



AGENDA

for the

Regular Meeting

of the

Board of Trustees

**JIM PLYLER INSTRUCTIONAL COMPLEX
807 W. GLENWOOD
DR. JACK L. DAVIDSON CONFERENCE CENTER**

February 16, 2026

5:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE TYLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, February 16, 2026, the Board of Trustees of the Tyler Independent School District will hold a regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the Jim Plyler Instructional Complex, 807 W. Glenwood, Tyler, Texas. The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda which is attached to and made a part of this Notice.

Individuals with disabilities are entitled to have access to and participate in public meetings. An individual requiring an accommodation for access to the meeting must notify the Tyler Independent School District by informing the district's ADA coordinator, in writing 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting of the necessity of an accommodation. Upon receipt of this request, the district will furnish appropriate auxiliary aides and services when necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in and enjoy the benefits of the board meeting as nonhandicapped individuals enjoy.

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the School Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the School Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act.

Texas Government Code Section:

551.071	Private consultation with the board's attorney.
551.072	Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, 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.
551.076	Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.
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 representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups.
551.084	Excluding witnesses from a hearing.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting, then the final action, final decision, 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.

**TYLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Monday, February 16, 2026

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
5:00 P.M.**

**JIM PLYLER INSTRUCTIONAL COMPLEX
807 W. GLENWOOD
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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. First Order of Business - Announcement by the Chairman as to the presence of a quorum, that the meeting has been duly called and that notice of the meeting has been posted in the time and manner required.
- III. Public Participation
- IV. Continuous Improvement/Student Outcomes
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 - I. Presentation by Staff
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 - A. Texas Government Code Section 551.071
 - I. When the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or
 - II. On a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.
 - III. Consider legal advice regarding personnel and related action items.
 - B. Texas Government Code Section 551.072
 - I. Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property
 - C. Texas Government Code Section 551.074
 - I. Consider hiring of professional personnel
 - II. Consider renewals, non-renewals, contract abandonments and terminations of contracts for professional personnel. (To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, and contracts of employees.)
 - D. Texas Government Code Section 551.076
 - I. Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.

VI.	Reconvene from Executive Session	
VII.	7:00 p.m. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Martinez	
VIII.	Consider action on items discussed in Executive Session	
	A. Consider board approval of hiring of professional personnel.	
	B. Consider renewals, non-renewals, contract abandonments and terminations of contracts for professional personnel. (To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, and contracts of employees.)	
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Subject: Next is Now: Preview of the 1882 Partnership with The University of Texas at Tyler with Select Campuses

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In November 2025, Tyler ISD Administration presented an overview of 1882 Partnership Schools. The Strategic Partnership is a cornerstone of the Evergreen ETX initiative-a dynamic collaboration between Tyler ISD and a higher education partner to co-create innovative systems of excellence that empower students, grow future educators, and elevate the entire East Texas region.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Tyler ISD and The University of Texas at Tyler will apply for a SB 1882 partnership that will Grow and Sustain a High-Quality Educator Pipeline, Expand STEM pathways through BioMedical Curriculum, Advanced Professional Learning and Leadership Development, and Improvement of Student Outcomes.

ACTION REQUIRED

Discussion

CONTACT PERSONS

Marty Crawford, Ed.D.
Bobby Markle, Ed.D.

02-16-26

Subject: Next is Now: Boulder Middle School Accelerated Campus of Excellence (ACE) Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Accelerated Campus Excellence (ACE) model is a comprehensive approach designed to improve school performance and student outcomes by focusing on five core pillars. ACE model provides an opportunity to build an extensive plan for school reform that leverages existing and complementary school improvement actions, each of which has demonstrated measurable improvements in student growth and proficiency across a campus.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Tyler ISD plans to implement the ACE model at Boulder Middle School for the 2026-2027 school year with the intent to reform the instructional culture through 5 distinct changes:

- Strategic Staffing
- Instructional Excellence through the measurement and calibration of instructional proficiency
- Social-Emotional Supports
- Extended Learning
- Community Partnerships

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends the board approve the Boulder Middle School Accelerated Campus of Excellence Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

CONTACT PERSONS

Marty Crawford, Ed.D.
Bobby Markle Ed.D.

02-16-26

Subject: Special Recognitions

The Tyler ISD Board Recognition Program's primary focus is to acknowledge accomplishments achieved by Tyler Independent School District students, employees, campuses, and departments.

STUDENTS

Tyler ISD would like to recognize the efforts of our two District students of the month for February. **Savannah Tippitt**, a third-grade student at **Woods Elementary School**, is the Elementary Student of the Month. The Secondary Student of the Month is **Brandon Walker**, a senior at **Tyler High School**.

Congratulations to **Khialynn (Khia) Patton** a sixth-grade student at **Caldwell Arts Academy** for her artwork titled "Swimming Swede" being selected to be part of the 2025-2026 Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Exhibition.

