

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Lockhart Independent School District

A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lockhart Independent School District was held Monday, June 1, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the M.L. Cisneros Education Support Center Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Room 200
419 Bois D'Arc Street
Lockhart, TX 78644.

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Lockhart Independent School District Board of Trustees

Date of Board Meeting: 06/01/2026

Agenda Item: 3-A

AGENDA SECTION:

Communication

READING:

First

PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW DATE:

TYPE OF ACTION:

No Action Required

DEPARTMENT:

Business & Finance

DISTRICT GOAL(S) ALIGNMENT:

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AGENDA TITLE:

Review Tax Collection Report

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Caldwell County Appraisal District (CCAD) collects taxes on behalf of Lockhart Independent School District. The CCAD provides a monthly report showing the tax collections for the month, percent of tax collected for the current year and two prior years, and balance of delinquent tax for the current year and two prior years.

The monthly report is provided for the Board's review.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Monthly Tax Collection Report

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A - Review Only

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

N/A - Review Only

LOCKHART I.S.D. BOARD

Tax Collection Report

APRIL 2026

	April	Prior Months	TOTAL	PRIOR YEAR
2025 Tax Collection	\$279,597.94	\$32,341,006.86	\$32,620,604.80	\$31,910,987.22
2024 & Prior Collection	\$167,956.16	\$1,811,783.61	\$1,979,739.77	\$1,534,310.18
Total Tax Collection =	\$447,554.10	\$34,152,790.47	\$34,600,344.57	\$33,445,297.40

note: Above figures include penalties and interest collected

2025 Original Levy \$35,125,913.48

April 30, 2026 Percent of 2025 Tax Collected 93.05%

April 30, 2025 Percent of 2024 Tax Collected 93.21%

April 30, 2024 Percent of 2023 Tax Collected 92.46%

April 30, 2026 - Balance of Delinquent Tax \$3,228,067.53

April 30, 2025 - Balance of Delinquent Tax \$2,879,456.93

April 30, 2024 - Balance of Delinquent Tax \$2,450,905.94

Corrections made to Current Tax Roll (\$21,274.44)

Corrections made to Delinquent Tax Roll (\$8,861.82)

NOTE:

Caldwell County Appraisal District has collected and disbursed Attorney Fees in the amount of \$36,933.77

Submitted by:

Shanna Ramzinski

Shanna Ramzinski
Chief Appraiser
Caldwell County Appraisal District

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A - Communication only

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Over the past several months, Lockhart ISD hosted a parent and community book study of *The Anxious Generation* to explore the growing impact of technology and changing childhood experiences on student well being. The discussion included parents, staff, and community members who shared perspectives and ideas for how schools and families can work together to support healthier childhood development. Based on the themes that emerged from these conversations, the district and board have discussed several recommendations. These include exploring opportunities to increase unstructured play time across all campuses, limiting non instructional screen time on Chromebooks during the school day, and remaining diligent in the implementation of the district's cell phone expectations. These recommendations reflect the shared goal of supporting student well being while fostering healthy childhood experiences, strong relationships, and meaningful engagement in learning. Attached is a more detailed summary of the recommendations.

ATTACHMENT(S):

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the recommendations as presented.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

"I move to approve the recommendations as presented."

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Truth-In-Taxation guidelines are published by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. The guidelines include a planning calendar for advertising requirements, as well as budget adoption and tax rate adoption guidelines.

According to Truth-in-Taxation laws, the school board must vote on setting a public meeting date and the tax rate to be published. The date of June 22, 2026 has been on the budget planning calendar that was presented at the December 2025 board meeting.

The public meeting will be the public's opportunity to comment on the budget and proposed tax rate.

ATTACHMENT(S):

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board approve June 22, 2026 as the date for the public meeting on the budget and tax rate.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

"I move to approve June 22, 2026 as the date for the public meeting for the budget and tax rate."

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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The law requires that the board approve the tax rate to be published in a notice in the local newspaper, prior to budget adoption. Lockhart ISD's planned budget adoption is scheduled for June 22, 2026. The publication of the notice must be published no earlier than 30 days prior to the meeting nor later than 10 days prior to the meeting.

The certified tax rolls are not due to Lockhart ISD until July 25, 2026. The final tax rate will not be calculated until the Texas Education Agency certifies the maximum compressed tax rate on or before August 5, 2026. The tax rate must be adopted no later than 60 days after the receipt of the certified tax rolls or by September 30, 2026, whichever is later.

