

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

The Board of Trustees for the Clear Creek Independent School District met in a regular meeting in the Board Room at the Education Support Center, 2425 E. Main Street, League City, Texas 77573, on February 23, 2026.

**1. *Call to Order***

President Cottrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. *Establishment of a Quorum***

President Cottrell established a quorum.

Trustees present:       Jonathan Cottrell, President  
                                  Jessica Cejka, Vice President  
                                  Jeffrey Larson, Secretary  
                                  Jay Cunningham, Trustee  
                                  Arturo Sanchez, Trustee  
                                  Jamieson Mackay, Trustee  
                                  Rebecca Lilley, Trustee

Staff present:           Karen Engle, Superintendent  
                                  Members of the Superintendent's Cabinet

**3. *Public Hearing***

Dr. Sheridan Henley, Executive Director of Assessment and Evaluation, gave a required Annual Texas Education Agency District Report update to the Board and community members. No members of the community had questions or comments. Members of the Board made comments and had questions. Dr. Henley answered the questions.

**4. *Pledge of Allegiance, Texas Pledge, Moment of Silence, and District Mission Statement***

The Clear Creek Intermediate National Junior Honor Society led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Texas Pledge. Dr. Engle led the Board and the audience in a moment of silence. Coach Blinka and the Team Captains also assisted Dr. Engle with the District Mission, Vision, Core Values and Value Statement.

**5. *Recognitions***

**A. *TMEA All-State Musicians***

Clear Creek ISD is honored to congratulate 28 band, choir, and orchestra students from across our five comprehensive high schools. They have been selected as 2026 Texas Music Educators Association All-State Musicians.

This is one of the highest individual honors a Texas music student can earn, and these students represent the very best in our state. Congratulations to all our All-State Musicians, their directors, and their families.

**Clear Brook High School:**

**Band**

- Angela Ransom
- Nathaniel Calili
- Nate Grissom
- Corgan Nguyen

**Choir**

- Madison Bistel
- Allie Chu
- Kara Pham
- Jewel Rawls
- Caeleigh Rosado
- Adeline Whitehead

**Clear Creek High School:**

**Orchestra**

- Suri Xu

**Clear Lake High School:**

**Band**

- Aaron Almanza
- Luca Giannetti
- Patrick Lee

**Choir**

- Ava Rojas

**Orchestra**

- Quynn McCoy

**Clear Falls High School:**

**Band**

- Kai Barrera
- Daniel Carey
- Michael Frey

**Clear Springs High School:**

**Band**

- Calvin Anderson
- Bryce Butler
- Luke Ehmke
- Enrique Polanco
- Julian Castro Smith

**Choir**

- Kaavya Rajarathnam
- Ava Ramirez-Stewart

## **Orchestra**

- Mallory Dinkel
- Maya Ikegami
- Zakrey Hernandez

### ***B. 2026 CCISD Livestock Show & Auction***

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Clear Creek ISD Livestock Show and Auction was a great success. This year's event raised an impressive \$213,000 in support of CCISD high school students participating in the FFA program.

The highest bid of the night went to:

- **Mikenna Johnson-Fanos**, a Clear Creek High School senior. Her Grand Champion Steer sold to Traffic Systems Construction for \$10,000. She also had the Grand Champion Heifer.

Additional Top Honors:

- **Grand Champion Pig and Grand Champion Broilers**  
Kylie Luedecke, Clear Springs High School
- **Grand Champion Lamb and Reserve Champion Goat**  
Ashlyn Luedecke, Clear Springs High School
- **Grand Champion Goat**  
Brooke Garms, Clear Creek High School
- **Grand Champion Turkey**  
Cherish Glona, Clear Lake High School
- **Grand Champion Rabbits and Best of Show Floral Design**  
Tierney Johnson, Clear Falls High School
- **Grand Champion Ag Mechanics**  
Levi Ruhl, Clear Creek High School
- **Best of Show Visual Arts**  
Victoria Herring, Clear Lake High School
- **Best of Show Food Science**  
Gabriella Rivera, Clear Springs High School
- **Reserve Champion Steer**  
Mikennah Baudains, Clear Falls High School
- **Reserve Champion Heifer**  
Lillian Pipkin, Clear Lake High School
- **Reserve Champion Pig**  
Sarah Jetton, Clear Brook High School
- **Reserve Champion Lamb**  
Brooke Garms, Clear Creek High School
- **Reserve Champion Turkey**  
Marcello Rendon, Clear Brook High School
- **Reserve Champion Broilers**  
Alyssa Martinez, Clear Falls High School
- **Reserve Champion Rabbits**  
Kennedy Johnson, Clear Falls High School
- **Reserve Champion Ag Mechanics**  
Trinan Lewallan, Clear Creek High School

### ***C. Houston Rodeo Art Winners***

Clear Creek ISD is proud to recognize 11 student artists selected as District Winners in the 2026 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Program. From 55 submissions, judges selected three Best of Show, four Gold Medal, and four Special Merit winners.

