Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2026
Powell 9th Grade Academy – Media Center

Called to Order	6:00 p.m. Called to order by President, Rachel Eichhorst. 7 members present.
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by the Board
Approved	Agenda for September 28, 2026 Regular Meeting. Banach moved. Antoine supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.
Bulldog Spotlight	None
Presentations	An audit presentation was given by Kellen Riker from Yeo & Yeo. Copies of reports related to the audit were provided to the board. He indicated an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance and the best opinion you can have. He shared a balance sheet of assets and liabilities. A statement and chart of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance was shared. A budgetary comparison was given comparing the original budget to the final budget. Revenues and expenses per pupil were shared as well as a ten-year enrollment trend analysis. Fund balance trends and charts showing fund balance as a percentage of expenditures and facility bond progress were reported. He reviewed the single audit (audit of federal dollars) and gave federal expenditure totals. He reported there were no financial statement findings, no federal award findings and no prior year findings. He ended with a Governance Letter which explained estimates, adoption of new standards, upcoming standards and recommendations.
Approved	**Consent Action Items A-F.** Antoine moved. Bowman supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. ● General Fund Bills (check register) ● Financial Reports (summary, revenue & expense reports) ● Wire Transfer report ● Purchasing Card Expenditures ● Minutes from Regular Meeting held on 8/24/26 ● Board Policy 1st Reading – *Policy 5002 – Budget Planning and Adoption*
Informational Updates/New Business	**Communications** – Mrs. Eichhorst stated that the board received an email with concerns about Roblox getting through on school devices. The Technology department was notified and they have corrected the situation. **Committee Reports** – *Policy* – Mrs. Rice gave an overview of the meeting. They discussed policy 4005 (Other Matters of Employment). The committee decided that the current policy will remain unchanged. Teachers may not tutor their own students for pay but may tutor other students with Principal approval. Miller Johnson supports retaining the existing language. They also discussed the political and ideological symbols and clarified the expectations for staff displays. No further action is required. Conversation took place on the Amanda

Moore land donation and the naming request. The committee determined that this is not a naming rights situation but agreed to clean up the area and put a sign with the acknowledgement of the donation and recognize the family at a future board meeting. The fund balance policy was discussed and it was agreed to adopt the policy with a change to maintain the fund balance at 15% (from the current rate of 6.5%).

Finance – Mr. Boyer stated they discussed PTOC finance and budget processes & procedures and discussed their planned activities. The fund balance policy and changing the target fund balance from the current 6.5% to 15% fund balance was discussed. Conversation took place on the food service fund surplus and some options to spend that down. They reviewed the audit presentation. Discussions on 31aa funding took place and they will refer some questions they have to legal counsel.

Superintendent's Report –
Photos and updates were shared on current construction projects.

Student Services Update
Secondary – Ms. McFarlane stated that homecoming week is currently going on with spirit days, a parade on Wednesday and the homecoming game on Friday. Service-learning projects start at RMS the week of Sept. 30th and Career Day at RHS will take place on October 21st.

Elementary- Mr. Murray reported that fall testing is nearing completion. Staffing is in progress – they are close to completing paraprofessional hirings but had some unexpected openings with teachers. He stated that he and the elementary principals are engaging in Literacy Leadership at the MISD.

Ms. Eichhorst asked how the PD Day went and Mr. Murray stated he received good feedback from the teachers. Ms. McFarlane stated they had 59 staff members participate in culture shapers and that the support staff attended meetings that day. Teachers were given some preparation time which they appreciated.

Ms. McFarlane mentioned that there is safe storage information on our website and stated that there are some good resources regarding firearms safety.

Public Comment None

Approved

Resolutions

- **Human Resources Resolution #74 – Personnel Update**
  Banach moved. Bowman supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Business Services Resolution #75 – Annual Financial Audit FY26**
  Rice moved. Boyer supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Student Services Resolution #76 – New Grant Funded Paraprofessional Positions**
  Cichocki moved. Banach supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Technology Resolution #77 – Microsoft EES Agreement Purchase**
  Antoine moved. Rice supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Human Resources Resolution #78 – REA Extension**
  Boyer moved. Rice supported. 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Board Discussion/ For the Good of the District

Mrs. Eichhorst stated that there are 2 subcommittee meetings next week. She thanked Mrs. Bowman for agreeing to attend the MASB conference in October and for being the designated Delegate.
Mrs. Banach made the motion to nominate Allyson Bowman as the delegate at the MASB conference. Cichocki supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Public Comment Diana Magheira stated our students deserve a quality education and named 2 candidates that are running for school board stating that we need strong leaders for the board. Mrs. Eichhost informed her that we do not promote individual candidates at public board meetings but she is welcome to do so on her own time. Mrs. Magheira stated that she is proud of how our board works together and that her kids are receiving a better, quality education than where they came from.

Adjournment 6:42 p.m. Cichocki moved. Rice supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Katherine Rice, Secretary _____