Depending upon the final values in the certified tax rolls, Lockhart ISD may have to re-publish the advertisement if the final proposed tax rate is higher than the June 2026 advertisement.

The Administration will be recommending for approval the proposed tax rates to be published for the Notice of Public Hearing to the Board on June 1, 2026, which must be publicized in June 2026, prior to adoption of the budget. The M&O maximum compressed rate is \$0.6819 per \$100. The I&S calculated rate is \$0.2880 per \$100. This would be a total tax rate of \$0.9699 for 2026. The rates are estimated rates for publication at this time. Once the district receives the certified values on July 25, 2026, the final debt service rate will be calculated. The Texas Education Agency will receive the certified values and calculate the final maximum compressed M&O rate for Lockhart ISD. As long as the total tax rate to be adopted is less than or equal what was advertised, no additional advertisement will be required.

ATTACHMENT(S):

TASB Timeline for Tax Rate Adoption

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the board approve publishing a 2026 maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.6819 and an interest and sinking tax rate of \$0.2880, for a combined tax rate of \$0.9699.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

"I move to approve a 2026 maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.6819 and an interest and sinking tax rate of \$0.2880, for a combined tax rate of \$0.9699 to be published."

Timeline for Budget/Tax Rate Adoption and Voter-Approval Tax Rate Elections in 2026

Published online in [TASB School Law eSource](#)

The dates below apply to school districts adopting their budgets and tax rates and conducting voter-approval tax rate elections (VATRE) in 2026. The year is included below if the date changes each year.

Prior to conducting a VATRE, a district must conduct an efficiency audit in accordance with the deadlines set out below and guidelines established by the [Legislative Budget Board](#). This efficiency audit is not required for school districts that have been subject to a recent disaster declaration from the governor.¹

TASB Legal Services' School District Budget and Tax Rate Adoption in 2026 contains detailed information about each requirement and deadline below. For more information on voter-approval tax rate elections, see TASB Legal Services' [School District Voter-Approval Tax Rate Elections in 2026](#).

NOTE: Special rules now apply to the school districts that are wholly or partially located in a county located on the Gulf of Mexico with a population under 500,000. (HB 3093, 89th Legislative Session).

- **April 30:** Deadline for chief appraiser to certify estimate of district's property values.²
- **June 19:** Deadline for districts with July 1 fiscal year to prepare a proposed budget.³
- **June 20:** Latest date for districts with July 1 fiscal year to publish Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate (Texas Comptroller's Form 50-280), which must be published 10 - 30 days before the budget/tax rate meeting.⁴
- **June 30:** Deadline to adopt budget for district with July 1 fiscal year.⁵
- **July 1:** For certain gulf coast districts (see note above), deadline for the designated officer or employee to notify certain property owners. (HB 3093, 89th Legislative Session).⁶
- **July 3, 2026:** Deadline to select auditor for efficiency audit for districts seeking a VATRE in the Nov. 3, 2026, election (**no later than four months before Election Day**).⁷
- **July 18 – Aug. 1:** TEA Local Property Value Survey regarding taxable property values and local exemption amounts for the preceding and current tax years.⁸
- **July 25:** Deadline for chief appraiser to provide certified appraisal roll to district's tax assessor; if the appraisal review board has not approved the appraisal records by July 20, the chief appraiser must prepare and certify an *estimate* of taxable property value by July 25.⁹
- **Aug. 1:** Deadline for tax assessor to determine district property values and submit appraisal roll to the board.¹⁰
- **Aug. 5:** Deadline for TEA to calculate and make available a preliminary maximum compressed tax rate (MCR) for each district.¹¹
- **Aug. 7, 2026:** Latest date for districts *planning a VATRE* to publish Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate (Texas Comptroller's Form 50-280).¹²

