

Richards Independent School District

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Agenda of Public Hearing and Budget Meeting Board of Trustees August 27, 2026 6:00 PM

A Public Hearing and Budget Meeting of the Richards Independent School District Board of Trustees will be held on **August 27, 2026**, beginning at **6:00 PM** in the cafeteria at 9477 Panther Drive, Richards, Texas 77873.

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. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

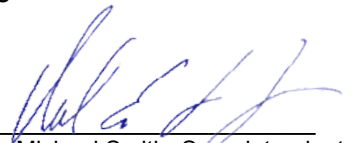
A Special Meeting will immediately follow the Public Hearing and Budget Meeting.

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Declare a Quorum
2. Invocation
3. PUBLIC FORUM: Public Hearing to Discuss the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate for the 2026-2027 School Year.
4. Consider/Approve: 2026-2027 Budgets.
5. Consider/Approve: 2026-2027 M&O Tax Rate of \$0.658 and I&S Tax Rate of \$0.124.
6. Consider/Approve: Budget Amendments for the 2025-2026 Budget.
7. Executive Session under Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.000:551.071 (Attorney Consultation); 551.072 (Purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property); 551.076 (Student Safety); 551.074 (Personnel Matters); 551.082 (Student Discipline); 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations).
8. Call to adjourn the meeting.
If, during the course of the meeting, a discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E, or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in an open meeting. [See BEC (LEGAL)]

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

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Agenda of Special Meeting
Board of Trustees
August 27, 2026
Immediately Following the Public Hearing and Budget Meeting

A Special Board Meeting of the Richards Independent School District Board of Trustees will be held on **August 27, 2026, Immediately Following the Public Hearing and Budget Meeting** in the cafeteria at 9477 Panther Drive, Richards, Texas 77873.

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9. Call to Order and Declare a Quorum.
10. PUBLIC FORUM: All Persons Who Wish to Speak or Address the Board at This Time May do so by Completing the Registration Form Before the Meeting Begins.
11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
 - a. Principal
 - b. Superintendent
12. Consider/Approve: Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting (Board President).
13. Consider/Approve: A Resolution for the 2026–2027 school year, the board of trustees delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).
14. Consider/Approve: A Resolution for Certification of Compliance with certain laws under Texas Education Code 39.008, as enacted by Senate Bill 12 (89th Texas Legislative Session)
15. Consider/Approve: The Purchase of a Cooler for the Cafeteria in the Amount of \$10,500.
16. Executive Session under Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.000:

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551.071 Private consultation with the Board's attorney;
551.072 Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property
551.073 Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations;
551.047 To discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of any public officer or employee of the District;
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 representative to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups.

17. Personnel matters (if any)

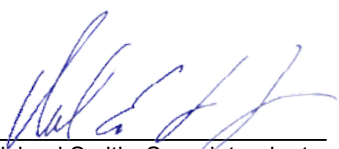
Contracts
Resignations
Retirement
New Hires

18. Call to adjourn the meeting

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