §39.008

Speaker(s): Dr. Chappotin**Action(s):**

I move to approve the Annual Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws as Required by Texas Education Code §39.008 as presented. This motion, made by Kasey Black and seconded by Matt Gilbert, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Kasey Black: Yea
Bryan Ford: Yea
Matt Gilbert: Yea
Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Mary Morgan: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

- 9.4. Consider and take possible action to adopt a Resolution designating non-business days for purposes of the Texas Public Information Act for the 2026-2027 school year

Speaker(s): Teresa Vaughn**Action(s):**

I move to adopt the 26-27 Resolution Designating Nonbusiness Days for Purposes of the Texas Public Information Act as presented. This motion, made by Matt Gilbert and seconded by Brad Greenslade, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Kasey Black: Yea
Bryan Ford: Yea
Matt Gilbert: Yea
Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Mary Morgan: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

- 9.5. Discuss and consider approval for the purchase

Speaker(s): Dr.

of engineering and design study

Chappotin

Action(s):

I move to approve the purchase of the Topographic proposal for professional civil engineering and surveying services not to exceed \$65,500 and to provide the superintendent with the authority to negotiate contract terms. This motion, made by Brad Greenslade and seconded by Kasey Black, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Kasey Black:	Yea
Bryan Ford:	Yea
Matt Gilbert:	Yea
Brad Greenslade:	Yea
RJ Hodges:	Yea
Mary Morgan:	Yea
Cathy Smith:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.6. Personnel

10. **Closed Session**

Discussion: The board adjourned into closed session at 8:00pm. The board reconvened at 9:10pm

11. **Adjournment**

Action(s):

I MAKE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING. LET THE RECORD SHOW THE TIME OF 9:11pm. This motion, made by RJ Hodges and seconded by Cathy Smith, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Kasey Black:	Yea
Bryan Ford:	Yea
Matt Gilbert:	Yea
Brad Greenslade:	Yea
RJ Hodges:	Yea
Mary Morgan:	Yea
Cathy Smith:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Board Secretary

Emergent Bilingual Program Report

Rio Vista ISD | October 2026 Board Update
2025–2026 Program Review and 2026–2027 Next Steps

This report reviews the 2025–2026 program and professional development and outlines next steps for 2026–2027. Three students reclassified as English proficient during 2025–2026. RVISD currently serves 55 emergent bilingual students in its ESL program.

ESL Waiver Overview

During the 2025–2026 school year, RVISD’s ESL waiver was for 3 teachers serving 5 students. TEA approved the waiver with conditions. The district’s action plan was approved; however, the district did not meet at least one additional criterion related to EB student performance on required state assessments or a 25% reduction in the number of teachers requiring a waiver compared with the previous year.

An ESL waiver provides temporary TEA approval for alternative instructional methods when a district lacks enough appropriately ESL certified teachers. Students continue receiving language and academic support while the district works toward staffing compliance.

When needed, the district submits its request through TEAL by November 1. The application includes temporary instructional methods, a measurable plan to recruit and retain certified teachers, and a comprehensive professional development plan. At least 10% of the district’s Bilingual Education Allotment must support the required professional development plan, even when training registration is free.

2025–2026 Professional Development

During the 2025–2026 school year, 35 teachers attended Language Rich Classroom training. The district also purchased books to support the training.

Teacher Support and Professional Development

Support	Current district provisions
Professional development	RVISD participates in the Title III, Part A Shared Services Arrangement with Region 11 as fiscal agent. Through this partnership, all EB training is free to RVISD teachers.
ESL certification test	The ESL Supplemental exam (154) costs \$116 per attempt. RVISD reimburses teachers for the cost of the ESL test.
Certificate application	State waiver of the fee to add ESL certification requires confirmation before presentation. Published HB 2 guidance covers bilingual and special education certification, rather than ESL.
ESL stipend	\$750 for teachers serving in a teaching position that requires ESL certification.

2026–2027 Next Steps

For 2026–2027, RVISD will need to file an ESL waiver for 5 teachers serving 19 students. The district will add an addendum requiring teachers to obtain ESL certification for teachers who work in a position that requires ESL certification. This expectation, paired with free training, test reimbursement, and the stipend for qualifying assignments, will support certified staffing and reduce the need for future ESL waivers.

Sources: TEA 2025–2026 waiver approval notice; TEA and TXEL bilingual exceptions and ESL waiver guidance; Pearson ESL Supplemental (154) exam information; TEA HB 2 certification fee guidance. District enrollment, reclassification, partnership, reimbursement, stipend, and contract information supplied by RVIDS.