

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Rusk Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Rusk Independent School District was held Monday, July 13, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Training Center , 199 Eagle Drive, Rusk, Texas 75785.

Present: Jake Ocker, Martin Pepin, Montie Sunday, Tracy Session, Oliver Sturns, Nathan Acker, Tara Hoot

School Personnel & Visitors Present:

_____ called the meeting to order at _____

A quorum of members was established by _____

The Invocation was led by _____

A motion to _____ was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to _____.
The motion passed unanimously.

Attendance Taken at 5:56 PM. Nathan Acker: Present, Jami Hicks: Present, Tara Hoot: Present, Jacob Newman: Present, Tracy Session: Present, Montie Sunday: Present, Chris Work: Present. Attendance Update Taken at 6:00 PM. Montie Sunday: Absent.

- I. Call to order
- II. Prayer and Pledges
- III. Public Comments - Open Forum
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the previous meeting
 - B. Donation by Rusk Athletic Booster Club
 - C. Quarterly Investment Report
- V. Information
 - A. Superintendent report
 - 1. Board calendar
 - 2. Potential Funding Options
 - 3. District Vision
 - 4. Transfer Student Policies
 - B. Review monthly expenditures
 - C. Budget Update and Timeline
 - D. Student Transfers

VI. Action

- A. Review Financial Update
- B. Budget Amendment 26-06
- C. Consider and set Tuesday, August 25, 2026, as the date and 6:00 PM as the time for a Public Hearing to Discuss the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate.
- D. Resolution Authorizing Assistant Superintendent/CFO, Kyle Johnson, to Publish 2026-2027 Proposed Budget and Tax Rates.
- E. Consider and Approve the Region 7 Contracts as presented for the 2026-2027 school year.
- F. Policy Update 127
- G. Rusk ISD - Tyler Jr. College Memorandum of Understanding 2026-2027
- H. Consider for approval the Lamar State College Orange and Rusk ISD Dual Enrollment Agreement 2026-2030
- I. Consider for approval the Bluebonnet Transition Plan 2026-2027

VII. Executive/Closed Session

The Board of Trustees may conduct an Executive/Closed Session pursuant to the following provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in Open Session.

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 Discussion of purchases, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- §551.073 Discussion of negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations.
- §551.074 Discussion of personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.
- §551.076/§551.08 Discussion of security devices or security audits.
- §551.082 Discussion of discipline of children, or complaint or charge against personnel.
- §551.0821 Discussion of personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student.
- §551.129 Consultation between governmental body and its attorney via telephone conference call.

VIII. Personnel

- A. Report on resignation and retirement of staff members
- B. Consider administrative recommendations for employment of personnel

IX. Adjourn

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to adjourn at _____

Jake Ocker, Board President

Montie Sunday, Board Secretary