STAFF

Congratulations to the **Elementary** Teacher of the Month, **Cristian Armstrong Pool** from **Dixie Elementary School**.

Congratulations to the **Secondary** Teacher of the Month, **Sharmecia Jackson** from **Tyler High School**.

02-16-26

Subject: Early Literacy/Numeracy Update – mClass and i-Ready Results

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The i-Ready assessment is given to every student Kindergarten – 8th grade three (3) times per year. This assessment is used to measure a student's achievement level, compute growth, and drive instruction, enrichment and intervention for individual students and groups of students.

The Amplify mClass assessment is given to every student in Kindergarten - 2nd grade three (3) times per year. This assessment is used to measure a student's reading and math skill level, compute growth, and drive instruction, enrichment and intervention for individual students and groups of students.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

i-Ready and mClass results will be discussed with regards to continuous improvement goals, cohort growth, grade level, demographics, and reading and math skills.

ACTION REQUIRED

Discussion

CONTACT PERSONS

Lance Groppel, Ed.D.
James C. Cureton, II, Ph.D.

02-16-26

Subject: Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, and Certifications Update

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the 2024-2025 school year the board updated the district goal related to College, Career and Military Readiness. The College & Career Department is charged with presenting a mid-year update and end-of-year summary on progress toward meeting this goal.

Tyler ISD Successful Student Outcome Goal 3 - The percent of Tyler ISD graduates that are college, career, or military ready will increase from 77.4% to 86.7% by June 2029.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

With the board and district focus on successful student outcomes, goals and progress measures were established to monitor growth in the number of graduates deemed College, Career, and Military Ready according to the criteria established by the Texas Agency. Student performance on Advanced Placement exams, completion of Dual Credit courses, and attainment of CTE certifications are key success indicators. The figures included in the update depict the overall level of progress in the aforementioned areas. The goal is to see student participation and performance growth in all aspects of College, Career, and Military Readiness.

The information provided in the report is based on 2025 Texas Performance Reporting System and local data.

ACTION REQUIRED

Discussion

CONTACT PERSONS

Ronald K. Jones
Kristen Walls, D.C.

02-16-26

Subject: Competitive Academics Update

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In any educational system, academic competition is vital for a child's development and the overall learning process. Academic competitions boost the confidence and morale of the students while challenging them to give their best effort. Student participation in various kinds of academic competitions helps motivate them and promotes diversity. Competitions inspire children to learn more about specific subjects, as well as serve as a great tool in preparing students for their career preferences later in life. Students who choose to participate in academic competitions learn the value of working hard to excel in something.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

The presentation will provide an update of the competitive academic events in which Tyler ISD students will participate during the spring semester.

ACTION REQUIRED

Discussion

CONTACT PERSONS

Ronald Jones
Kristen Walls, D.C.

02-16-26

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Tyler Independent School District met in regular session on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at the Jim Plyler Instructional Complex. The president called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., announced the presence of a quorum and that the meeting had been posted in the time and manner required.

Members present were Yvonne Atkins, president; Lindsey Harrison, vice president; Andy Bergfeld, Cody Levrets, Eleno Licea, Aaron Martinez, and Artis Newsome.

Administrators present were Dr. Marty Crawford, superintendent; Kevin Bogue, Dr. Cassandra Chapa, Jan Coker, Dr. James Cureton, Jeannia Dykman, Rachel Fox, Sam Gillispie, Lance Groppel, Jennifer Hines, Ronald Jones, Tim Loper, Dr. Bobby Markle, Jeff Millslagle, Kasey Russell, Rachel Sherman, Destry Walsworth, and Dr. Johnita Ward.

John C. and John M. Hardy, school attorneys, were present.

Mrs. Atkins stated that one had requested to speak to the board during public participation. Carolyn Davis addressed the board.

Mr. Sam Gillispie, director of athletics, provided an Athletics Update. He reviewed the district results for High School Athletics in team tennis, cross country, volleyball, and football and highlighted the District Championships and UIL State Playoffs. He provided an overview of Middle School Athletics in volleyball, football, and cross country. Participation numbers were provided for both high school and middle school. He then addressed questions from the board.

Mr. Ron Jones, deputy superintendent, provided a Visual and Performing Arts Update. He highlighted some of the elementary, middle school, and high school accomplishments for music, choir, orchestra, band, dance, theatre, and visual arts. He reviewed the upcoming events and then addressed questions from the board.

As required by law, Dr. Lance Groppel and Dr. James Cureton presented the Texas Performance Reporting System (TPRS) and the Results Driven Accountability (RDA). TPRS combines details of district and campus academic performance with financial reports and information about staff, programs, and demographics. They reviewed the STAAR scores, district ratings, attendance, graduation, dropout, and the college, career, and military readiness rates. Dr. Cureton stated that RDA is a data-driven monitoring system that assigns performance levels on several indicators in three program areas: Bilingual/ESL, Special Education and Other Special Populations. He reviewed the number of indicators assigned to each performance level in each program area. They then addressed questions from the board.

