



HALLSVILLE ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows: Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice. All or part of the agenda can be considered consent.

Attendees

Mr. Jay Nelson, President
Mr. Dale Haney, Vice President
Mr. Troy Crafton, Secretary
Mr. Shane Goswick, Trustee
Mr. Jason Ainsworth, Trustee
Mr. Matt Folmar, Trustee (*Mr. Folmar joined the meeting at 7:26pm*)

Absent

Mr. Doug McGarvey, Asst. Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551
The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
The invocation was led by Jay Nelson

3. **BOBCAT PRIDE AND RECOGNITIONS**
3.a. Recognition of All-State Choir Students - Blanton Branson
3.b. Recognition of State Qualifying Swimmers - Victor Tuttle
3.c. Recognition of Theatre Arts Students - Shalem Carr
3.d. Recognition of Bobcat Corner Team - James Gibson

4. **OPEN FORUM**
There were no requests to speak during Open Forum

5. **CONSENT ITEMS**
5.a. Minutes - February 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
5.b. February 2026 Balance Sheet - General Fund
5.c. February 2026 Financial Statement - General Fund
5.d. Quarterly Investment Report
5.e. Renewal of Contract with Lemons Auctioneers



- 5.f. Renewal of Student Accident Insurance Policy
- 5.g. Renewal of Really Great Reading Phonics Program
- 5.h. Purchase of Fueling Brains Curriculum
- 5.i. Purchase of Reading Language Arts Curriculum
- 5.j. Purchase/Renewal of Stemsopes Math Materials
- 5.k. Request for Out of State Travel (Junior High to Washington, DC)
- 5.l. Request for Out of State Travel (Theatre to Bloomington, Indiana)
Troy Crafton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety as presented. Jason Ainsworth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (5-0)

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 6.a. February 2026 Check Register Report
- 6.b. Enrollment Numbers by Grade Level
- 6.c. Senate Bill 13 Requirements Related to Library Materials (30-Day Read)
- 6.d. Special Education District Trends - Amy Collins

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.a. Consider Acceptance of Donation from Hallsville ISD Education Foundation - Lauren Bresch
The Hallsville Education Foundation presented a check to the Board of Trustees in the amount of \$99,941.43. This donation funded Innovative and Mini grants, as well as cash grants for teacher classrooms.

Troy Crafton made a motion to accept the Foundation donation as presented. Shane Goswick seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (5-0)
- 7.b. Consider Purchase of 5 Currently Leased Transit Vans - Mary Brown
Administration requested approval to purchase five (5) transit vans that we currently lease from Enterprise Fleet Management. Enterprise will no longer carry passenger vans in their lease programs. Of the three options offered by Enterprise, Administration recommended that we proceed with the buyout purchase of the five vans.

Jason Ainsworth made a motion to approve the purchase of the five vans from Enterprise as presented. Dale Haney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (5-0)
- 7.c. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment 2026-6 - Mary Brown
After approval of the purchase of the five transit vans approved in Item 7.b., Administration requested approval to increase budgeted funds in Function 34 to accommodate the purchase.

Troy Crafton made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Shane Goswick seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (5-0)



- 7.d. Consider Approval of 2025-2026 Fall Estimate Payment to K12/Stride - Mary Brown
Administration requested approval to make the estimate payment for the TVAH High School Fall 2025 semester. The amount of \$53,585,936.34 was calculated and verified by Stride K12 and by the Hallsville ISD TVAH team. After deductions for management oversight fees and a 10% contingency fee, the amount paid to Stride K12 will be \$44,369,155.29.

Shane Goswick made a motion to approve the Fall Estimate Payment as presented. Jason Ainsworth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (5-0)

- 7.e. Consider Approval of Legacy Server Hardware Upgrades - James Burt
Administration requested approval to purchase new server hardware for the district. Our current infrastructure consists of servers purchased in 2012 and 2014, and they have exceeded their reliable lifespan, which poses a significant risk of hardware failure and data loss. The recommended vendor is Dell Technologies and the \$63,661.44 will be funded through the Technology Budget.

Troy Crafton made a motion to approve the Legacy Server upgrades as presented. Dale Haney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (5-0)

- 7.f. Consider Finalization of Bus Barn Expansion Plans - John Martin
Administration requested approval to proceed with plans for the expansion of the bus barn. Joe Hart (Johnson & Pace) presented the plan at the February board meeting. The board had a month to review the plans and ask questions. Both Phase I and Phase II will be bid together, and possibly work both phases simultaneously. The recommendation is to move forward with the expansion plans and the budgeted cost is \$2,519,911.23.

Troy Crafton made a motion to move forward with the Bus Barn Expansion as presented. Jason Ainsworth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (5-0)

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 8.a. Facilities Report - Matt Tucker
- 8.b. Curriculum & Instruction/PD Report - Shauna Hittle
- 8.c. Transportation Report - Roy Presley
- 8.d. Athletics Report - Cody Farrell
- 8.e. Technology Report - James Burt
- 8.f. Child Nutrition/Food Service - Eric Hudson
- 8.g. Special Education Report - Amy Collins
- 8.h. Special Programs Report - Amy Whittle
- 8.i. CTE Report - Kathy Gaw
- 8.j. TVAH Report - Julie Smith



9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board recessed for Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 8:20 p.m.

10. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Shane Goswick made a motion to remove Bryan Farrell from the list of multi-year contracts proposed by the Superintendent for approval for the 2026-2027 school year. Matt Folmar seconded the motion. The motion failed by a 4-2 vote.

FOR: Shane Goswick and Matt Folmar

OPPOSED: Dale Haney, Jay Nelson, Troy Crafton and Jason Ainsworth

Dale Haney made a motion to approve Personnel Recommendations as presented. Troy Crafton seconded the motion and it passed by a majority vote (4-2)

FOR: Dale Haney, Jay Nelson, Troy Crafton and Jason Ainsworth

OPPOSED: Shane Goswick and Matt Folmar

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

11.a. March 23-26, 2026 - Farm City Week

11.b. April 3, 2026 - Good Friday (School Holiday)

11.c. Monday, April 20, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

11.d. April 20-April 28, 2026 - Early Voting for School Board Election

NOTE: April 21st is San Jacinto Day and there will be no early voting on this day

11.e. Sunday, June 7, 2026 - TVAH Graduation in Frisco

12. LEVEL III GRIEVANCE (Tex. Gov't Code 551.071, .074, .082, .0821)

The board recessed for Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. for the purpose of hearing a Level III Grievance and reconvened in Open Session at 9:13 p.m.

Troy Crafton made a motion that the Board uphold the Level II decision and find that the conduct at issue in this grievance does not constitute "bullying" as defined by Texas Education Code § 37.0832 and Board Policy FFI, because it:

- 1. Did not involve an imbalance of power among students;*
- 2. Did not involve conduct that had the effect of physically harming your student, damaging your student's property, or placing your student in reasonable fear of harm to her person or of damage her property;*
- 3. Was not sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for your student;*
- 4. Did not materially and substantially disrupt the educational process or the orderly operation of a classroom or school; and*
- 5. Did not infringe on the rights of your student.*



Jason Ainsworth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (6-0)

13. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

SUPERINTENDENT