These students' artwork will be displayed in the Hayloft Gallery at NRG Center during the Houston Rodeo from March 2–22, 2026.

- **Best of Show**

Alexander Graun, Clear Brook High School  
Mairin McElroy, League City Intermediate  
Mia Slade, Hyde Elementary

- **Gold Medals**

Katie Carter, Clear Springs High School  
Gabriella Liwanag, Clear Creek High School  
Amberly Tran, Westbrook Intermediate  
Bennett Goss, Armand Bayou Elementary

- **Special Merit**

Elle Bryan, Clear Brook High School  
Lily Makepeace, Clear Falls High School  
Kaya Hill, Clear Lake High School  
Jaimie Zhang, Westbrook Intermediate

### ***D. National Boys' Water Polo Coach of the Year***

Finally, we recognized Coach Ty Halford of Clear Creek High School, who has been named the 2024–2025 National Boys' Water Polo Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Coach Halford has led Clear Creek's program for eight years, building a true water polo dynasty. The Wildcats have achieved back-to-back Class 6A State Championships.

He was also named the Texas High School Coaches Association and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Boys' Water Polo Coach of the Year.

We congratulate Coach Halford for his leadership, dedication, and well-deserved national recognition.

### ***6. District Update***

Dr. Karen Engle, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Board of Trustees with a District Update regarding student activities including School Activities (100<sup>th</sup> Day of School, Feather & Fork, and Principals of the Year), an Election Update, and Realtor Certification Course.

## 7. *Community Input*

The following members of the Community addressed the Board during the community input portion of the meeting:

### Three Minutes:

- Mr. Thomas Davis – Senate Bill 11 Regarding A Period of Prayers and Reading of Texts

### One Minute:

- Ms. Amanda Fenwick – Read a Proclamation to the Trustees on behalf of the City of Clear Lake Shores

## 8. *Action*

### *A. Consent Agenda*

Trustee Sanchez moved to pull item #8. Vice President Cejka moved to accept the consent agenda as presented minus #8. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
2. Consider Approval of Monthly Human Resources Board Report
3. Consider Acceptance of Donations
4. Consider Acceptance of Monthly Financial Statements
5. Consider Acceptance of the 2025 Tax Collection Report
6. Consider Approval of HCDE 21st Century Cycle 11 Year 5 Interlocal Agreement
7. Consider Approval of Submission for the TEA Staff Development Waiver for 2100 minutes for the 2026-2027 School Year
- ~~8. Consider Approval of the Local Improvement Plans for Stewart Elementary and Clear Lake Intermediate~~
9. Consider Approval of Increase in Expenditure for ILA-DIR Vendor NWN Corporation.
10. Consider Approval of Increase in Expenditures with ILA-BuyBoard Vendor Lone Star Furnishings, LLC
11. Consider Approval of Increase in Expenditure for ILA-DIR Vendor NetSync Network Solutions, Inc.
12. Consider Approval of Award of Contract 2026.806 Cooler-Freezers
13. Consider Approval of EHDC(LOCAL) Alternative Methods for Earning Credit - Credit by Examination Without Prior Instruction - FIRST READING

Trustee Sanchez made comments and had questions regarding the Local Improvement Plans for Stewart Elementary and Clear Lake Intermediate. Dr. Sheridan Henley, Executive Director of Assessment and Evaluation, and Dr. Veena Dass, School Improvement Officer, answered the questions. Trustee Sanchez moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the Local Improvement Plans for Stewart Elementary and Clear Lake Intermediate. The motion passed unanimously.

### *B. Consideration of Approval of Resolution Declining to Adopt a Policy Under SB 11 Regarding a Period of Prayer and Reading of Religious Texts*

Trustee Larson moved that the Board approve the Resolution declining to Adopt a Policy Under Senate Bill 11 Regarding a Period of Prayer and Reading of Religious Texts. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Closed Session**

President Cottrell called the meeting into closed session at 7:12 p.m.

President Cottrell reconvened the meeting into open session at 9:33 p.m.

**10. Action on Closed Session**

**A. Consider Approval of Recommendation of Elementary Principal**

No action was taken at this meeting. This agenda item will be moved to the March Board Meeting.

**11. Information and Discussion**

**A. Discussion of Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings**

Mr. Cameron Munson, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments.

**12. Adjournment**

President Cottrell adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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Jonathan Cottrell, Board President

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Jeffrey Larson, Board Secretary

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

*Minutes prepared by Greta McMahon*