

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PORT ARANSAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Wednesday, August 27, 2025
6:00 PM**

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Port Aransas Independent School District will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM. The Board will meet in the Board Room of the Port Aransas Independent School District Administration Building
100 S Station St
Port Aransas, TX 78373.

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If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings, Act, Texas Government Coded Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the School Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the School Board may conveniently meet in such closed session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to the following sections and purposes:

Texas Government Code Section

- 551.071 Private consultation with the board's attorney
- 551.072 Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- 771.073 Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations.
- 551.074 Discuss:
 - (1) To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or
 - (2) To hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.
- 551.076 Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of security personnel or devices.
- 551.082 Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.
- 551.083 Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the school Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed session, then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon reconvening of the public meeting; or
- (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice hereof, as the School Board shall determine pursuant to applicable laws and policies.

On this , this notice was posted on a bulletin board located at a place readily accessible and convenient to the public at the Port Aransas Independent School District Administration Building, 100 S. Station Street, Port Aransas, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon McKinney, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Non-Action Item

Board President, Kristi Littleton will call the meeting to order.

**Limit on
Participation**

Audience participation at a Board meeting is limited to the portion of the meeting designated to receive public comment in accordance with this policy. At all other times during a Board meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer.

Public Comment

Regular Meetings

At regular Board meetings, the Board shall permit public comment, regardless of whether the topic is an item on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

Special Meetings

At all other Board meetings, public comment shall be limited to items on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

Procedures

Individuals who wish to participate during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins as specified in the Board's procedures on public comment and shall indicate the agenda item or topic on which they wish to address the Board.

Public comment shall occur at the beginning of the meeting.

Except as permitted by this policy and the Board's procedures on public comment, an individual's comments to the Board shall not exceed three minutes per meeting.

Meeting
Management

When necessary for effective meeting management or to accommodate large numbers of individuals wishing to address the Board, the presiding officer may make adjustments to public comment procedures, including adjusting when public comment will occur during the meeting, reordering agenda items, deferring public comment on nonagenda items, continuing agenda items to a later meeting, providing expanded opportunity for public comment, or establishing an overall time limit for public comment and adjusting the time allotted to each speaker. However, no individual shall be given less than one minute to make comments.

Board's Response

Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

**Complaints and
Concerns**

The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether an individual addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy. If not, the individual shall be referred to the appropriate policy to seek resolution:

- Employee complaints: DGBA
- Student or parent complaints: FNG

- Public complaints: GF

Disruption

The Board shall not tolerate disruption of the meeting by members of the audience. If, after at least one warning from the presiding officer, any individual continues to disrupt the meeting by his or her words or actions, the presiding officer may request assistance from law enforcement officials to have the individual removed from the meeting.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Port Aransas Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. on August 27, 2025 in Board Room, Port Aransas ISD Administration Building, 100 S. Station, Port Aransas, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 0.6669 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax
Approved by Local Voters \$.072021 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	<u>5.05</u>	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service		% increase	or	<u>2.38</u>	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u>4.26</u>	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>8,117,793,483</u>	\$ <u>7,916,092,354</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>395,704,036</u>	\$ <u>261,752,598</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>6,540,171,268</u>	\$ <u>6,439,249,386</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>373,423,667</u>	\$ <u>258,282,310</u>

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
 ** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 33,190,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	<u>Maintenance & Operations</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year's Rate	\$ 0.6669	\$ 0.072021*	\$ 0.738921	\$ 25,072	\$ 567
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.66831	\$.05703*	\$ 0.72534	\$ 44,241	\$ 484
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.6669	\$ 0.072021*	\$ 0.738921	\$ 18,333	\$ 484

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 895,835	\$ 839,340
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 424,691	\$ 423,014
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 0.738921	\$ 0.738921
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 3,138	\$ 3,126
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (12.39)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$0.738921. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$0.738921.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 7,568,010
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,388

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

CONSENT AGENDA

Action Item:

Consent agenda shall include items of a routine and/or recurring nature grouped together under one action item. For each item listed as part of a consent agenda, the Board shall be furnished with background material. All such items shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration. The remaining items shall be adopted under a single motion and vote

RATIONALE: BE (LOCAL)

BUDGET: No Financial Impact

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the superintendent's recommendation to approve the consent agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve HB 2 PreKindergarten - 3rd Grade Math and Reading Screeners for the 25-26 School Year

Action Item:

HB 2, Article 5 requires the commissioner to adopt lists of reading and mathematics instruments for districts to use at beginning of year (BOY), middle of year (MOY), and end of year (EOY) in kindergarten-grade 3 to measure foundational literacy and numeracy skills. HB 2 permits a school district to comply with the requirements to administer these instruments by administering a reading or mathematics instrument selected by the board of trustees of the school district that meets statutory requirements until the commissioner adopts the list of reading and mathematics instruments.

