

OCTOBER 17
2024



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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TUESDAY'S WORK SESSION

- October 15, 2024 | 11:30 a.m. | Trout Primary. 1014 Allendale Dr., Lufkin, TX
- **Campus Spotlight:** [Trout Primary](#).
- **Posted Agenda**
- **Annual Collections Report:** Attorney James Guest, from the Linebarger Firm, provided a detailed report to the board with an update on the progress of collecting delinquent taxes, litigation, and tax sales announcements available on the firm's website.
- **Public Hearing, F.I.R.S.T.:** Interim Deputy Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer, Mrs. Jill Gaston, provided a summary of the district's A (excellent) rating from the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, as graded by the Texas Education Agency in a public hearing during the board work session. [This report](#) uses 22-23 school year financial data pulled from the annual audit report. The district is hopeful that the A rating can be maintained, but Superintendent, Dr. James Hockenberry, cautioned that since the report uses past data, there is a risk that the rating may be affected slightly because of past circumstances.
- **Future Facilities Advisory Committee:** The Board-appointed committee is off to a busy start. Thirty total members from various backgrounds and roles within the Lufkin ISD community are working together for the purpose of collaboratively reviewing all aspects of each campus by analyzing data, programs, educational alignments, and extracurricular activities to determine the most appropriate and efficient use of our current facilities. They are charged with developing a master plan of future infrastructure that meets the needs of an ever-changing system and the Lufkin community. Members have been provided a copy of the Facilities Study from 2016, campus location information (including enrollment, capacity, and programs housed), a map of the school zones, and enrollment projection data. The group has toured Lufkin High School and is scheduled to visit each of the remaining campuses. This committee will report findings and plan details to the LISD Board of Trustees in January/February.



MEETING AGENDA

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- At nine weeks, our enrollment is better than expected and attendance is promising. We monitor this daily, because students in school are students that are learning.
- Dr. Hockenberry followed up the cell phone discussion by indicating that he is looking forward to collaborating with the board and others as we examine and investigate cell phone guidelines and practices in schools. He further commented that he will bring survey materials and artifacts to share with the board in November that may be of use in assisting the district in their development and decision-making.

CONSENT AGENDA SPOTLIGHT

Lufkin ISD Leadership: Operating under this year's approved budget, Mrs. Gaston offered compliments to campus leaders who are actively engaging the business office, making mindful spending decisions for their campuses and working hard to review and correct areas that need attention, in an effort to propel the district into a better financial place.

ACTION ITEM NOTES

- Lufkin ISD will seek an attendance waiver from the Texas Education Agency for Lufkin Middle School regarding the September 11, 2024 student attendance of 61%, due to a safety concern in which parents kept students at home. This concern was found to be a widespread social media hoax that impacted many districts.
- The Board approved changes to Board Policy BDF and EHBE (LOCAL) See policies [here](#).

October 17, 2024 | 6:00 p.m. | Lufkin ISD Administration Building: 101 Cotton Square, Lufkin, TX