An opportunity for public comments regarding the TPRS was provided at the end of the presentation. There were no comments from the public.

Trustees adjourned to executive session at 6:26 p.m. Mrs. Atkins stated there would be action to follow.

Trustees reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Licea offered prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no action taken from executive session.

The board recognized the efforts of the two District students of the month for January. JaShayla Humber, a fifth-grade student at Bell Elementary School, is the Elementary Student of the Month. The Secondary Student of the Month is Caroline Holman, a senior at Tyler Legacy High School. Congratulations to these students for their hard work and dedication.

Tyler ISD would like to recognize the heroic life-saving efforts of Darrin Wortham, an eighth-grade student at Three Lakes Middle School. Darrin came to the aid of a fellow student who was choking and was able to perform the Heimlich Maneuver and then seek help from administrators.

Congratulations to Amayrani Vazquez, an 11th grader at Tyler High School and Maddry East, an 11th grader at Tyler Legacy High School for their outstanding performances at the State Cross Country Meet.

Amayrani Vasquez earned First Team All-District honors and was the District Champion with a time of 18:46. She was also named First Team All-Region and received Honorable Mention All-State recognition after placing 17th out of 149 runners at the State Meet with a time of 18:42.90.

Maddry East was named First Team All-District and finished as the District Runner-Up with a time of 18:36. She earned All-Region Team honors and placed 72nd out of 151 runners at the State Meet, finishing with a time of 19:08.

The board congratulated Katrina Washington from Bell Elementary School as January's Elementary Teacher of the Month and Dennis Teuber from Tyler Legacy High School as the Secondary Teacher of the Month.

Mrs. Atkins stated that no one had requested to speak to the board during public participation.

The district's financials for 2024-2025 were audited by the external auditors, Pattillo, Brown, & Hill, LLP. Ms. Mishal Majewski, CPA, provided an overview of the report to the board. Ms. Majewski complimented the district's finance team for the management and reporting of the district's finances. She stated the report reflects an unmodified opinion and no audit findings. The district has good internal processes and controls and maintains a healthy fund balance. Ms. Majewski stated the Audit for Federal Funds of Special Education was in compliance and there are no deficiencies or material weaknesses. She then addressed questions from the board.

Mr. Newsome stated that the district's finances receive an excellent rating each year and the district is financially stable. He stated that there has been a smooth transition from Mrs. Tosha Bjork to Mrs. Kasey Russell at the chief financial officer position this past year.

Mr. Newsome made a motion to approve the annual audit for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Licea and passed by a vote of 7-0.

Regarding the Business/Legal/Finance/Consent agenda, the board pulled the following for individual consideration:

- Consider approval of Gifts and Donations;
- Consideration and Action of an Order Calling General Election for School Board Trustees for Single Member District 2 and Single Member District 4;
- Consideration and Action of an Interlocal Agreement Between Smith County and Tyler Independent School District for Conducting Elections;
- Consider approval of HVAC Renovations at Clarkston Elementary School, Jones-Boshears School, and Owens Elementary School.

Mrs. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bergfeld to approve the following:

- Approval of the Minutes of Regular Meeting - December 15, 2025;
- Approval of 2025-2026 Amended Budget

The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Dr. Crawford stated the district has received a donation in the amount of \$52,351.00 from the Tyler ISD Foundation for Grants for Great Ideas. Mrs. Harrison made a motion to approve the donation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Martinez and passed by a vote of 7-0. The board expressed their appreciation for the continued support and partnership with the Tyler ISD Foundation.

Regarding the Order Calling General Election, Mr. Licea stated that for at least the last three election cycles, the defeated incumbent candidates have complained about low voter turnout and the number of people involved in the process. He stated that the district has an opportunity to do something about the small elections

by exploring the option to expand the voting days to include Saturday and Sunday as well as the voting hours to include after 5:00 p.m. voting to allow people who work more time to vote. They days/hours could match what is being done in the March primary elections. He realizes there may be additional costs involved, but it is important to provide every voter with an opportunity to vote.

Dr. Crawford stated that Early Voting is currently scheduled for Monday April 20, 2026 – Friday, April 24, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Monday, April 27, 2026 – Tuesday, April 28, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with Election Day being May 2, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. He stated that it is not a cost issue as election costs are paid on a per voter basis. He also stated that there are partner districts that have already called their election. Changes in the hours/days would need to be requested in advance.

Gina Orr, board secretary and custodian of election records, stated that the Order Calling Election must include the dates and hours of early voting and the dates and hours of any Saturday or Sunday early voting. She stated that in the May election the City of Tyler and Tyler Junior College are not the only partners to consider. There are potentially fourteen (14) jurisdictions in Smith County that would partner with the district. Some of these districts have already called their elections which would be an administrative error in their Order to Call Election should the district try to change the days/hours for voting. The district is late at this point to consider requesting a change for the May Election. Changes to the dates/hours are anticipated in 2027. She stated that Senate Bill 2753 recently passed that will close the gap between the end of early voting and election day to create one continuous voting period.

