

Public Notice of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Hardin-Jefferson ISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hardin-Jefferson ISD will be held October 19, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Administration Building, 520 W. Herring Street, Sour Lake, TX 77659.

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.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Invocation and the Pledges to the United States and Texas Flags**
- 4. Campus/Department Spotlight- Child Nutrition**
- 5. Public Forum**
- 6. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Overnight Field Trips
- 7. Reports**
 - A. Superintendent's Report
Dr. Steven Cox
 - B. Curriculum Report
Paul Sims
 - C. Human Resources — TIA Report
Steven Cox
 - D. Emergent Bilingual Program Evaluation
Jamie Goebel
- 8. Business and Discussion Items**
 - A. Public Hearing to Discuss FIRST Rating
Courtney Bagwell
 - B. Consideration and discussion on student meal money for UIL events.
Dr. Steven Cox
 - C. Consideration and Discuss Adding a Meal Stipend for Administrators for Out-of-Town Travel for Various Events
Dr. Steven Cox

D. Consideration of the Jefferson County Adjunct Faculty Agreement and Resolution of Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization between the Jefferson County Extension Service and Hardin-Jefferson ISD

Dr. Steven Cox

E. Consideration of the updated 2026-2027 Hardin-Jefferson ISD Gifted and Talented Plan.

Jamie Goebel

F. Consideration for adopting an updated 2026-2027 Hardin-Jefferson ISD School Calendar.

Dr. Steven Cox

G. Consideration of the 2026-2027 Hardin-Jefferson ISD Board Goals.

Dr. Steven Cox

9. Convene in Closed Executive Session for the Purposes Permitted by:

A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.074, discussion of personnel matters including appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a district employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an employee.

B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.076, deliberate and review the results of the safety and security audit of the district's facilities, including a security review for each district facility.

10. Reconvene from Closed Executive Session for Action Relative to Items Considered During Closed Session

A. Personnel Resignations

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, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. 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.

The School Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to the following sections and purposes:

Texas Government Code Section:

551-071 Private consultation with the board's attorney.

551-072 Discussing purchases, exchanges, 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

551-075 To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions.

551-082 Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.

551-083 Considering the standards, guidelines, terms or conditions, the board will follow, or will instruct its representative to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups.

551-084 Excluding witnesses from a hearing.

Should any final action, decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the school Board with regard to any a matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then the final action, or final vote shall be either:

(a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or

(b) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 4:00 PM.

Dr. Steven Cox, Superintendent
For the Board of Trustees