25-26 ECRI Tools for PAISD

PreKindergarten	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade
- Circle (BOY, MOY, EOY)	- TxKEA, reading (BOY only) - MAP Growth Reading & Math, MAP Reading Fluency - MAP Reading Fluency Dyslexia Screener (EOY)	- MAP Growth Reading & Math, MAP Reading Fluency - MAP Reading Fluency Dyslexia Screener (MOY)	- MAP Growth Reading & Math, MAP Reading Fluency - MAP Reading Fluency Dyslexia Screener (as needed)	- MAP Growth Reading & Math - MAP Reading Fluency as needed

[TEA Correspondence on Required Implementation of PK-2 Instruments for the 2025-2026 School Year](#)

[PAISD Early Childhood Reading & Math Instrument Committee Minutes](#)

<u>Rationale:</u>	HB 2 & TEA requirement
<u>Budget:</u>	MAP Tests (Already budgeted)
<u>Recommendation:</u>	The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Early Childhood Reading & Math Instruments selected by the Early Childhood Reading & Math Instruments Committee which meet the requirements of TEA and HB 2.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEM

Consider/Take Possible Action Approve a Delegate and Alternate to the 2025 Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Delegate Assembly.

Action Item:

TASB's 2025 Delegate Assembly will be held Sept. 13, 2025, during txEDCON24 in Houston. Attending the Delegate Assembly gives the board the chance to participate in the democratic process that governs TASB. Delegates will elect TASB officers and directors, vote on TASB's Advocacy Agenda, have the opportunity to interact with other board members in our region, and earn continuing education training credit.

Board President Kristi Littleton is attending txEDCON in conjunction with Leadership TASB and is willing to serve as the delegate.

For more information, visit <https://www.tasb.org/about/governance/delegate-assembly>.

Rationale:	Selected board member will participate in the Delegate Assembly.
Budget:	No additional funding necessary to participate in the Delegate Assembly.
Recommendation:	I recommend that the Board of Trustees name Kristi Littleton as the Official Voting Delegate to the 2025 TASB Delegate Assembly.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Consider/Take Possible Action to Approve 2025 Certified Appraisal Roll

ACTION ITEM:

The Tax Assessor-Collector provides the Certified Appraisal Roll for the Board of Trustees of Port Aransas I.S.D. This certification represents the Total Taxable Value for the District.

RATIONALE:	CCG (Legal)
BUDGET:	Appraisal Values for the Levy of Ad Valorem Taxes for 2025-2026
RECOMMENDATION:	Accept the superintendent’s recommendation to approve the 2025 the Certified Appraisal Roll provided by the Nueces County Tax Assessor Collector.

Nueces County Courthouse
901 Leopard, Suite 301
Corpus Christi, TX 78401



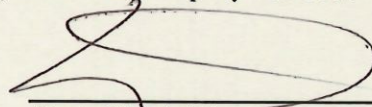
Kevin Kieschnick
Assessor and Collector of Taxes

Administration
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**SUBMISSION OF CERTIFIED APPRAISAL ROLL FOR 2025
FOR THE PORT ARANSAS I. S. D.**

	Nueces County	Aransas County	Total	
Total Appraised Value	\$ 7,848,396,658	\$ 239,660	\$ 7,848,636,318	
Total Assessed Value	\$ 7,603,201,993	\$ 239,660	\$ 7,603,441,653	
Total Taxable Value	\$ 6,376,416,007	\$ 211,090	\$ 6,376,627,097	
Total Taxable Value of New Property	\$ 258,282,310	\$ -	\$ 258,282,310	12
2025 Anticipated Collection Rate	93.47%			
2024 Excess Debt Collections	\$ 248,567			

