

GHOLSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
September 15, 2025

1. The regular meeting of the Gholson ISD Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Chris Silva.

Members present: Richard Caldara, Michelle Goates, Reese Goates, Chris Silva and David Walker.

Members absent: James Stevens

Others present: Heather McCartney

2. Open Forum: N/A

3. Motion to approve:

a. The regular meeting minutes of the board for August 11, 2025, as presented, was made by David Walker, with a second from Richard Caldara. Unanimous.

b. The emergency meeting of the board minutes for August 27, 2025, as presented, was made by David Walker, with a second from Chris Silva. Unanimous.

4. Discussion of the 2025-2026 proposed tax rate (\$0.666900).

5. Motion to approve the 2025-2026 tax rate: "**I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.666900, which is effectively a 23.60% increase in the tax rate**," was made by Richard Caldara, with a second from David Walker. Unanimous.

6. Discuss changes and impact to local, state and federal funding for the 2025-2026 school year.

This year's tax rate (0.666900) will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The proposed tax rate will effectively be raised by 2.70 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$0.00.

7. Motion to approve the Senate Bill 12 Resolution (Parent's Rights), as presented, was made by was made by David Walker, with a second from Reese Goates. Unanimous.
8. Motion to approve the EFB (LOCAL) policy (Instructional Resources Library Materials), as presented, was made by was made by David Walker, with a second from Richard Caldara. Unanimous.

9. Motion to approve the Walsh Gallegos retainer renewal (2025-2026), as presented, was made by was made by Richard Caldara, with a second from Reese Goates. Unanimous.

10. Superintendent's Report

- a. Enrollment report
- b. 2024-2025 Accountability Rating
- c. Septic project update
- d. Audit – September 24, 2025

New Business: Due to the holiday on October 13th, the regular meeting of the Board will be held on October 6, 2025.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Richard Caldara with a second from Reese Goates.


President


Secretary