Due to partner jurisdictions having already called their election, Dr. Crawford stated that the district can look to pursue a change for future elections, but for this coming May election the voting hours and dates would be as presented.

After discussions, board members expressed that even though it is too late for the May election, they would like to see the district consider expanding hours/days for the next election cycle.

Mr. Bergfeld made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison to approve the following:

- Approval of an Order Calling General Election for School Board Trustees for Single Member District 2 and Single Member District 4;
- Approval of an Interlocal Agreement Between Smith County and Tyler Independent School District for Conducting Elections.

The motion passed by a vote of 6-1. Mr. Licea voted in opposition.

Regarding the consideration to approve the HVAC Renovations at Clarkston Elementary School, Jones-Boshears School, and Owens Elementary School, Mr. Tim Loper and Mr. Brady Beddingfield addressed questions regarding the bid process, review committee, scoring of bids, lowest bidder, and the professional fees for engineering.

Mr. Newsome made a motion to approve the contract with TDR Contractors for in the amount of \$8,098,000 plus \$485,880 in professional fees for EMA Engineering & Consulting for a total project cost of \$8,583,880 for the HVAC Renovations at Clarkston Elementary School, Jones-Boshears School, and Owens Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Levrets and passed by a vote of 7-0.

The board did not take any action to Declare Excess Property and Authorize the Administration to Begin Steps Necessary for the Sale of Excess Land at 320 Shiloh Road, Tyler, TX (2.571 – former location of Tyler Tennis & Swim Pool).

Regarding the Curriculum/Instruction Consent agenda, Mr. Bergfeld made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to approve the Affiliation Agreement with The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler for Prenatal Support and Education to Pregnant or Parenting Students. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Trustees adjourned to executive session at 7:57 p.m. Mrs. Atkins stated there would be action to follow.

Trustees reconvened in open session at 8:31 p.m.

Mr. Bergfeld made a motion to extend the Superintendent's Contract for an additional one year to remain a three-year contract from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029. The motion was seconded by Mr. Levrets and passed by a vote of 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Bergfeld, seconded by Mr. Levrets and a vote of 7-0.

APPROVED: _____

/s/ Gina Orr
Gina Orr, Secretary

/s/ Lindsey Harrison
Lindsey Harrison, Board Vice President

Subject: 2025-2026 Amended Budget

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Texas Education Agency requires that independent school districts file an amended budget, approved by the Board of Trustees, with the Agency.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

An amended 2025-2026 budget for the general fund and food services fund has been prepared, and a copy is included in the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends the Board approve the 2025-2026 amended budget for the general fund and food service fund as presented in the agenda.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

CONTACT PERSON

Kasey Russell

02-16-26

**Tyler Independent School District
General Operating Fund
Amended Expenditure Budget
Summary of Significant Changes from Original and Current Budgets
2025-2026**

Changes to Budget:	Original	Current
Distribution Warehouse Renovations	1,129,213.18	
Master Plan Improvements	19,245.79	
Principal Incentive Allotment	180,581.00	
Organizational Health Program	49,985.00	
Encumbrances	605,791.12	
CTC Café & Go Center Storefront	34,982.00	
Safety & Security updates	56,171.00	
Regional Day School Program for the Deaf	1,817,676.09	
Transportation	25,550.00	
	<u>3,919,195.18</u>	<u>0.00</u>

**TYLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL OPERATING FUND
AMENDED REVENUE BUDGET
2025-2026**

	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET
Taxes		
Current Year Levy	\$ 86,448,712.00	\$ 86,448,712.00
Prior Year Collections	1,100,000.00	1,100,000.00
Penalties and Interest	1,250,000.00	1,250,000.00
Total Taxes	88,798,712.00	88,798,712.00
Tuition and fees	1,460,126.09	1,460,126.09
Earnings from Temporary Investments	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
Rent	57,500.00	57,500.00
Miscellaneous Local Revenue	41,500.00	41,500.00
Athletic Activity	240,000.00	240,000.00
Total Local Revenue	93,597,838.09	93,597,838.09
Foundation and Per Capita Apportionment	91,338,919.79	91,338,919.79
TRS On-behalf Benefits	9,975,000.00	9,975,000.00
Total State Revenue	101,313,919.79	101,313,919.79
Federal Revenue	690,000.00	690,000.00
Transfers from Other Funds & Other Sources	710,000.00	710,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 196,311,757.88	\$ 196,311,757.88

**TYLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL OPERATING FUND
AMENDED EXPENDITURE BUDGET
2025-2026**

	<u>ORIGINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>	<u>CHANGE ORIGINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>CHANGE CURRENT BUDGET</u>
	<u>\$ 115,453,125.22</u>	<u>\$ 117,334,638.05</u>	<u>\$ 117,157,591.93</u>	<u>\$ 1,704,466.71</u>	<u>\$ (177,046.12)</u>
Total Function 11 - Instruction					
Total Function 12 - Instructional Resources and Media Services	2,617,801.97	2,617,654.56	2,619,595.38	1,793.41	1,940.82
Total Function 13 - Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	4,777,751.20	4,715,915.01	4,714,808.59	(62,942.61)	(1,106.42)
Total Function 21 - Instructional Development	2,533,309.26	2,802,084.69	2,797,597.46	264,288.20	(4,487.23)
Total Function 23 - School Administration	9,334,488.62	9,624,307.80	9,628,538.28	294,049.66	4,230.48
Total Function 31 - Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	7,060,270.16	6,592,496.12	6,616,071.09	(444,199.07)	23,574.97
Total Function 32 - Social Work Services	300,632.52	305,078.52	305,078.52	4,446.00	
Total Function 33 - Health Services	2,389,003.65	2,395,883.86	2,395,883.86	6,880.21	
Total Function 34 - Student (Pupil Transportation)	5,675,839.08	6,082,292.68	6,082,292.68	406,453.60	
Total Function 36 - Cocurricular/ Extracurricular Activities	6,837,368.65	7,030,041.21	7,046,977.01	209,608.36	16,935.80
Total Function 41 - General Administration	4,446,547.91	4,474,111.58	4,474,111.58	27,563.67	
Total Function 51 - Plant Maintenance and Operations	16,322,726.51	16,450,610.00	16,475,103.85	152,377.34	24,493.85
Total Function 52 - Security and Monitoring Services	4,298,588.49	4,351,578.49	4,459,873.86	161,285.37	108,295.37
Total Function 53 - Data Processing Services	4,929,293.64	4,864,576.15	4,871,114.63	(58,179.01)	6,538.48
Total Function 61 - Community Service	97,223.99	97,493.99	97,873.99	650.00	380.00
Total Function 81 - Buildings and Improvements	130,000.00	1,384,403.34	1,380,653.34	1,250,653.34	(3,750.00)
Total Function 93 - Shared Svc Arrangement	418,936.13	418,936.13	418,936.13		
Total Function 99 - Intergovernmental Charges	1,718,750.00	1,718,750.00	1,718,750.00		
Transfer to Preventive Maintenance Account	3,782,983.00	3,782,983.00	3,782,983.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES-GENERAL OPERATING FUND	<u>\$ 193,124,640.00</u>	<u>\$ 197,043,835.18</u>	<u>\$ 197,043,835.18</u>	<u>\$ 3,919,195.18</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

**TYLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOOD SERVICE FUND
AMENDED REVENUE & EXPENDITURE BUDGET
2025-2026**

<u>REVENUE:</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
Meals and Other Miscellaneous	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 650,000.00
Interest Income	190,000.00	190,000.00
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	840,000.00	840,000.00
State Revenue from TEA	55,000.00	55,000.00
TOTAL STATE REVENUE	55,000.00	55,000.00
School Breakfast Program	2,788,000.00	2,788,000.00
School Lunch Program	8,425,000.00	8,425,000.00
Cash in Lieu of Commodities	850,000.00	850,000.00
TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE	12,063,000.00	12,063,000.00
 TOTAL REVENUE	 \$ 12,958,000.00	 \$ 12,958,000.00
 <u>EXPENDITURES:</u>		
Function 35 - Food Services		
Total Function 35	11,763,229.37	11,726,316.88
Function 51-Plant Maintenance & Operations		
Total Function 51	562,270.63	599,183.12
Function 52- Security & Monitoring		
Total Function 52	7,500.00	7,500.00
Other Use		
Transfer to General Operating Fund	625,000.00	625,000.00
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 \$12,958,000.00	 \$12,958,000.00

Subject: Gifts and Donations

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board policy (CDC Local) requires that all donations to the District must be reviewed by the Superintendent prior to formal acceptance. The Superintendent must approve all donations under \$5,000. The Board must approve all donations of \$5,000 or more.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

The following donations with a value of \$5,000 or more have been received:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Recipients</u>
\$38,800	Cooperative Teacher Credit Union	Tyler ISD Communications for District Events
\$15,000	The R.W. Fair Foundation	Tyler ISD Athletic Department for Youth Basketball League

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends the Board accept the donations.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

CONTACT PERSON

Marty Crawford, Ed.D.