Submitted in Accordance with Section 26.04 (b) of the Texas Property Tax Code

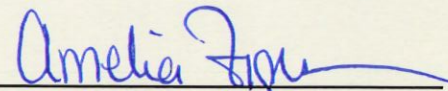


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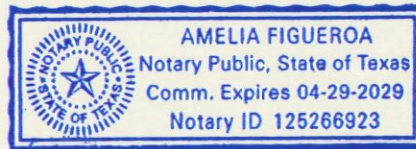
State of Texas

County of Nueces

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO before me at Corpus Christi, Texas this 1st day of August, 2025.



Notary Public, State of Texas



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August 1, 2025

Dr. Sharon McKinney
Superintendent
Port Aransas ISD
100 S. Station ST
Port Aransas, TX 78373

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RE: SUBMISSION OF APPRAISAL ROLL

Dear Dr. McKinney:

We are in receipt of the 2025 Certified Appraisal Roll from the Nueces County Appraisal District. Enclosed please find submission of the 2025 Certified Appraisal Roll for the Port Aransas ISD as required by Section 26.04(b) of the Texas Property Tax Code.

If you have any questions regarding the information required to complete the Truth in Taxation requirements, please do not hesitate to contact Krista Champine at 361-888-0406, Sherry Hopkins at 361-888-0469, Melinda Sanchez at 361-888-0530, or Sandra Rocha at 361-888-0475.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Kieschnick", is written over a large, empty oval shape that serves as a placeholder for a stamp or seal.

Kevin Kieschnick
Nueces County Tax Assessor-Collector

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DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Consider/Take Possible Action to Approve Year End Budget Amendment

Prior to the beginning of every fiscal year (September 1), all public school districts are required to adopt a budget for the next operating school year. These budget amounts are determined after reviewing projected revenues, program needs and general usage of funds with the oversight of the Board of Trustees. A budget is a working document; actual expenses will always provide variances from budgeted funds. Throughout the year, program changes, emergencies, special federal funding, and other modifications require administration to present budget amendments for approval to provide funding for differences.

At year end, the administration reviews all actual expenses to determine reclassification by function. These variances are reviewed for accuracy and then brought to the board for funding or reclassification to meet legal expenditure requirements.

RATIONALE:	CE (Legal), CE (Local)
BUDGET:	Reclassifications by fund as needed.
RECOMMENDATION:	Accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the end of year budget amendments as presented.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

**Consider/Take Possible Action to Approve
Not-to-Exceed Year End 2024-2025 Budget Amendment**

The prior action item includes all budget adjustments for known liabilities that need to be considered as of August 27, 2025. As the last few days of the fiscal year progresses through August 31, 2025, unknown expenditures sometimes arise that will jeopardize a reporting of a deficit in an individual function code in the General Fund, Debt Service Fund or Food Service Fund.

In order to ensure that total fiscal year expenditures do not exceed each TEA function code, approval is requested to authorize the Superintendent and/or designee to made end-of year budget amendments for the legally adopted funds listed above not-to-exceed \$50,000.

RATIONALE:	CE(Legal), CE (Local)
BUDGET:	Reclassifications by fund as needed.
RECOMMENDATION:	Accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the authorization for not-to-exceed year end budget amendment of \$50,000.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Approve 2025-2026 Teacher Salary Scale

Per the Texas Education Code 21.402, 19, Texas Administrative Code 153.1021, and Board Policy DEA Legal, “The District shall pay each classroom teacher, full-time librarian, full-time counselor or full-time nurse not less than the minimum monthly amount (established by the Commissioner of Education), based on the employee’s level of experience.”

The attached teacher salary schedule and following information is being presented for board approval in order to incorporate these changes into the 2025-2026 proposed budget which will be adopted later in this meeting.

