

**NOTICE OF MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Trustees of the Ropes Independent School District will hold on **Monday, March 23, 2026** beginning at **6:00 PM**, in the **Conference Room, 304 Ranch Rd., Ropesville, TX 79358**.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. For more information about public comment, see Policy BED. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Establish that a Quorum is Present
2. Invocation
3. Public Comments / Audience Participation
  - Student Recognition
    - Brody Mortensen
    - 2024-2025 Varsity Girls Basketball Team
  - Public Hearing | Presentation of the District's 2025-2026 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)
4. Consent Agenda Action Items
  - Review and Consider Minutes From Previous Meeting(s):
    - February 9, 2026: Regular Meeting
    - February 26, 2026: Special Meeting
  - Review Finance Reports
  - Utility Usage Report FY2026
  - Review and Consider Interlocal Agreement Between Morton ISD and Ropes ISD Regarding Cafeteria Funding for the Special Education Cooperative
  - Review and Consider Telephone Consultation Agreement Between Ropes Independent School District & Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell & Munoz, P.C.
  - Review and Consider Ropes ISD Academic Calendar for the 2026-2027 Academic School Year
  - Review and Consider Budget Amendment #3 for the 2025-2026 School Year
  - Review and Consider Approval of Library Materials

- Review and Consider the Audit Agreement with the Auditing Firm, Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, L.L.P., for the year ended June 30, 2026
  - Consider and Possible Action Authorizing the District to Apply for a Missed School Day(s) Waiver Through the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Due to Weather
  - Consider and Possible Action Authorizing the District to Apply for a Low Attendance Day(s) Waiver Through the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Due to Weather
  - Consider and Possible Action Authorizing the District to Apply for a Staff Development Minutes Waiver Through the Texas Education Agency (TEA)
5. Athletic Director's Report
  6. Principal's Report
  7. New Business
    - 7.a. Consider adoption of an order authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of Ropes Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2026; levying an ad valorem tax for the payment of such bonds; and containing other matters related thereto
    - 7.b. Presentation by JDMA to Discuss Process & Timelines for New Construction
      - Band Hall Expansion & Renovation
      - Elementary Classroom Additions
      - Secondary Classroom Additions
    - 7.c. Review and Consider Contract with JDMA Architects for Band Hall Renovation & Expansion
    - 7.d. Review and Consider Contract with JDMA Architects for Elementary Classroom Addition
    - 7.e. Review and Consider Contract with JDMA Architects for Softball Field Renovation
    - 7.f. Review and Consider Contract with JDMA Architects for Secondary Classrooms Expansion
    - 7.g. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Application to Delay Implementation of Teacher Certification Requirements in Accordance with House Bill 2
    - 7.h. Review Texas Education Agency Intruder Detection Audit from February 25, 2026 (Executive Session)
    - 7.i. Consideration and possible approval of the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the General Election for the Board of Trustee election for May 2, 2026

*Tomar en consideración para su posible aprobación la Certificación de Candidatos Únicos para las Elecciones Generales programadas para el 2 de mayo de 2026 para elegir a miembros del Consejo Directivo*

- 7.j. Consideration and possible approval of the Order of Cancellation of the General Election for the Board of Trustee election for May 2, 2026.

*Tomar en consideración para su posible aprobación la Orden de Cancelación de las Elecciones Generales programadas para el 2 de mayo de 2026 para elegir a miembros del Consejo Directivo.*

8. Personnel

8.a. Resignations

8.b. Consider action pertaining to the following administrators' contracts (Executive Session):

- Review and possible action on Early Childhood Principal's contract and compensation

8.c. Consider Superintendent Recommendation Regarding Employment of Other Personnel (Tex. Gov't Code 551.074)

8.d. Consider Superintendent's Recommendations Regarding Employment and Contract Status of Classroom Teachers and Other Non-Administrative Professional Personnel (Tex. Gov't Code 551.071) as Presented

- Terminate Probationary Contract Employees
- Re-Employ Probationary Contract Employees
- Renew Term Contract Employees

8.e. Review Auxiliary Personnel

9. Superintendent's Report

9.a. District Updates

- Preliminary Plan for District Playground Equipment and Location
- Review Site Plan for Softball Field
- Update on Track Project & 80 Acres

9.b. Attendance Report

9.c. Confirm Next Board Meeting

10. Adjourn

CLOSED MEETING: Adjournment to closed meeting pursuant to Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney to seek and receive legal advice); 551.072 (discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property); Section 551.073 – (negotiating contracts for prospective gifts or donations); Section 551.074 - (consider the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, non-renewal or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee); Section 551.076 (consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel and devices); Section 551.082 – (discussing or deliberating the discipline of a public school child or children, or a complaint or charge is brought against an employee of the school district by another employee); Section 551.0821 – (deliberating in a matter regarding a public school student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation); Section 551.083 (considering the standards, guidelines, terms or conditions the Board will follow, or instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups in connection with consultation agreements).

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION: Upon Conclusion of Closed Meeting

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on **Monday, March 16, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.**

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For the Board of Trustees