02-16-26

Subject: Approval of the 2026-2027 Budget Timeline

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In an effort to formalize the budget process, a budget timeline has been prepared for Board approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends the Board approve the 2026-2027 Budget Timeline as presented in the agenda.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

CONTACT PERSON

Kasey Russell

02-16-26

Tyler Independent School District

2026-2027 Budget Timeline

January 2026	Analyze PEIMS data collected and enrollment targets (FS, SC) Staffing models analyzed for current year (campus FTEs) (FS, SC) PEIMS enrollment counts reviewed and preliminary enrollment projections forecasted (FS,SC)
February 2026	Budget calendar presented to Board of Trustees for approval (FS, B) Staffing models for 2026-2027 developed (FS, SC)
March 2026	Department staffing plan review (operations performance measures) (SC) Enrollment projections and staffing allocations reviewed with campuses (FS, HR)
April 2026	Non payroll budget spreadsheets provided to campuses and departments (FS) Staffing plan due from campuses (job specific)
May 2026	Board of Trustees update Staffing Plan presented to Board Campuses complete non payroll budget and return to supervisor after CPOC review Departments complete non payroll budget and return to financial services Board of Trustees update on budget elements (FS, HR)
June 2026	Board of Trustees update (if needed) Budget assumptions (FS) Salary report and recommendations (FS, HR) Update on any budget reductions or increases (FS) Update on salary budget (FS, HR)
July 2026	Board of Trustees update (if needed) Budget allocations (FS) Update on any budget reductions or increases (FS) Update on salary budget (FS, HR)
August 2026	Finalize budget data and format (FS, B) Final Board of Trustees budget workshop Revenue and appropriations estimates-General Fund (FS) Food & Nutrition services budget (FS) Debt Service fund budget (FS) Public hearing and adoption of budget and tax rate (B)

FS-Financial Services
B-Board
HR-Human Resources
SC-Superintendent Cabinet

Subject: Replacement of District Backup System and Data Protection Platform

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Tyler ISD has utilized Cohesity as its backup and data protection platform for the past five years. Cohesity ensures that all systems and data in Tyler ISD's data centers are backed up and allows for quick recovery in the event of a disaster. The software license is up for renewal in June 2026. Additionally, the servers and storage on which the Cohesity software runs are past their life expectancy and must be refreshed.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

The proposal by Prescriptive Data Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$509,231.61 provides for both the software and hardware renewal. This includes 5 years of Cohesity software license as well as 5 years of service and support on the servers and storage.

Funding is provided by the general fund and purchased via Region 7.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends the board approve the quote from Prescriptive Data Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$509,231.61.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

CONTACT PERSONS

Ronald K. Jones
Joseph Jacks

02-16-26

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Project with the Department of Transportation for the Pedestrian Traffic Signal on NNW Loop 323, Tyler, TX

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In partnership with the City of Tyler on February 21, 2025, Tyler ISD made an application to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) seeking the installation of a traffic light with a designated pedestrian crossing on NNW Loop 323, Tyler, TX in front of Tyler High School.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

On November 13, 2025, via Minute Order 117073, Texas Department of Transportation authorized North Northwest Loop 323 Tyler High School Pedestrian Traffic Signal to receive Transportation Alternative Set-Aside funds for the project construction and Texas Department of Transportation oversight.

The Memorandum of Understanding communicates the current intentions of TxDOT and Tyler ISD concerning the Project.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends the board approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Project with the Department of Transportation for the Pedestrian Traffic Signal on NNW Loop 323, Tyler, TX.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

CONTACT PERSONS

Marty Crawford, Ed.D.
Jeff Millslagle

02-16-26

Subject: Consider Approval of Roof Replacements for Austin Elementary School, Bell Elementary School, and Bonner Elementary School

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Under the Preventive Maintenance Program, roof replacements are due for Austin, Bell and Bonner Elementary Schools. All the roofs have exceeded their lifecycles and warranty periods.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

As required, plans and specifications were prepared by PBK/BEAM Professionals and advertised within the legal time limit. Competitive seal proposals were received and evaluated based on the published weighted scoring criteria. Advanced Roofing was selected as the contractor offering the best overall value to the district. Proposals were received as follows:

CONTRACTORS	AUSTIN	BONNER	BELL
Advanced Roofing	\$693,000.00	\$694,000.00	\$631,000.00
Alto Vista Roofing	\$875,000.00	\$810,000.00	\$725,000.00
Cotton Commercial	\$1,104,246.09	\$885,480.77	\$994,478.38
CS Advantage USAA	\$776,000.00	\$776,000.00	\$694,000.00
FW Walton	\$723,553.00	\$734,757.00	\$707,797.00
L Wallace Construction	\$1,013,678.00	\$1,047,358.00	\$943,044.00
Langford Roofing	\$557,906.00	\$557,906.00	\$486,465.00
Longview Roofing	\$680,350.00	\$597,178.00	\$751,120.00
RBT Roofing	\$748,713.00	\$746,424.00	\$756,401.00
Roof – Care	No Bid	\$836,000.00	\$713,000.00
Roof Technology	\$660,000.00	\$663,500.00	\$572,500.00
S & S Roofing	\$739,598.00	\$739,598.00	\$667,298.00