- **Aug. 7** (or the 21st day after the first protest hearing, if earlier): For certain gulf coast districts (see note above), deadline for property owners to give notice about uncontested taxable value. (HB 3093, 89th Legislative Session).¹³
- **Aug. 15 (or 10 calendar days after TEA approves preliminary MCR):**
 - Deadline to appeal preliminary MCR.¹⁴
 - If not appealed, preliminary MCR becomes final.¹⁵
- **Aug. 17, 2026 (78th day before Election Day):** Deadline to order a VATRE to be held on the November uniform election date; a district must adopt its budget and tax rate *before* ordering an election.¹⁶
- **Aug. 20:** Deadline for districts with Sept. 1 fiscal year to prepare a proposed budget.¹⁷
- **Aug. 21:** Latest date for districts with Sept. 1 fiscal year to publish Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate (Texas Comptroller’s Form 50-280) *if not conducting a VATRE*.¹⁸
- **Aug. 31:**
 - Deadline to adopt budget for district with Sept. 1 fiscal year.¹⁹
 - Deadline for TEA to issue final determination of MCR appeals.²⁰
- **Sept. 30, 2026, or 60 days after receiving certified appraisal roll (whichever is later):** Tax rate must be adopted *before* the later of these dates if not conducting a VATRE.²¹
- **Oct. 2, 2026 (no later than three months after auditor appointment):** Efficiency audit completed if the board appointed the auditor on July 3; may be earlier if the auditor was appointed before the deadline; final report is due no later than 90 days after appointment.²²
- **Oct. 2, 2026 (no later than thirty days before Election Day):** Efficiency audit results posted on district website. The board must hold an open meeting to discuss the results before the VATRE.²³
- **Nov. 3, 2026 (first Tuesday after first Monday in November):** Uniform election date for VATRE.²⁴

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- ¹ Tex. Educ. Code § 11.184. The board of a district located in an area declared a disaster area by the governor under Texas Government Code chapter 418 may hold a VATRE during the two-year period following the date of the declaration *without* conducting an efficiency audit. Tex. Educ. Code § 11.184(b-1).
- ² Tex. Tax Code § 26.01(e).
- ³ Tex. Educ. Agency, [Financial Accountability System Resource Guide](#), (FASRG), Module 1, Financial Accounting *and Reporting*, section 1.1.3, p. 13, and *Module 4, Auditing*, section 4.6.4, Exhibit 1, p. 59 (2024).
- ⁴ Tex. Educ. Code § 44.004(b). Because a district with a July 1 fiscal year will not have its maximum compressed tax rate (MCR) from TEA by this date, a district can use the district’s MCR estimated in its state aid template and add the desired number of tier two pennies for the purpose of publishing the required Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate. *See* Tex. Educ. Code § 48.2551 (a district’s MCR is calculated by TEA and is the lesser of the district’s prior year MCR, the state compression rate, or the rate determined by a statutory formula if the district’s taxable property value for the current year exceeds the district’s prior year value by at least 2.5%.) A district will need to publish a revised notice if it ultimately plans to adopt a higher tax rate than the original proposed rate. Tex. Educ. Code § 44.004(g-1).
- ⁵ Tex. Educ. Agency, [FASRG](#), Module 1, Financial Accounting and Reporting, section 1.1.3, p. 13, and Module 4, Auditing, section 4.6.4, Exhibit 1, p. 59 (2024).
- ⁶ Tex. Tax Code § 41.48(b).
- ⁷ Tex. Educ. Code § 11.184(d). The efficiency audit is due not later than three months after the selection. Tex. Educ. Code § 11.184(g).
- ⁸ 19 Tex. Admin. Code § 61.1000(c).
- ⁹ Tex. Tax Code § 26.01(a)-(a-1). *See also* Tex. Tax Code § 26.04(c-2) (if the assessor received a certified estimate, the taxing unit’s designated officer or employee shall calculate the no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate using the certified estimate).
- ¹⁰ Tex. Tax Code § 26.04(a)-(b).
- ¹¹ 19 Tex. Admin. Code § 61.1000(d).
- ¹² Tex. Educ. Code § 44.004. A district with a July 1 fiscal year must, after receipt of the certified appraisal roll, publish a revised notice and hold another public meeting before the district may adopt a tax rate that exceeds the proposed rate or the district’s voter-approval tax rate using the certified appraisal roll. Tex. Educ. Code § 44.004(i)(1)-(2).
- ¹³ Tex. Tax Code § 41.48(d).
- ¹⁴ 19 Tex. Admin. Code § 61.1000(g)(1).
- ¹⁵ 19 Tex. Admin. Code § 61.1000(f).
- ¹⁶ Tex. Elec. Code § 3.005; Tex. Tax Code § 26.08. *See* TASB Legal Services’ eSource [Elections](#) section and the Secretary of State [Elections Division](#) website for more information regarding election procedures and deadlines.
- ¹⁷ Tex. Educ. Agency, [FASRG](#), Module 1, Financial Accounting and Reporting, section 1.1.3, p. 13, and Module 4, Auditing, section 4.6.4, Exhibit 1, p. 59 (2024).
- ¹⁸ Tex. Educ. Code § 44.004(b). The notice must be published “not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing.”
- ¹⁹ Tex. Educ. Agency, [FASRG](#), Module 1, Financial Accounting and Reporting, section 1.1.3, p. 13, and Module 4, Auditing, section 4.6.4, Exhibit 1, p. 59 (2024).
- ²⁰ 19 Tex. Admin. Code § 61.1000(e).
- ²¹ Tex. Tax Code § 26.05(a).
- ²² Tex. Educ. Code § 11.184(g).
- ²³ Tex. Educ. Code § 11.184(h).
- ²⁴ Tex. Tax Code § 26.08(a); Tex. Elec. Code § 41.001.

