

COOPER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, August 31, 2026
5:30 PM
Cooper ISD Administration Office
759 FM 1528
Cooper , Tx 75432

AGENDA

Members Present: **Thomas Darden, President** _____
 Mandy Freeman, Vice President _____
 Jeffrey Phifer, Secretary _____

Kregg Slakey _____
 Shawn Stegall _____
 Lea Waller _____
 Jason Choate _____

Denicia Hohenberger, Superintendent _____

Others Present:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW This is to verify that the provisions of Section 551 of the Texas Government Code have been met in connection with public notice of this meeting.
3. PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TEXAS FLAGS
4. PUBLIC COMMENT - the Board shall allow public comment with submission of a Public Comment form or via email prior to the start of the meeting.
5. CONSIDER CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes from Previous Meetings
 - B. Tax Collection Report
 - C. Finance Reports
 - D. 2026-2027 Head Start Policy & Procedures Manual
 - E. Tax Collector Budget and Contract
6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DRAKE PAY APPLICATION #12 (ELEMENTARY ADDITION)
7. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DRAKE PAY APPLICATION #2 (TRAFFIC FLOW PROJECT)
8. PRESENTATION, DELIBERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SPECIFIC COOPER ISD 2025 BOND PROJECTS FOR CONSTRUCTION
9. PRESENTATION AND DELIBERATION CONCERNING GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) PROPOSAL FOR THE 2025 COOPER ISD BOND PROJECTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A GMP AND TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY REGARDING THE GMP AMENDMENT
10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE 2026-2027 JH/HS STUDENT HANDBOOK
11. DISCUSS POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY, FIREARM DISCHARGE NEAR DISTRICT PROPERTY, GUN-FREE SCHOOL ZONES

12. PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT NO.2 TO AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAXES BY AND BETWEEN COOPER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND EAGLE SPRINGS SOLAR, LLC, COMPTROLLER AGREEMENT #1936 PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE SECTION 313.
13. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES BBFA (LEGAL) AND (LOCAL) IN CONNECTION WITH AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAXES BY AND BETWEEN COOPER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND EAGLE SPRINGS SOLAR, LLC, COMPTROLLER AGREEMENT #1936, PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE SECTION 313.
14. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION TO ESTABLISH AND APPROVE AN APPLICATION AMENDMENT FEE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES CONCERNING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAXES BY AND BETWEEN COOPER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND EAGLE SPRINGS SOLAR, LLC, COMPTROLLER AGREEMENT #1936
15. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED APPLICATION FOR APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY AND APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF Perty FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAXES BY AND BETWEEN COOPER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND EAGLE SPRINGS SOLAR, LLC, COMPTROLLER AGREEMENT #1936
16. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER NAMING TRUSTEE AND ALTERNATE FOR TASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
17. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POLICY UPDATE 127 AFFECTING LOCAL POLICIES BJCF, CAA, DC, DH, DP, DPA, DPB, EHAD, EHBB, AND FFF
18. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO POLICY CKE (LOCAL)
19. DISCUSS PROJECTED 2025-2026 END OF YEAR CLOSE
20. CONSIDER 2025-2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT
21. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE OFFICER/EMPLOYEE (DOE) FOR TRUTH IN TAXATION CALCULATIONS
22. PUBLIC MEETING FOR 2026-2027 BUDGET AND TAX RATE
23. CONSIDER 2026-2027 DISTRICT BUDGET
 - A. General Fund 199
 - B. Food Service 240
 - C. Child Care Center 494
 - D. Debt Service 511
24. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER NO-NEW REVENUE (NNR) TAX RATE, VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE (VATR) AND RATE TO MAINTAIN SAME LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS REVENUE AND PAY DEBT SERVICE AND APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED INTEREST AND SINKING RATE FOR DEBT SERVICE THAT EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM AMOUNT REQUIRED
25. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER 2026-2027 M&O TAX RATE AND I&S TAX RATE
26. CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to Texas Government Code: Section 551.074, personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties, discipline, or dismissal of employees of the District; Section 551.076 regarding security audits; Section 551.071 consultation with legal counsel; and Section 551.087 discussion of financial or commercial information regarding economic development negotiations.

- A. DISCUSS WITH ATTORNEY TO ADDRESS LEGAL CONCERNS, IMPLICATIONS, AND QUESTIONS REGARDING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAXES BY AND BETWEEN COOPER ISD AND EAGLE SPRINGS SOLAR, LLC, COMPTROLLER AGREEMENT #1936
 - B. DISCUSS COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING EAGLE SPRINGS SOLAR, LLC, WITH WHICH COOPER ISD IS CONDUCTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS.
 - C. Consider Employee Resignations
 - D. Consider Employee Recommendations
 - E. Discuss and Consider 2026-2027 Amended Stipend Schedule
 - F. Discuss and Consider District Audit Report (DAR)
27. ADJOURN