

School Board Meeting August 19, 2026

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

Bldg 1AA Administration Bldg

Board Members:

Dr. Mike Sacken
Dr. Roger Doss
Dr. Anthony Johnson
Abigail Sheets

Non-Board Members:

Dr. James Whitfield
Stephanie Kaimana
Willie Sublet
Dr. Monica Lynott
Stephanie Cobb

Call to Order 7:01PM

A. Approval of Minutes from June 2026 Board Meeting

Vote to Approve: Dr. Doss

Second Vote to Approve: Dr. Johnson

B. Public Comment: N/A

Thirty minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting, members of the public may sign up for the opportunity to address the board, the total time for the public comments for this meeting is 15 minutes, with each speaker limited to no more than 3 minutes.

C. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Whitfield reports a smooth start to the school year with full staffing across all instructional roles. Pre-K has launched and has a full classroom. Demand for the hybrid/virtual program has exceeded initial capacity limits, leading the school to open additional seats to accommodate interested families and discuss the potential to expand grade levels. Prospective family tour slots are filling up fast and an unused classroom building is being repurposed to serve as a Welcome Center that will better display the campus and access to nature. Dr. Whitfield is encouraged by a recent interview with the DuBose Foundation regarding funding for the outdoor learning program that has potential for longer-term, more flexible funding that could be allocated to general operations. Treetops is hosting BioBlitz in collaboration with TRWD, One Earth One Chance, Grow North Texas, the Master Naturalists, and local community members to identify different species native to Treetops' campus. CBS is set to run a feature story on the school's Hybrid/Virtual program and SB569 that allowed for the program.

Dr. Whitfield and Principal Stephanie Cobb discussed the annual accountability report, with the key finding being that Closing the Gaps is Treetops' largest accountability deficit. Closing grades 7-12 magnified this deficit, as graduation and CCMR outcomes no longer balance the rating. Thus, elementary STAAR

growth and performance now drive a larger portion of the results. Math remains an improvement focus, with students needing stronger computation fluency, multi-step problem-solving skills, and the ability to explain/justify reasoning. ELA is also an improvement focus, requiring stronger reading comprehension, vocabulary, and evidence-based written responses. Closing grades 7-12 caused recorded enrollment to fall sharply, while the special education population increased over the same period. Additionally, economically disadvantaged status was understated, which created an inflated effect on Relative Performance rather than reflecting actual campus need. It was also noted that these effects are being felt across the state, as schools are trying to realign to new state curriculum.

Dr. Whitfield and Principal Cobb have been anticipating the drop in accountability and planning for this ahead of the curve throughout the previous academic year. Several action items have been put in place and are already producing positive results among students. Actionable responses include student data folders that track meaningful progress over time, interim assessments that allow instruction and intervention to be adjusted throughout the year, multi-tiered support system, two-year teacher looping, data-driven small groups for targeted instruction, math vertical alignment, etc. The board discussed ideas to incentivize interval testing for students that will drive performance, but also continue to build on the school's culture.

b. Board Training

c. Student Count: 225 (as of 8/12/2026)

d. IPM - Andres Rizo is our Certified IPM Coordinator

D. Finance

a. Budget Amendments 25-26

Vote to Approve: Dr. Johnson

Second Vote to Approve: Dr. Doss

b. Budget Approval 26-27

Vote to Approve: Dr. Doss

Second Vote to Approve: Dr. Johnson

c. TEA Payment Update

d. ESC XI Contracts 26-27

Vote to Approve: Dr. Johnson

Second Vote to Approve: Dr. Doss

e. Payroll Tax Update

The school is still catching up with the IRS and is on a quarterly payment plan.

E. New Board Members

- a. The board voted unanimously to approve new members Willie Sublet and Dr. Monica Lynott.

F. Annual Certification Compliance SB 12, TEC Section 11.005 and TEC Section 28.002

Vote to Approve: Dr. Doss

Second Vote to Approve: Dr. Johnson

G. Closed Session (if required): N/A

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. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

H. Comments and Announcements: N/A

I. Adjournment at 8:17 PM