Lockhart Independent School District Board of Trustees

Date of Board Meeting: 06/01/2026

Agenda Item: 4-D

AGENDA SECTION:

Communication/Action

READING:

First

PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW DATE:

TYPE OF ACTION:

Approve

DEPARTMENT:

Business & Finance

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AGENDA TITLE:

Approve Staffing for the 2026-2027 School Year

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In support of the district values of being Locked on Excellence, having a LockHeart for people, and Unlocking the Potential of those we serve and as we strive for 1.5, the administration is recommending the approval for the attached positions and stipends for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. These positions will be paid for out of the General Fund.

ATTACHMENT(S):

2026-2027 Staffing Request

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Board approves the positions and stipends in the amount of \$81,000 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

"I move that the Board approve the positions and stipends in the amount of \$81,000 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year."



OFFICE OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE

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DATE: June 1, 2026
TO: Lockhart ISD Board of Trustees
FROM: Nicole Weiser, Chief Financial Officer
RE: 2026-2027 Staffing Request

With the upcoming 2026-2027 School Year and in reviewing the evolving needs of the school district, LISD requests the following positions for the 2026-2027 fiscal year:

(1) Elementary Teacher (5 th Grade at Bluebonnet)	\$ 75,000
HS Color Guard Director Stipend	\$ 6,000
TOTAL General Fund Payroll Budget Request	\$ 81,000

*Payroll costs include salary, employee benefits and employer payroll costs

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AGENDA TITLE:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the board approve the budget amendments as presented.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

"I move that the Board approve the budget amendments as presented"

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Agenda Item: 4-F

AGENDA SECTION:

Communication/Action

READING:

Second

PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW DATE:

04/01/2026

TYPE OF ACTION:

Approve

DEPARTMENT:

Curriculum & Instruction

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AGENDA TITLE:

Approve HQIM (High-Quality Instructional Materials) Math Adoption Additional Costs

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the April 6th Board Meeting the board approved the purchase of Savvas Envision Math HQIM Curriculum for grades k-12 in the amount of \$497,012. After reviewing student projected enrollment for SY26-27, the Administration would like to increase the amount that was originally projected for K-5 from a 3% overage to a 5% overage for every grade level. Also, Algebra 1 and Geometry for Junior High and Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 for Pride High School were not included in original quantities and need to be added. The cost increase for the additional materials is \$29,312 which will be funded from IMA funds. The new total cost will be \$526,324. The Administration recommends the approval for the purchase of the additional materials.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Additional Cost for SAVVAS Math

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the HQIM (High-Quality Instructional Materials) Math Adoption purchase of additional materials in the amount of \$526,324.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

"I move to approve the HQIM (High-Quality Instructional Materials) Math Adoption purchase of additional materials in the amount of \$526,324."

Additional Cost for SAVVAS Math

	Board Approved on 4/6/26	Waiting on Board Approval on 6/1/26	
Elementary	4 Year Digital and Print Workbooks	4 Year Digital and Print Workbooks	Reason for Increased Cost
Kinder - 5th Grade	\$278,495.00	\$287,215.00	Increased Quantity from 3% overage to 5% overage
Secondary	4 Year Digital with Class Sets of Books	4 Year Digital with Class Sets of Books	
6th Grade - 8th Grade	\$100,176.00	\$100,176.00	
Algebra 1	\$36,467.50	\$53,341.50	Added JHS and Pride
Geometry	\$43,718.00	\$44,719.00	Added JHS and Pride
Algebra 2	\$38,155.50	\$40,872.50	Added Pride
Total Cost:	\$497,012.00	\$526,324.00	
Cost Increase:		\$29,312.00	