

LINDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Board of Trustees of the Lindale Independent School District met in a Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 2025, at the Lindale ISD Administration Building.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Mike Combs, President

**INVOCATION:** Mr. Jeremy Strickland

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Mike Combs, President  
Dr. Karen Gott, Secretary  
Mr. Brooks Beeler  
Mr. Ragan Burgess  
Mr. Daniel Deslatte  
Mr. Jeremy Strickland

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Robert McGee, Vice President

**SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mr. Stan Surratt, Superintendent  
Mr. Jeremy Chilek, Assistant Superintendent  
Mrs. Michelle Carver, Director of Business Finance

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Dr. Gott, seconded by Mr. Strickland, to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Quarterly Investment Report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 6:01 p.m. the President of the Board of Trustees announced that a closed meeting would be held for the purpose of consideration of matters for which closed meetings are authorized in Texas Government Code Section 551.074 under the "Open Meetings Law," whereupon the following matters were discussed:

1. Personnel
  - a. Consider and Act Upon Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Employment of Personnel

**OPEN SESSION:**

Upon completion of discussion of the above-mentioned matters, the board meeting was reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation: Mr. Strickland

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Combs

Motion was made by Mr. Beeler, seconded by Mr. Deslatte to approve the superintendent's

recommendation regarding the employment of Amanda Griffith and Hannah Donally.

Motion carried unanimously.

**HEARING OF PATRONS:** None

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON TAX RATES FOR ADVERTISEMENT:**

Motion was made by Mr. Beeler, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the recommended tax rates to be published in the notice for the public meeting as follows:

M&O \$0.7569

I&S \$0.1810

Total \$0.9379

Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO SET TAX RATES AND ADOPT BUDGETS:**

Motion was made by Mr. Burgess, seconded by Dr. Gott to approve August 25, 2025 as the public meeting date to discuss the budgets and proposed tax rates.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON (LOCAL) POLICIES IN TASB UPDATE 125:**

Most policies in Update 125 are (LEGAL) and do not require board approval. Motion was made by Mr. Deslatte, seconded by Dr. Gott to approve the (LOCAL) policies in TASB Update 125. Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Explanatory Notes is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TYLER ISD AND SMITH COUNTY SCHOOLS:**

Motion was made by Mr. Beeler, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the interlocal agreement with Tyler ISD and Smith County Schools.

Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the agreement is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON CODE OF CONDUCT:**

Motion was made by Mr. Deslatte, seconded by Mr. Strickland to approve the LISD 2025-2026 Code of Conduct. Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Code of Conduct is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN UIL ACTIVITIES:**

Motion was made by Dr. Gott, seconded by Mr. Beeler to opt out of allowing homeschool students participating in UIL activities. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ELECTRICITY CONTRACT:**

Motion was made by Mr. Beeler, seconded by Dr. Gott to grant the superintendent the authority to use his discretion in negotiating both the term and duration of the district's electricity contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON RESOLUTION SANCTIONING THE 4-H ORGANIZATION AS AN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY:**

Motion was made by Dr. Gott, seconded by Mr. Strickland to approve the resolution requesting that the 4-H organization be sanctioned as an extra-curricular activity along with adjunct faculty agreement with Lindale Independent School District.

Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the resolution and agreement is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON CELL PHONE POLICY:**

House Bill 1481 mandates that all public-school districts in Texas adopt a policy prohibiting the use of personal communication devices during school hours. Motion was made by Mr. Deslatte, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the LISD Personal Electronic Device Policy as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the policy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**BUSINESS DISCUSSION:**

- Michelle Tate gave a detailed financial report.
- Mr. Chilek gave a presentation on all roofs in the district.
- Randy Anderson, Technology Director, gave the Children's Internet Compliance Act (CIPA) presentation.
- Mr. Chilek reviewed the updated Emergency Operation Plan.

There being no other business, the President of the Board of Trustees adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

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President, Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Board of Trustees