RATIONALE:	Texas Education Code 21.402, 19, Texas Administrative Code 153.1021, and Board Policy DEA (Legal).
BUDGET:	The 2025-2026 proposed budget.
RECOMMENDATION:	Accept the superintendent’s recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 teacher pay scale as presented

Year	10 Month Salaries 2025-2026	Daily Rate 185 Days
0	\$49,571	\$268
1	\$50,071	\$271
2	\$50,571	\$273
3	\$53,071	\$287
4	\$53,571	\$290
5	\$58,071	\$314
6	\$58,571	\$317
7	\$59,071	\$319
8	\$59,571	\$322
9	\$60,071	\$325
10	\$60,571	\$327
11	\$61,221	\$331
12	\$61,971	\$335
13	\$62,971	\$340
14	\$63,971	\$346
15	\$64,971	\$351
16	\$65,971	\$357
17	\$66,971	\$362
18	\$67,971	\$367
19	\$68,971	\$373
20	\$69,971	\$378
21	\$70,971	\$384
22	\$71,571	\$387
23	\$72,171	\$390
24	\$72,771	\$393
25	\$73,371	\$397
26	\$73,971	\$400
27	\$74,571	\$403
28	\$75,171	\$406
29	\$75,771	\$410
30	\$76,371	\$413

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Defease and Redeem Outstanding Bonds, Series 2015 ACTION ITEM

As stated in Section 45.001(a)(2) of the Education Code, the District may “levy, pledge, assess, and collect annual ad valorem taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as or before the principal and interest become due...”. The District currently has the opportunity to use funds collected prior to the due date of these bond payments and defease (pay off) debt early.

At this time, the district is recommending defeasement of about \$1,100,000 bonds due in February 2026. Early payment of bonded indebtedness will result in decreases of interest expense for the District and will save taxpayers approximately \$845,000.

Attached is the order authorizing the defeasance and redemption.

RATIONALE:	Texas Education Code Section 45.001(a)(2)
BUDGET:	Use of Debt Service Fund – Fund Balance to defease bond providing financial savings.
RECOMMENDATION:	Accept the superintendent’s recommendation to approve the order approving the defeasance and redemption of a portion of Series 2015 outstanding bonds.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEM

Consider/Take Possible Action to Approve the 2025-2026 Budget

ACTION ITEM:

The proposed 2025-2026 Port Aransas I.S.D. budget was presented and discussed with the Board at budget workshops held in June, July and August. The annual budget consists of three separate funds – General Fund, Food Service and Debt Service Funds. Each fund must be approved by the Board at the function level. Subsequent amendments involving changes to functional levels must be duly approved by the Board as needed. The Board of Trustees of Port Aransas I.S.D. conducted a Public Hearing to discuss the proposed budget and proposed tax rate for 2025-2026 on August 27, 2025. All required publications and public hearings are in compliance with legislative requirements.

 2025 Draft Proposed Budget by Fund and Function August 20 2025 for 2025-2026 School...

RATIONALE:	CE(Legal), CE(Local)
BUDGET:	Establish the financial operations budget for the school year 2025-2026.
RECOMMENDATION:	“I move to adopt the proposed Port Aransas ISD 2025-2026 budget by major revenue and expenditure function category for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund and Food Service Fund as presented.”

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEM

Consider/Take Possible Action to Adopt Tax Rate for 2025-2026

ACTION ITEM:

Before setting a tax rate, several requirements must be met. These requirements include publishing notice of public hearing on the budget and proposed tax rate, conducting the public hearing, adopting a budget and receiving approval from TEA to proceed with the tax rate adoption process after the district has submitted its intent to exercise Option 3 Purchase of Attendance Credit in order to equalize its wealth. The Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate was published in the South Jetty on August 14, 2025.

After receiving the maximum compressed tax rate from TEA, the proposed tax rate for 2025-2026 for the Port Aransas ISD is as follows:

	Tax Year 2025
M&O Tax Rate	0.666900
I&S Tax Rate	0.072021
Total Tax Rate	0.738921

The vote on the resolution to adopt the tax rate must be a recorded vote. The motion to adopt the resolution must be made as stated in the recommendation below.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR’S TAX RATE.

RATIONALE:	CE (Legal), CE (Local), CCG (Legal)
BUDGET:	Fund the financial operations budget for the school year 2025-2026.
RECOMMENDATION:	“I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.738921, which is effectively a 1.87% percent increase in the tax rate. This tax rate will include \$0.6669 per \$100.00 value for the General Fund and \$.0738921 per \$100.00 value for the Debt Service Fund.”

ADJOURNMENT

Action Item

There being no further business, Board President will adjourn the meeting.