

**Italy Independent School District
Board of Trustees**

May 18 2026 @ 5:30 PM
Regular Meeting Minutes

District Conference Room
300 College Street
Italy, Texas 76651

Prior to the start of the meeting, the quintet of Alex Creighton, Alexia Galvan, Oscar Galvan, Nate Guidry and Alyna Hernandez played their bell/marimba UIL State Solo & Ensemble piece called "Angelic Voices" by Gillingham.

1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum Time: 5:37 PM

Establish Quorum: Board members in attendance at the meeting:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allen Richards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parker Reeves	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nichole Galvan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dennis Perkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lee Guidry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clay Major
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashton Russ		

The meeting was called to order by Allen Richards; President. An announcement of the meeting being recorded was provided. Board members in attendance individually acknowledged themselves for the recording.

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Texas Pledge Time: 5:38 PM

Led: Allen Richards; President

3. Invocation Time: 5:39 PM

Led by Dennis Perkins; Vice President

4. Action Item: Reorganization of the Board: Election of Italy Independent School District School Board Officers Time 5:39 PM

- 4.A. President

Nominees: Allen Richards

Motion: Approve Allen Richards as Board President

1st: Dennis Perkins 2nd: Ashton Russ Vote: 6-0 Approved

Allen Richards:	Abstain	Nichole Galvan:	For
Dennis Perkins:	For	Clay Major:	For
Parker Reeves:	For	Lee Guidry:	For
Ashton Russ:	For		

- 4.B. Vice President

Nominees: Dennis Perkins

Motion: Approve Dennis Perkins as Board Vice President

1st: Parker Reeves 2nd: Nichole Galvan Vote: 6-0 Approved

Allen Richards:	For	Nichole Galvan:	For
Dennis Perkins:	Abstain	Clay Major:	For
Parker Reeves:	For	Lee Guidry:	For
Ashton Russ:	For		

- 4.C. Secretary

Nominees: Ashton Russ

Motion: Approve Ashton Russ as Secretary

1st: Nichole Galvan 2nd: Parker Reeves Vote: 6-0 Approved

Allen Richards:	For	Nichole Galvan:	For
Dennis Perkins:	For	Clay Major:	For
Parker Reeves:	For	Lee Guidry:	For
Ashton Russ:	Abstain		

5. Presentations

5.A. BUILD Consulting Group; Dr. Mya Asberry, Chief Education Officer 5:41 PM

Dr. Mya Asberry presented information on her work with Italy ISD this past year. She highlighted the work done with administration, teachers and students. Dr. Lance Bray; Stafford Principal and Ms. Graves; Italy JH-HS Principal spoke of the benefits to their campus and students.

Dr. Lance Bray; Stafford Principal introduced Stafford's new Student Support Assistant Principal, Gretchen Gray and the new Counselor, Maggie Westrick. Both ladies introduced their families. Allen Richards, President welcomed them to Italy ISD and expressed the Board's excitement to have them working in their new positions at Stafford Elementary. 6:02 PM

6. Open Forum

6.A. Public Requests to Speak 6:06 PM

No one signed up to speak in the Open Forum.

7. Italy ISD Parent Comment Report Time:6:06 PM

As part of the parental engagement policy, mandated by Senate Bill 12 (TEC 26.0071) in the summer of 2025, districts are required to provide for an internet portal through which parents of students enrolled in the district may submit comments to campus and district administrators and the board. The board will then prioritize and present those comments at the beginning of each board meeting.

No comments were submitted for review

8. Action Items 6:06PM

8.A. Consent Agenda

No items were pulled to vote on separately

8.A.1. Prior Month Meeting Minutes for 4/20/2026 & 5/12/2026.

8.A.2. Consider and take possible action for Jackie "JD" Cate; new Director of Operations to serve as the official Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, to implement and regulate the school districts Integrated Pest Management policies.

8.A.3. Consider and take possible action for Jackie "JD" Cate; new Director of Operations to serve as the official Asbestos Coordinator, to implement and regulate the school districts Asbestos Management policies.

8.A.4. Consider and take possible action on purchasing library books for Stafford Elementary, which has been posted on the Italy ISD website for 30 days to collect any public comment. No public comment was received.

8.A.5. Consider and take possible action on the Ellis County Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service Extra-Curricular Status Resolution.

8.A.6. Consider and take possible action on the Ellis County Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service Adjunct Faculty Request.

8.A.7. Consider and take possible action on the 2026-2027 HankinsEastup Auditors Engagement Letter proposal at an estimated cost of \$37,000.

Allen Richards; President read each item in the consent agenda. Clarification questions were answered by the administration. 6:08 PM

Motion: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1st: Dennis Perkins 2nd: Ashton Russ Vote: 7-0 Approved

Allen Richards:	For	Nichole Galvan:	For
Dennis Perkins:	For	Clay Major:	For
Parker Reeves:	For	Lee Guidry:	For
Ashton Russ:	For		

8.B. Consider and take possible action on nominating Dr. Lee Guidry to run for the vacant position on the TASB Board of Directors for Region 10, Position D. 6:09 PM

Motion: Approve Dr. Lee Guidry to run for the vacant position on the TASB Board of Directors for Region 10, Position D.

- May 21: Graduation Rehearsal 2:00 PM
- May 21: Last Day of School
- May 22: Graduation 7:00 PM
- May 23-25: UIL Band State Solo & Ensemble Contest
- May 26-30: Band - Trip to Gatlinburg & Pigeon Forge, TN

10.F. Future School Board Meeting Dates:

All meetings begin at 5:30 PM unless otherwise noted.

- July 20, 2026
- August 3, 2026 @ 7:00 PM - Budget Workshop
- August 24, 2026
 - 5:30 Special meeting for Public Hearing on Proposed Budget and Tax Rate
 - 5:45 Regular meeting to approve budget amendments, proposed budget and set tax rate and any other business
- September 21, 2026
- October 19, 2026
- November 16, 2026
- December 14, 2026
 - Instead of 12/21/26 which is Christmas Break
- January 25, 2027
 - Regular meeting date Jan. 18th is MLK Holiday
- February 15, 2027
- March 29, 2027
 - Regular meeting date March 15th is first day of Spring Break and March 22nd is the first day back from spring break
- April 19, 2027
- May 10, 2027
 - Instead of May 17th in order to canvass May election by deadline
- June 21, 2027

11. Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to: 6:30 PM

Texas Government Code Section 551.074

Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

To discuss and collect information related to the Superintendent's evaluation.

Texas Government Code, Section 551.072

For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

12. Reconvene into Open Session for Action Relative to Closed Session 8:11 PM

13. Take action, if any, on other matters discussed in Closed Session. 8:11 PM

Any action to be taken? **Yes**

13.A. Consider and take possible action on the track resurfacing quote from Victory Tracks at a cost of \$128,321.

Motion: Approve the track resurfacing quote from Victory Tracks at a cost of \$128,321.

1st: Clay Major 2nd: Lee Guidry Vote: 7-0 Approved

Allen Richards:	For	Nichole Galvan:	For
Dennis Perkins:	For	Clay Major:	For
Parker Reeves:	For	Lee Guidry:	For
Ashton Russ:	For		

13.B. Consider and take possible action on the triennial TEA Safety Audit completed by Region 10 ESC.

Motion: Approve the triennial TEA Safety Audit completed by Region 10 ESC.

1st: Parker Reeves 2nd: Nichole Galvan Vote: 7-0 Approved

Allen Richards:	For	Nichole Galvan:	For
Dennis Perkins:	For	Clay Major:	For
Parker Reeves:	For	Lee Guidry:	For