Funding for this project is provided by the Preventive Maintenance Fund and Bond 2022 Funds.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends the Board approve the proposals from Advanced Roofing for Austin Elementary School in the amount of \$693,000, Bell Elementary School in the amount of \$631,000, and Bonner Elementary School in the amount of \$694,000 to include \$121,080 in professional fees for PBK/BEAM Professionals for the total project amount of \$2,139,080.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

CONTACT PERSONS

Marty Crawford, Ed.D.
Tim Loper

02-16-26

Subject: Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 11 Period of Prayer and Reading of the Bible or Other Religious Text

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Senate Bill 11, passed by the 89th Texas Legislature as codified in Texas Education Code Section 25.00823, requires each school board to take a record vote on whether to create a policy on authorizing a campus of the district to establish a period of prayer or reading of the Bible or other religious text.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Tyler ISD Administration welcomes the legislation's intent as an opportunity to provide an inlet of moral and ethical support for students and staff as a response to the increasing cultural pressures and societal decay children, adolescents, and young adults are exponentially experiencing outside of our schools.

While the legislation aligns with Tyler's and East Texas' expectations for how its public schools should operate in contrarian to other districts, Tyler ISD Administration has elevated concern well past intent when contemplating the execution demands as required within statute.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends the Board cast a vote on the Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 11 Period of Prayer and Reading of the Bible or Other Religious Text.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

CONTACT PERSON

Marty Crawford, Ed.D.

02-16-26

EDUCATION CODE
TITLE 2. PUBLIC EDUCATION
SUBTITLE E. STUDENTS AND PARENTS
CHAPTER 25. ADMISSION, TRANSFER, AND ATTENDANCE
SUBCHAPTER A. ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT

Sec. 25.0823. PERIOD OF PRAYER AND READING OF BIBLE OR OTHER RELIGIOUS TEXT. (a) The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school that is not operated by or affiliated with a religious organization may by record vote on a resolution described by Subsection (a-1) adopt a policy requiring every campus of the district or school to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text on each school day in accordance with this section.

(a-1) A resolution to adopt a policy under Subsection (a) must read as follows:

"The (insert name of school district or open-enrollment charter school) shall adopt a policy requiring every campus of (insert name of district or school) to provide a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text as provided by Section 25.0823, Education Code."

(b) A policy adopted under Subsection (a) must:

(1) prohibit a student or employee of the school district or open-enrollment charter school from being permitted to participate in the period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text unless the employee or parent or guardian of the student submits to the district or school a signed consent form that includes:

(A) an acknowledgment that the student or employee has a choice as to whether to participate in the period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text;

(B) a statement that the person has no objection to the student's or employee's participation in or hearing of the prayers or readings offered during the period; and

(C) an express waiver of the person's right to bring a claim under state or federal law arising out of the adoption of a policy under this section, including a claim under the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or a related state or federal law, releasing the district or school and district or school employees from liability for those claims brought in state or federal court;

(2) prohibit the provision of a prayer or reading of the Bible or other religious text over a public address system; and

(3) specify that a period of prayer or reading of the Bible or other religious text may not be a substitute for instructional time.

(c) An employee or parent or guardian of a student may revoke the person's consent provided under Subsection (b)(1) by informing the appropriate school administrator, as determined by the school district or open-enrollment charter school. An employee or student for whom consent has been revoked under this subsection:

(1) may not participate in the period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text until the employee or parent or guardian of the student submits to the district or school a new consent form under Subsection (b)(1); and

(2) remains bound by the waiver described by Subsection (b)(1)(C).

(d) A policy adopted under Subsection (a):

(1) must include provisions ensuring a prayer or reading of the Bible or other religious text is not provided in the physical presence of, within the hearing of, or in another manner which would constitute an injury in fact within the meaning of the United States or Texas Constitution on a person for whom a signed consent form has not been submitted under Subsection (b)(1) or has been revoked under Subsection (c); and

(2) in order to comply with this subsection, may require that the period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text be provided:

(A) before normal school hours;

(B) only in classrooms or other areas in which a consent form under Subsection (b)(1) has been submitted for every employee and student, which may include an entire school district or open-enrollment charter school campus if a consent form has been submitted for each employee and student at the campus; or

(C) by any other method recommended by the attorney general or legal counsel for the district or school.

(e) The attorney general, on request from the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school, shall:

(1) provide advice on best methods for a district or school to comply with the requirements of this section;

(2) provide a model consent form that may be used for purposes of providing consent under Subsection (b)(1); and

(3) defend the district or school in a cause of action arising out of the adoption of a policy under Subsection (a).

(f) If the attorney general defends a school district or open-enrollment charter school under Subsection (e)(3), the state is liable for the expenses, costs, judgments, or settlements of the claims arising out of the representation. The attorney general may settle or compromise any and all claims under this subsection. The state may not be liable for any expenses, costs, judgments, or settlements of any claims arising out of the adoption of a policy under Subsection (a) against a district or school not being represented by the attorney general.

