Special Meeting - Adopt Budget/Set Tax Rate

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 5:40 PM

Board Room at the Education Center, 2602 South Belt Line Road, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

1. **5:40 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PUBLIC HEARING**

A. Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for 2026-2027

3. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Discuss Changes and Impact on Local, State, and Federal Funding

4. **OPEN FORUM FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Persons attending the meeting may request an Open Forum Sign-Up Card. The card must be completed in its entirety and submitted to the Board President or designee prior to the meeting being convened.. The Open Forum is limited to agenda items other than personnel, public officers, and individual/specific students. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. When more than one individual wishes to address the same agenda item, the President may ask the group to appoint one spokesperson.

5. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Final Budget Amendment for 2026-2026

B. Adoption of the 2026-2027 General Fund, Debt Services Fund, and Food Service Budget

C. Adoption of 2026-2027 MacKenzie Scott Budget

D. Resolution Adopting a Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026 as Authorized Under the Texas Tax Code § 26.042(e) ("Disaster Pennies")

E. Resolution to Set the Tax Rate for 2026-2027

F. Resolution Supplementing Hazardous Areas for the 2026-2027 School Year

6. **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

A. Personnel Matters (§ 551.074)
Appointments, Discipline, Dismissals, Duties, Employment, Employment Contracts, Evaluations, Extensions, Leaves of Absence, Nonrenewals, Proposals for Nonrenewals, Renewals, Reassignments, Retirements, Job Abandonment, Terminations, Proposed Terminations, Requests for Leave of Absence, Requests for Extended Leave Without Pay, Proposed Suspension Without Pay, Resignations, and Settlements, for Superintendent, Administrators, Principals, Teachers and/or other employees.

1. Chapter 21 Contract Recommendations for 2026-2027
2. Proposed Termination of Term Contract(s)

B. Deliberation Regarding Real Property (§ 551.072)

1. The evaluation, duties, and discipline of a public officer

a. Board Member Vacancy

C. School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matter or Complaint (§ 551.082)

D. Consultation with Attorney (§ 551.071)
Consultation with the attorney with respect to pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and matters where the attorney's duty to the district, pursuant to the code of professional responsibility of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, or on a matter which the attorney determines should be confidential, including but not limited to, contract negotiations in accordance with the Texas Government Code §§ 551.071, 551.082, 551.0821,

551.087.

E. Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits (§§ 551.076; .089).
The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or a security audit.

1. Intruder Detection Audit

7. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

8. **ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION**

A. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on Appointment to Fill Trustee Vacancy for District 7, At-Large Position

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Topic: Public Hearing to Discuss Proposed Budget and Tax Rate for 2026-2027

Submitted by: Kristin Byrd, Chief Financial Officer

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: 8/25/2026

Recommendation:

Rationale:

Required public hearing to discuss the proposed budget and tax rate for 2026-2027.

Budget Information:

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

Policy BAA(LEGAL, CCG(LEGAL),CE(LEGAL), and CE(LOCAL)

Board Goals:

☒ Goal 1 – Early Childhood Literacy Proficiency

☒ Goal 2 – Early Childhood Math Proficiency

☒ Goal 3 – College, Career, & Military Readiness (CCMR)

☒ Goal 4 – Middle School Reading Proficiency

☒ Other

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Topic: Discuss Changes and Impact to Local, State and Federal Funding

Submitted by: Kristin Byrd, Chief Financial Officer

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: 8/25/2026

Recommendation:

The Administration will present information regarding 2026 Certified Property Values and discuss any changes/impact to Local, State, and Federal funding for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Rationale:

School FIRST requires districts to discuss certified values and the impact they have on local, state, and federal funding related to the general fund with the Board of Trustees prior to the adoption of the budget.

