

Union Grove Independent School District  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes  
May 13, 2026

The Union Grove ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Members present: Karey Barbee, Justin Smith, Brian Cox, Michael Potter and Kelly Chambliss arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Members absent: Jody Day and Tim Turner

Also present: Dr. Greg Bower, Superintendent; Stephaney Wallace, Elementary Principal; Landon Trent, JH/HS Principal; Kelly Klein, Business Manager; Terri Woodfin, Supt. Secretary; Jerry Croley, Transportation Director; Staff Members: Katie Smith, Vickie Collins, Shelby Burrow, Jonathan Stafford, Rhonda Baker; Parents of Star Students of the month; Family members of Shelby Burrow: Rachel and Kevin Evers, Jimmy and Remi Burrows

The meeting was called to order by Justin Smith and he also led the board in a prayer.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the agenda as presented.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The pledge of allegiance was done by Addie Hurlstone, KG

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were none.

Board Member Statements - None

**INFORMATION REPORT** – Information items were presented to the Board as listed on the agenda.

- A. Star Student of the Month Awards: Elementary – Addie Hurlstone; JH – Nate Wilson; HS – Susanna Sturkie
- B. Star Staff of the Month Awards: Elementary – Katie Smith; JH/HS – Vickie Collins
- C. Bill listing
- D. Budget Analysis
- E. Enrollment: Total: 703
- F. Public Notice of Intent to Apply for Federal Grant Funds
- G. Athletic Report – None
- H. Principal Reports: Stephaney Wallace spoke to the board regarding the events at the Elementary and Landon Trent spoke about the JH/HS events.
- I. Superintendent report: Dr. Greg Bower informed the board regarding the following
  1. Stephaney Wallace – Promotion: She has been promoted to the Director of State and Federal Programs
  2. Jerry Croley – Promotion: He will be taking over as the Director of Operations beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>
  3. Campus Surveys – Dr. Bower meet with both campuses to hand out surveys
  4. Sprucing up the District – Dr. Bower and Jerry have made a list of items that need attention
  5. Campus Walks
  6. HS Awards @ Lion Center at 9 a.m. today
  7. Kinder/Senior Walk @ Elementary at 8:30 a.m. – May 14<sup>th</sup>
  8. Elementary Field Day – May 15<sup>th</sup>
  9. NHS Induction @ Lion Center 6:00 p.m. – May 18<sup>th</sup>
  10. Kinder Graduation @ Lion Center – 9:00 a.m. – May 20<sup>th</sup>
  11. JH Awards & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion @ Lion Center at 8:30 a.m. – May 21<sup>st</sup>
  12. Employee Luncheon/Awards @ HS Cafeteria at 1:00 p.m. – May 21<sup>st</sup>
  13. HS Graduation @ Lion Center 7:00 p.m. – May 22<sup>nd</sup>
  14. Band Disney Trip – May 25-May 31<sup>st</sup>
  15. Next School Board Meeting: June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. – HS Library

**Consent Agenda**

It was the consensus of the board to approve the minutes of April 30, 2026 regular meeting

**ACTION AGENDA**

- A. Personnel Matters

- a. Motion was made by Michael Potter and seconded by Kelly Chambliss to hire Shelby Burrow, Elementary Assistant Principal, 11-month probationary contract for the 2026-2027 school year. Salary to be negotiated by the Superintendent, Dr. Greg Bower. All Voted YES. Motion carried. Unanimous
- b. Motion was made by Michael Potter and seconded by Brian Cox to approve hiring Jonathan Stafford, HS Band Director, 12-month Term Contract for the 2026-2027 school year; Salary to be negotiated by Superintendent Dr. Greg Bower. All Voted YES. Motion carried. Unanimous

B. Business Matters

1. Motion was made by Michael Potter and seconded by Kelly Chambliss to approve the resolution authorizing the purchase of real property: Tract #1 – 141 Bowden Rd. Abstract - A386; Tract #2 11021 Union Grove Rd. Abstract – A386 and directs the Superintendent to take all necessary steps to acquire the Property, including, but not limited to, negotiating and executing a contract and executing all documents necessary to effectuate the purchase of the property. All Voted YES. Motion carried. Unanimous
2. Motion was made by Kelly Chambliss and seconded by Michael Potter to approve the budget amendment #BA2606 to amend the budget for the acquisition of property. All Voted YES. Motion carried. Unanimous
3. Motion was made by Brian Cox and seconded by Michael Potter to approve the Region 7 Agreements for the 2026-2027 and the Region 7 Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement as presented. All Voted YES. Motion carried. Unanimous
4. Motion was made by Brian Cox and seconded by Kelly Chambliss to approve the Resolution to the Regional Purchasing Cooperative. All Voted YES. Motion carried. Unanimous
5. Motion was made by Michael Potter and seconded by Brian Cox to approve accepting the donation from Vernon Moore for the Vernon Moore Scholarship. All Voted YES. Motion carried. Unanimous
6. Motion was made by Kelly Chambliss and seconded by Brian Cox to approve the Teacher Salary scales for the 2026-2027 school year. All Voted YES. Motion carried. Unanimous

C. Education Matters

1. Motion was made by Kelly Chambliss and seconded by Michael Potter to approve the UGISD District Parent and Family Engagement Plan as presented. All Voted YES. Motion carried. Unanimous

D. Policy Matters

1. Motion was made by Michael Potter and seconded by Brian Cox to approve changes to CFB(LOCAL) as presented. All Voted YES. Motion carried. Unanimous

E. Safety Matter

1. Motion was made by Kelly Chambliss and seconded by Karey Barbee to accept the Texas Safety & Security 3-year Audit survey as presented by Dr. Bower. All Voted YES. Motion carried. Unanimous

**Closed Session [Authority: Texas Govt. Code Sections: 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.0821]**

Motion was made by Kelly Chambliss and seconded by Brian Cox that the Board adjourn to closed session at 6:41 p.m. Motion carried. Unanimous.

**Action Following Closed Session:**

1. Board Member statements – None
2. Motion was made by Michael Potter and seconded by Brian Cox to approve changes to DEC(LOCAL) by removing the position of Business manager from the policy. All Voted YES. Motion carried. Unanimous
3. Motion was made by Michael Potter and seconded by Karey Barbee to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Terry from the position as Business manager, effective June 30, 2026. She will transition into the Accounts Payable Clerk with compensation aligned to the established Accounts Payable pay scale. All Voted YES. Motion carried. Unanimous

Motion was made by Brian Cox and seconded by Michael Potter to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried. Unanimous

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President, Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

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Superintendent of Schools