

NISD Board of Trustees

Board Notes



Aug. 20, 2026

WATCH MEETING



1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledges of allegiance

2. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

The board entered closed session at 5:02 p.m.

3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board returned to open session at 6:16 p.m.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Superintendent Announcements – Grey Burton

Let me start off with some great news! For the third time, Nacogdoches ISD has been named a Texas Art Education Association District of Distinction, placing our Visual Arts program among just 109 districts statewide to receive this honor. The award recognizes outstanding leadership, participation, student learning experiences, exhibitions, competitions, community engagement, and collaboration in visual arts and represents as well as acknowledges the dedication and creativity of our visual arts teachers along with the continued support of our district. Earlier this week, our Director of Fine Arts, Deshmond Johnson, said three times is more than an award, it is evidence that excellence has become part of who we are. I agree! Congratulations to our visual arts teachers and students!

We got things underway last week with the first day of classes, and it already feels like we're settling into that school day routine. These things don't happen by accident, it requires a gameplan that's prepared ahead of time! I've made it around to many of our campuses, and I want to thank teachers, staff and principals for all their hard work. I just know we're going to have a great year!

It wouldn't be a new school year without a few changes in how we do things. To that end, two new rules will be in place this academic year for entry into Dragon Stadium and athletic events that are held in gyms at Nacogdoches High School.

Superintendent report continued...

Spectators will be required to pass through a weapons detection system in order to enter Dragon Stadium once the new equipment is here. The detectors will be set up during the school year at other athletic events held in both NHS gymnasiums. Along those same lines, NISD has adopted a clear bag policy for all athletic events. Bags and items that cannot be clearly seen through will be prohibited in the stadium, at fields and in gymnasiums where NISD is hosting athletic events.

Nacogdoches High School has also implemented procedures for opening and closing the new gates that have been installed at some parking lots. On Monday, the gates were closed for the first time during regular school hours. During a normal school day, gates will close at 7:25 a.m. after the start of classes and reopen at 2:30 p.m., 20 minutes before the end of the school day. During weekends and evenings and holidays when school is not in session, the gates will remain open.

I realize these changes will affect how we do business, and I suspect there's going to be a period of adjustment while everyone becomes accustomed to how we're doing things. But all of these changes are part of our ongoing commitment to safety at our schools and for the protection of students and staff.

The official launch of our CarePortal network is in this building at 2 p.m. September 1st. This service, which I've mentioned a few times, will allow the district to link up our schools with churches and community partners to meet the practical needs of our children and families across Nacogdoches. I know our district has put in a lot of time to lay the groundwork so this will benefit our students and their families in times of need. I'm excited about getting this off the ground here at the start of school.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one requested to address the Board of Trustees.

6. REPORTS

A. Business reports

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Board meeting minutes

1. July 16, 2026 – Regular meeting minutes

B. Budget amendments

C. Donations under \$2,500

D. Investment report

Cheryl Brady made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by **Leabeth Abt**. The motion was approved.

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

A. Consideration of and board action on the superintendent's recommendations regarding employment, resignations and other professional personnel matters.

The **Rev. James Ervin** made a motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation of professional personnel as presented. The motion was seconded by **Demond Jackson**. The motion was approved.

B. Consideration of and possible board action regarding Chapter 21 contract abandonment under Texas Education Code 21.210.

Two motions were made.

Cheryl Brady made a motion to determine that Monica Gryder abandoned her educator contract with Nacogdoches Independent School District and that good cause did not exist for the contract abandonment and authorized the superintendent or designee to submit a written complaint to Texas Education Agency pursuant to Texas Education 21.210 and 19 Texas Administrative Code 249.17. The motion was seconded by the **Rev. James Ervin**. The motion was approved.

Leabeth Abt made a motion to determine that My Bowman abandoned her educator contract with Nacogdoches Independent School District and that good cause did not exist for the contract abandonment and authorized the superintendent or designee to submit a written complaint to Texas Education Agency pursuant to Texas Education 21.210 and 19 Texas Administrative Code 249.17. The motion was seconded by **Demond Jackson**. The motion was approved.

C. Consideration of and board action on acceptance of the 2023-26 three-year safety and security audit final report and Texas School Safety Center 3-year audit survey.

Dr. T.C. Grohman M.D. made a motion to approve and accept the 2023-26 three-year safety and security audit final report and the Texas School Safety Center 3-year audit survey. The motion was seconded by **Cheryl Brady**. The motion was approved.

D. Consideration of and board action on the 2026-27 Boys & Girls Club pool usage agreement.

The **Rev. James Ervin** made a motion to approve the pool usage agreement with Boys & Girls Club as presented. The motion was seconded by **Dr. T.C. Grohman M.D.** The motion was approved.

E. Consideration of and board action on the teaching of the constitution as required by federal law as a condition of receipt of federal funding.

Cheryl Brady made a motion to approve the annual certification of the teaching of the Constitution on Sept. 17, 2026, as required by federal law as a condition of receipt of federal funding. The motion was seconded by **Demond Jackson**. The motion was approved.

F. Consideration of and board action on the Second Reading and adoption of the Revised Local Policy FFA (LOCAL) – Student Welfare: Wellness and Health Services

Demond Jackson made a motion to approve the second reading of the revised local policy. The motion was seconded by **Cheryl Brady**. The motion was approved.

G. Consideration of and board action on the 2026-27 annual Certification of Compliance required by Texas Education Code 39.008.

Cheryl Brady made a motion to approve the 2026-27 annual Certification of Compliance required by Texas Education Agency. The motion was seconded by **Leabeth Abt**. The motion was approved.

H. Consideration of and board action on the 2026-27 Professional Development Plan.

The **Rev. James Ervin** made a motion to approve approve the 2026-27 Professional Development Plan. The motion was seconded by **Demond Jackson**. The motion was approved.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.