Budget Information:

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

School FIRST Indicator

Board Goals:

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2025-2026 Debt Service Fund
Summary of Proposed Budget Transfers/Amendments
08/25/2026 Called Board Meeting

	Debt Service Fund Original Budget	July, 2026 Amended Budget	August 2026 Proposed Budget Transfers	August 2026 Proposed Budget Amendment	August 2026 Proposed Amended Budget
REVENUES:					
5700 Local revenues	$ 40,749,225	$ 36,250,000	$ -	$ 500,000	$ 36,750,000
5800 State revenues	100,775	4,600,000	-	(500,000)	4,100,000
5900 Federal revenues	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 40,850,000**	**$ 40,850,000**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 40,850,000**
EXPENDITURES:					
11 Instruction	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
12 Inst. Resources/Media	-	-	-	-	-
13 Curr & Staff Develop	-	-	-	-	-
21 Inst Leadership	-	-	-	-	-
23 School Leadership	-	-	-	-	-
31 Guidance/Counseling	-	-	-	-	-
32 Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
33 Health Services	-	-	-	-	-
34 Transportation	-	-	-	-	-
35 Food Service	-	-	-	-	-
36 Extra-Curricular	-	-	-	-	-
41 General Admin.	-	-	-	-	-
51 Maint & Operations	-	-	-	-	-
52 Security	-	-	-	-	-
53 Data Processing	-	-	-	-	-
61 Community Services	-	-	-	-	-
71 Debt Service	40,850,000	40,850,000	-	1,700,000	42,550,000
81 Facilities Acq/Constr.	-	-	-	-	-
95 Juvenile Justice Prgm	-	-	-	-	-
99 Intergovernmental Chgs	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ 40,850,000**	**$ 40,850,000**	**$ -**	**$ 1,700,000**	**$ 42,550,000**
OTHER SOURCES:					
7911 Sale of Bonds	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 213,575,000	$ 213,575,000
7912 Sale of Property	-	-	-	-	-
7913 Proceeds from Capital Leases	-	-	-	-	-
7915 Operating Transfer In	-	-	-	-	-
7916 Bond Premiums	-	-	-	19,000,000	19,000,000
7917 SBITA	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 232,575,000**	**$ 232,575,000**
OTHER USES:					
8911 Operating Transfer Out	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
8949 Other Uses	-	-	-	231,000,000	231,000,000
TOTAL OTHER USES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 231,000,000**	**$ 231,000,000**
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ (125,000)**	**$ (125,000)**

2025-2026 Child Nutrition Fund
Summary of Proposed Budget Transfers/Amendments
08/25/2026 Called Board Meeting

	Child Nutrition Fund Original Budget	July 2026 Amended Budget	August 2026 Proposed Budget Transfers	August 2026 Proposed Budget Amendment	August 2026 Proposed Amended Budget
REVENUES:					
5700 Local revenues	$ 2,773,000	$ 2,273,000	$ -	$ -	$ 2,273,000
5800 State revenues	74,000	72,000	-	-	72,000
5900 Federal revenues	15,913,417	16,215,417	-	200,000	16,415,417
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 18,760,417**	**$ 18,560,417**	**$ -**	**$ 200,000**	**$ 18,760,417**
EXPENDITURES:					
11 Instruction	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
12 Inst. Resources/Media	-	-	-	-	-
13 Curr & Staff Develop	-	-	-	-	-
21 Inst Leadership	-	-	-	-	-
23 School Leadership	-	-	-	-	-
31 Guidance/Counseling	-	-	-	-	-
32 Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
33 Health Services	-	-	-	-	-
34 Transportation	-	-	-	-	-
35 Food Service	18,760,417	19,564,636	-	200,000	19,764,636
36 Extra-Curricular	-	-	-	-	-
41 General Admin.	-	-	-	-	-
51 Maint & Operations	-	-	-	-	-
52 Security	-	-	-	-	-
53 Data Processing	-	-	-	-	-
61 Community Services	-	-	-	-	-
71 Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
81 Facilities Acq/Constr.	-	-	-	-	-
95 Juvenile Justice Prgm	-	-	-	-	-
99 Intergovernmental Chgs	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ 18,760,417**	**$ 19,564,636**	**$ -**	**$ 200,000**	**$ 19,764,636**
OTHER SOURCES:					
7912 Sale of Property	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
7913 Proceeds from Capital Leases	-	-	-	-	-
7915 Operating Transfer In	-	-	-	-	-
7917 SBITA	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
OTHER USES:					
8911 Operating Transfer Out	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL OTHER USES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	**$ -**	**$ (1,004,219)**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ (1,004,219)**

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Topic: Adoption of the 2026-2027 General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Child Nutrition Fund Budgets

Submitted by: Kristin Byrd, Chief Financial Officer

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: 8/25/2026

Recommendation:

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the 2026-2027 revenue and expenditure budgets for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Child Nutrition Fund as presented.