(g) Regardless of whether the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school adopts a policy under Subsection (a), this section does not prohibit a student or employee of the district or school from participating in prayer or reading the Bible or other religious text during a period of the school day that is not designated as a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text.

Added by Acts 2025, 89th Leg., R.S., Ch. 755 (S.B. 11), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2025.

Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 11
Period of Prayer and Reading of the Bible or Other Religious Text

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 11, passed by the 89th Texas Legislature, requires each school board to take a record vote by March 1, 2026, on whether to adopt a policy requiring each campus to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text on each school day; and

WHEREAS, Section 25.0823 of the Texas Education Code prescribes a model resolution that must be adopted by record vote before the District may implement such a policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is required to hold a vote on the approval of this resolution to comply with Senate Bill 11; and

WHEREAS, if this resolution is approved by a majority vote, a policy shall be adopted requiring every campus of Tyler ISD to provide the prayer and reading time described above; and

WHEREAS, if this resolution is not approved by majority vote, no such policy will be adopted and campuses will not be required to offer a period of prayer and reading as described above; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT:

Tyler ISD shall adopt a policy requiring every campus of Tyler ISD to provide a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text as provided by Texas Education Code 25.0823.

Adopted this 16th day of February 2026, by the Board.

Lindsey Harrison, Board Vice President

ATTEST:

Gina Orr, Board Secretary

Subject: Resolution for Application to Delay the Implementation of Teacher Certification Requirements Until the Beginning of the 2029-2030 School Year

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Texas Education Code §21.0032(a-1), as amended by House Bill 2 of the 89th Legislature, 2025, school districts may request a delay in the full implementation of teacher certification requirements for foundation curriculum courses until the beginning of the 2029-2030 school year.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Texas Education Code §21.0032(a-1), as amended by House Bill 2 of the 89th Legislature, 2025, requires that the local board approve the Resolution for Application to Delay the Implementation of Teacher Certification Requirements.

Tyler ISD has developed a transition plan, identified Education Preparation partners, and reviewed uncertified staffing plans. The transition plan will meet full certification requirements by the 2029-2030 school year.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends the board approve the Resolution for Application to Delay the Implementation of Teacher Certification Requirements Until the Beginning of the 2029-2030 School Year.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

CONTACT PERSONS

Ronald Jones
Sheri Barberee-Taylor

02-16-26

RESOLUTION FOR APPLICATION TO DELAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
TEACHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE
2029-2030 SCHOOL YEAR FOR TYLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code §21.0032(a-1) authorizes school districts to request a delay in implementation of certification requirements for foundation curriculum teachers until the 2029–2030 school year; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Independent School District has developed a transition plan, identified Educator Preparation Program partners, and reviewed uncertified staffing trends;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this date by the vote of a majority of members of the Board of Trustees of Tyler Independent School District do hereby approve the resolution for application to delay the implementation of teacher certification requirements to the Texas Commissioner of Education requesting a delay of teacher certification requirements until the beginning of the 2029–2030 school year.

Adopted this ____ day of February, 2026.

Lindsey Harrison, Board Vice President

ATTEST:

Gina Orr, Board Secretary

Subject: Class Size Update

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Texas Education Agency required each school district in Texas to conduct a class size enrollment survey for grades K-4. If the survey indicated classes for grades K-4 exceeded the allowable class size limit of 22:1, districts were required to submit a request and a copy of the Board approved compliance plan to the State Waiver Unit. At the June 19, 2017 meeting the board approved the District of Innovation (DOI) Plan; therefore, this waiver exemption is no longer required. The administration makes all attempts to maintain the class size limit of 22:1 ratio; however, a qualified teacher aide will be provided when ratios are exceeded.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

As of January 28, 2026, this list reflects classes that exceed the 22:1 class size limit.

- 33 classes require teacher's aide support.
- The 33 classes are over by a total of 46 students.

Bilingual Classrooms

School	Kinder	1st grade	2nd grade	3rd grade	4th grade	Number of Students
Austin	1					1
Bell	1					4
Bonner	1					1
Douglas			2			2
Griffin			2			2
Orr					2	5
Peete			1			3
Total	3		5		2	18

Monolingual Classes

School	Kinder	1st grade	2nd grade	3rd grade	4th grade	Number of Students
Austin					1	1
Caldwell	2		1	2	3	10
Dixie			2			2
Jack		4				6
Jones	1	2				3
Orr					1	1
Owens					1	1
Rice		2				3
Woods		1				1
Total	3	9	3	2	6	28

Shaded sections indicate principal choice to operate larger classes rather than move staff and/or students to reduce class sizes.

ACTION REQUIRED

Discussion

CONTACT PERSON

Lance Groppe, Ed.D.

02-16-26