

Bimonthly Board Meeting October 22, 2025

Treetops School International, 12500 S Pipeline Rd, Euless, TX 76040

Building AA Classroom

Board Members:

Dr. Mike Sacken
Dr. Anthony Johnson
Broderick Williams
Abby Sheets

Non-Board Members:

Dr. James Whitfield
Stephanie Cobb
Stephanie Kaimana
Jas Asbill
Danielle Jenkins
Christy McCulley
Brittany Lay

Call to Order: 7:00PM

Approve minutes from August 2025

Vote to Approve: Dr. Johnson

Second Vote to Approve: Dr. Sacken

Public Comments: N/A

Reports:

Superintendent Report:

Dr. James Whitfield, Superintendent

Dr. Whitfield reports ongoing success with the House System, noting that staff have reported stronger collaboration and morale across grade levels. He discusses continued efforts to strengthen community presence and retention. Dr. Whitfield has already submitted several grant applications and shares that he has several more in progress with local and regional foundations. Recent safety audits were completed successfully. He added that student-led initiatives have had positive outcomes in strengthening the sense of community.

Facilities Update:

The board discussed the costs and environmental implications of filling in the campus pond. The minimum estimated cost to fill the pond is estimated to be at least \$36,000, excluding machinery and labor, and doing so would disrupt the ecosystem that supports migratory birds and turtles used for educational purposes. It was noted that continued repair of the pond is a more cost-effective and environmentally responsible option. The board agreed to prioritize the kindergarten walkway and pond projects.

Motion to move forward with R&O bid of \$15,390 for kindergarten walkways.

Vote to Approve: Dr. Johnson

Second Vote to Approve: Broderick Williams

Motion to move forward with R&O bid of \$17,100 for pond repairs.

Vote to Approve: Dr. Johnson

Second Vote to Approve: Broderick Williams

Financial Report:

Stephanie Kaimana, Business Manager

Stephanie recommended an amendment to the 2025-2026 budget.

Vote to Approve: Dr. Johnson

Second Vote to Approve: Broderick Williams

The board voted to transfer funds to function 52 (Security and Monitoring Services) from function 51 (Maintenance and Operations) to cover DFW Security Monitoring.

Vote to Approve: Broderick Williams

Second Vote to Approve: Dr. Johnson

Cell Phone Grant:

TEA awarded \$5000 grant for the purpose of purchasing phone storage for the school.

New Copier Contract:

The board discussed different options regarding leasing and purchasing copiers at the school. Eventually, it was decided that the most cost effective option was to lease the larger copier for the main building, and a smaller copier for the kindergarten building.

Vote to Approve: Dr. Johnson

Second Vote to Approve: Broderick Williams

SHAC (HB2 Requirements)

The first Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) meeting was held in September, during which members were divided into subcommittees to begin developing recommendations. The committee will meet again in November and is expected to present parent recommendations afterward. The board voted unanimously to support the state mandate.

Vote to Approve: Dr. Johnson

Second Vote to Approve: Broderick Williams

Governance:

Board members have all received and gained access to Treetops emails. Dr. Whitfield covered remaining training hours needed for both new and returning board members. Board members completed and signed Governance Reports.

No Closed Session:

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, to consult with school's attorney, in person or by phone on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the school under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of the Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Comments and Announcements:

Dr. Johnson requested a feasibility study on the pros and cons of Pre-K education, how it may benefit the campus community, and our economic bottom lines.

Adjournment at 8:24 PM

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Second Vote to Approve: Broderick Williams