

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
JUNE 22, 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 June 22, 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
 Jamieson Mackay, Secretary
 Jay Cunningham, Trustee
 Arturo Sanchez, Trustee
 Jeff Larson, Trustee
 Rebecca Lilley, Trustee

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

3. *Public Hearing*

A. *Public Hearing to Discuss 2026 – 2027 Federal Grant Applications*

Ms. Amber Patrick, Director of State & Federal Programs, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments and asked questions. Ms. Patrick answered the questions. No members of the community had comments.

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

Westbrook Intermediate School Junior VASE students 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. The students also assisted Dr. Engle with the District Mission, Vision, Core Values and Value Statement.

5. *Recognitions*

A. *Visual Art Scholastic Event (V.A.S.E.)*

Clear Creek ISD is proud to celebrate the incredible talent and creativity of our art students across the district who competed in this year's State Visual Art Scholastic Event (V.A.S.E.).

Jr. VASE Platinum Medalists

This year 15,608 artworks were judged statewide for Jr. VASE, with only 491 earning Platinum medals. A Platinum Medal is the highest honor awarded to entries that demonstrate exceptional artistic quality. Fourteen CCISD students earned Platinum medals! We have a few of those students with us today.

Westbrook Intermediate

Amira Oueini – 8th Grade

Tian Lee – 7th Grade

Amberly Tran – 8th Grade

Lily Tran – 8th Grade

League City Intermediate

Madelyn Clem – 8th Grade

Space Center Intermediate

Emmalynn Carreon – 8th Grade

State High School VASE Finalists

The High School VASE is a statewide juried competition in which students present original artwork and participate in an interview to explain their artistic intent and creative process. Works are evaluated on both artistic quality and student understanding, making it a true measure of artistic excellence and critical thinking. Let's meet some of our 2026 HS State VASE Finalists:

Clear Lake High School

Jasmine Alli – 12th Grade

Gabrielle Westhelle – 12th Grade

Clear Creek High School

Elizabeth McConathy – 11th Grade

B. 2026 Substitute Employees of the Year

Each year, CCISD looks to honor the substitute employees who step up and fill in, ensuring that student learning continues seamlessly across the district. The 2026 Substitutes of the Year are:

Rosie DeCuir – Hall Elementary

Over the past year, Mrs. Rosie DeCuir has served as a long-term substitute teacher in Hall's AA Classroom, where her reliability, compassion, and dedication to student success have made a lasting impact.

Rose Maxie – Victory Lakes Intermediate

For the past several years, Ms. Rose Maxie has selflessly stepped into the long-term substitute role for VLI's LDC program whenever needed, taking time away from her military service to ensure students continued to receive a high-quality learning experience.

C. Patricia Freudenberg Named 2026 Texas Outstanding Teacher for American History

Patricia (Patti) Freudenberg of Clear Springs High School won 1st place for the Outstanding Teacher in American History award from the Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), having been nominated by the Sam Houston Chapter. She went on to represent Texas at the national level.

Patti has taught Social Studies focusing on American history as well as contributed to the district as a Teaching American History Grant Specialist. Patti retired from CCISD this May following her distinguished career spanning 28 years.

D. CCISD Named One of the Best Communities for Music Education in 2026

Clear Creek ISD has been recognized as one of the best communities and districts for music education in the nation by the National Association of Music Merchants. It is a global nonprofit who has been recognizing and celebrating school districts and individual schools for their support and commitment to music education and their efforts to ensure access to music for all students as part of a well-rounded education for 27 years. This recognition is the direct result of the leadership of Greg Goodman and Stephanie Albert.

6. Community Input

No members of the community addressed the Board.

7. District Update

Dr. Karen Engle, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Board of Trustees with a District Update regarding Graduation, Professional Learning, Summer Projects, and Summer School.

8. Action

A. Consent Agenda

Vice President Cejka moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
2. Consider Approval of the 2026-2027 Team Operating Procedures
3. Consider Approval of Monthly Human Resources Board Report
4. Consider Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital to Provide Licensed Athletic Trainers for Clear Creek ISD
5. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment #1
6. Consider Acceptance of Monthly Financial Statement
7. Consider Acceptance of Donations
8. Consider Acceptance of the 2025 Tax Collection Report
9. Consider Approval of Waiving or Refunding Penalty & Interest
10. Consider Approval of the Use of Capital Projects Funds for Facility Related Projects

11. Consider Approval of Expenditure with ILA-BuyBoard Vendor Amplify Education, Inc.
12. Consider Approval of Increase of Expenditures with ILA-BuyBoard Vendor Nevco
13. Consider Approval of Renewal of Contract 2023.405 Group Dental Insurance with Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company for Dental Insurance
14. Consider Approval of Renewal of Contract 2023.604 Promotional, Awards, and Recognition Merchandise
15. Consider Approval of Renewal of Contract 2025.817 Custodial Supplies
16. Consider Approval of Award of Contract 2026.807 Propane Fuel for School Buses
17. Consider Approval of Award of Contract 2027.800 Plumbing Services and Supplies
18. Consider Approval of DCE(LOCAL) Employment Practices - Other Types of Contracts - SECOND READING
19. Consider Approval of DGBA(LOCAL) Personnel-Management Relations – Employee Complaints/Grievances, FNG(LOCAL) Student Rights and Responsibilities - Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances, and GF(LOCAL) Public Complaints - SECOND READING
20. Consider Approval of DPB(LOCAL) Personnel Positions - Substitutes, Temporary, and Part-Time Positions - SECOND READING

B. Consider Approval of Contract to Perform Efficiency Audit

The item was moved to be discussed after the Information and Discussion portion of the meeting.

9. Information and Discussion

A. 2026 – 2027 Budget Update

Ms. Alice Benzaia, Chief Financial Officer, presented the budget update to the Board. Members of the Board made comments and asked questions. Ms. Benzaia answered the questions.

B. Consider Approval of Contract to Perform Efficiency Audit

Ms. Alice Benzaia, Chief Financial Officer, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments and asked questions. Ms. Benzaia answered the questions. Trustee Sanchez moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the subject contract be awarded to Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P. to perform an efficiency audit in the amount of \$16,000. The motion passed five (5) in favor and two (2), Larson and Mackay, opposed.

10. Closed Session

President Cottrell called the meeting into closed session at 7:44 p.m.

President Cottrell convened the meeting into open session at 8:07 p.m.

11. Action on Closed Session

A. Consider Approval of the Conveyance of a Temporary Construction Easement to the City of Webster

Secretary Mackay moved that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the conveyance of a temporary construction easement to the City of Webster. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Consider Approval of the Conveyance of a 0.2498-Acre Utility Easement to the City of Webster

Secretary Mackay moved that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the conveyance of a 0.2498-acre utility easement to the City of Webster. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Adjournment

President Cottrell adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Jonathan Cottrell, Board President

Jamieson Mackay, Board Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Minutes prepared by Greta McMahon