Rationale:

Texas Education Code requires the annual adoption of the General Fund, Debt Service Fund and Child Nutrition Fund budgets prior to August 31. This must be prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles.

Budget Information:

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

Policy BAA(LEGAL, CCG(LEGAL),CE(LEGAL), and CE(LOCAL)

Board Goals:

☒ Goal 1 – Early Childhood Literacy Proficiency

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☒ Goal 4 – Middle School Reading Proficiency

☐ Other

2026-2027 Budget
Funds Requiring Adoption by the Board of Trustees
General Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, Debt Service Fund
August 25, 2026

	General Fund	Child Nutrition Fund	Debt Service Fund
REVENUES:			
5700 Local revenues	$ 111,489,730	$ 2,415,402	$ 40,186,875
5800 State revenues	175,897,500	$ 72,197	4,000,000
5900 Federal revenues	1,240,000	$ 16,055,638	-
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 288,627,230**	**$ 18,543,237**	**$ 44,186,875**
EXPENDITURES:			
11 Instruction	$ 186,932,566	$ -	$ -
12 Inst. Resources/Media	3,264,657	-	-
13 Curr & Staff Develop	2,628,446	-	-
21 Inst Leadership	7,003,293	-	-
23 School Leadership	19,573,328	-	-
31 Guidance/Counseling	12,442,350	-	-
32 Social Services	961,063	-	-
33 Health Services	3,686,322	-	-
34 Transportation	7,371,226	-	-
35 Food Service	28,001	17,121,169	-
36 Extra-Curricular	5,678,612	-	-
41 General Admin.	7,632,753	-	-
51 Maint & Operations	32,381,862	-	-
52 Security	5,780,961	-	-
53 Data Processing	8,201,149	-	-
61 Community Services	3,804,187	-	-
71 Debt Service	1,199,350	-	44,186,875
81 Facilities Acq/Constr.	47,180	-	-
95 Juvenile Justice Prgm	17,736	-	-
99 Intergovernmental Chgs	498,617	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ 309,133,659**	**$ 17,121,169**	**$ 44,186,875**
OTHER SOURCES:			
7912 Sale of Property		$ -	$ -
7913 Proceeds from Capital Leases	-	-	$ -
7915 Operating Transfer In	2,204,220	-	-
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	**$ 2,204,220**	**$ -**	**$ -**
OTHER USES:			
8911 Operating Transfer Out		$ -	$ -
TOTAL OTHER USES	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
BUDGETED CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	**$ (18,302,209)**	**$ 1,422,068**	**$ -**

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Topic: Adoption of 2026-2027 MacKenzie Scott Budget

Submitted by: Kristin Byrd, Chief Financial Officer

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: 8/25/2026

Recommendation:

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the 2026-2027 revenue and expenditure budgets for the MacKenzie Scott Fund as presented.

Rationale:

The Texas Education Code requires the annual adoption of the General Fund prior to August 31. MacKenzie Scott funds are considered a component of the general fund however we account for and present it separately. These must be prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles.

Budget Information:

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

Policy BAA (LEGAL, CCG(LEGAL),CE(LEGAL), and CE(LOCAL)

Board Goals:

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2026-2027 Budget
Funds Requiring Adoption by the Board of Trustees
MacKenzie Scott Donation Fund
August 25, 2026

