



Board Meeting
Tuesday August 25, 2026
5:00p.m.
Minutes

We serve a diverse student body to succeed in a rigorous college preparatory program. Our mission is to ensure that all students graduate with the skills to achieve in college, to contribute positively to society, and to be accepting of all people.

Call to Order

Ms. Dupree called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

In Attendance: Erin Dupree, Rich Holst, Ashley Wolf, Donnita Osborn, Sam Showalter, Erin Enquist, Emily Stripe, Liz Vandergon and Betsy Lueth (ex-officio)

Absent: Ofir Germanic

Reading of the Mission and Vision

Ms. Dupree read the mission and the vision

Approval of Agenda

Agenda item added to agenda made by Ms. Lueth to consider expanding seats for 12th grade for the current school year. Motion to approve the agenda with the change was made by Mr. Holst and second Ms. Vandergon. Motion approved unanimously

Approval of Minutes from last Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes Ms. Enquist and second Ms. Vandergon. Motion approved unanimously

Public Comments

None

Action Items

- Motion to appoint Donnita Osborn to open parent member board seat made by Ms. Enquist and seconded by Ms. Vandergon. Motion approved unanimously.

- Motion to approve Ms. Dupree as board chair made by Ms. Enquist and seconded by Ms. Wolf. Motion approved unanimously
- Motion to approve Ms. Wolf as board vice chair made by Ms. Dupree and seconded by Ms. Showalter. Motion approved unanimously.
- Motion to approve Ms. Vandergon as board treasurer was made by Ms. Showalter and seconded by Ms. Dupree. Motion approved unanimously.
- Motion to approve Ms. Osborn as board secretary was made by Ms. Vandergon and seconded by Ms. Stripe. Motion approved unanimously.
- Motion to accept the June 2026 financials was made by Ms. Enquist and seconded by Ms. Showalter. Discussion regarding the unanticipated surplus to the fund balance was reviewed by Ms. Lueth. Motion to accept passed unanimously.
- Motion to accept 2026-2027 School Board Meeting calendar was made by Ms. Dupree and seconded by Ms. Wolf. Discussion that regular board meetings will be on the last Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. with the exception of December due to Winter Break and June due to Summer Break, and that the board calendar is posted on the website. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve board committee membership was made by Mr. Holst and seconded by Ms. Vandergon. Discussion included the following members of each committee
 - Finance: Ms. Dupree, Mr. Holst, Ms. Vandergon and Ms. Osborn
 - Marketing: Ms. Dupree, Ms. Showalter, Mr. Germanic and Mr. Holst
 - Governance: Ms. Stripe, Ms. Enquist and Ms. Wolf
 Motion approved unanimously.
- Motion to approve expanding 12th grade seats available to 90 was made by Ms. Dupree and seconded by Ms. Osborn. Discussion ensued. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

- Review of the UST Annual Evaluation concluded that overall areas of improvement include academics. Ms. Lueth discussed the current academic improvement actions including the return to a regular schedule from block scheduling and increased reading, math and behavior intervention programming. The board concluded that operational and governance measures remain strong.
- First Read 2026-2029 Strategic Plan. After a year-long strategic planning process, the final draft of the strategic plan was presented to the school board and Ms. Lueth indicated that any final edits should be considered prior to final approval at the September board meeting.

Old Business

- Director – 26/27 Enrollment Update – Ms. Lueth reported that the current enrollment was expected to be below 500 students at this time, and expressed an urgent need to ramp up marketing efforts, cut expenditures and look for additional revenue streams in an effort to rebalance the budget for the current and future years.

- Board Members – no report