		MacKenzie Scott Donation Fund
REVENUES:		
5700	Local revenues	$ 100,000
5800	State revenues	
5900	Federal revenues	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 100,000**
EXPENDITURES:		
11	Instruction	$ 1,062,884
12	Inst. Resources/Media	
13	Curr & Staff Develop	
21	Inst Leadership	
23	School Leadership	
31	Guidance/Counseling	$ 1,144,835
32	Social Services	
33	Health Services	
34	Transportation	
35	Food Service	
36	Extra-Curricular	
41	General Admin.	109,519
51	Maint & Operations	1,300,000
52	Security	
53	Data Processing	
61	Community Services	
71	Debt Service	
81	Facilities Acq/Constr.	$ 1,840,038
95	Juvenile Justice Prgm	
99	Intergovernmental Chgs	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ 5,457,276**
OTHER SOURCES:		
7912	Sale of Property	$ -
7913	Proceeds from Capital Leases	-
7915	Operating Transfer In	-
	TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	**$ -**
OTHER USES:		
8911	Operating Transfer Out	$ -
	TOTAL OTHER USES	**$ -**
	BUDGETED CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	**$ (5,357,276)**

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Topic: Resolution Adopting a Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026 as Authorized Under the Texas Tax Code §26.042(e)

Submitted by: Kristin Byrd, Chief Financial Officer

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: 8/25/2026

Recommendation:

Administration recommends adoption of a resolution authorizing additional tax effort under Texas Tax Code Section 26.042(e) (the "Disaster Pennies") to address increased expenditures related to the March 4, 2025, declared disaster, without requiring a voter-approval tax rate election.

Rationale:

Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the proposed resolution finding that Grand Prairie ISD has incurred and continues to incur increased expenditures necessary to respond to the March 4, 2025, severe weather disaster for which federal disaster assistance was requested. This resolution would allow the District, in adopting its 2026 tax rate, to include additional tax effort above the voter-approval tax rate without requiring an election and provides that any such additional amount will not be included in future voter-approval tax rate calculations.

Budget Information:

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

CCG(LEGAL) and the Texas Tax Code §§ 26.024(e) and 26.08

Board Goals:

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☐ Other

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Topic: Resolution to Set the Tax Rate for 2026-2027

Submitted by: Kristin Byrd, Chief Financial Officer

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: 8/25/2026

Recommendation:

The administration recommends setting the Maintenance & Operations tax rate at $0.7329 and the Debt Service tax rate at $0.270219. Total Tax Rate: $1.003119

MOTION: I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $1.003119, which is effectively a 5.95% increase in the tax rate.

Rationale:

Texas Property Tax Code requires a taxing unit to adopt its tax rate by September 30th or by the 60th day after the taxing unit receives the certified appraisal roll, whichever date is later.

Budget Information:

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

Policy BAA(LEGAL, CCG(LEGAL),CE(LEGAL), and CE(LOCAL)

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Topic: Resolution on Additional Hazardous Areas for the 2026-2027 School Year

Submitted by: Pablo F. Orozco, Executive Director of Facilities and Maintenance

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: 8/25/2026

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the resolution declaring additional areas to be hazardous for students walking to and from school and request approval for bus transportation from the commissioner of the Texas Education Agency for the 2026-2027 school year.

Rationale:

The Texas Education Code allows a school district to apply for additional transportation funding from the Texas Education Agency for transporting students to school who live within two (2) miles of their home campus and would have to walk through areas that are deemed hazardous. Prior to applying for this additional transportation funding, the Board must approve a resolution describing the hazardous areas for which funding may be requested.

Budget Information:

After approval, transportation funding will be requested from the Texas Education Agency as allowed by the state statute.

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

CNA (Legal)(LOCAL)

Board Goals:

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Topic: Proposed Termination of Term Contracts

Submitted by: Dr. Melissa Kates, General Counsel

Approved for Transmittal:

Board Meeting Date: 8/25/2026

Recommendation:

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the proposed termination of the employees' 2026-2027 Chapter 21 term contracts (listed under Exhibit 1) and direct the Superintendent to provide written notice to the employee(s) as required under the Texas Education Code.

Rationale:

Pursuant to the Texas Education Code §21.211 and Board Policies DFBA(LEGAL) and (LOCAL), the Board may take action on a proposed termination of a term contract at the end of the contract term.

Budget Information:

No budgetary impact.

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

Texas Education Code Chapter 21; DFBA (LEGAL) & (LOCAL)

Board Goals:

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