

# Welcome!

In Friendswood ISD, proud traditions of excellence are honored while exciting opportunities for the future are on the horizon. Students are encouraged to dream, discover and soar. Friendswood ISD is LEADING TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE! With the children of Friendswood ISD foremost in their minds, board members are charged with the responsibility of setting the directions of the school district.

Making the best decisions for all children in Friendswood ISD requires that the board maintain a high level of commitment as they work with a knowledgeable and capable administrative team. Through your elected officials, you have a voice in the decision making process.

Public participation and open lines of communication are vital in preparing the students for the future.

## About Board Meetings

The Board of Trustees holds regular meetings, which are open to the public, at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the boardroom of the Friendswood ISD Administration Building at 302 Laurel.

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law, the board has the privilege of meeting privately in executive session to discuss matters related to personnel, land acquisition, student hearings and to consult with legal counsel. A majority of the Board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

When necessary, the Board schedules other public meetings (special meetings, emergency meetings and workshops) to conduct additional business and for in-depth study of programs and issues.

## Appearing on the Agenda

Citizens wishing to speak on agenda or non-agenda items at regular board meetings may do so by registering prior to the meeting and must complete an audience participation/open forum form available directly outside the boardroom. The Board shall discuss and can take action only on items that appear on the agenda. All concerns brought to the attention of the Board are given consideration and follow-up when appropriate.

Trustees encourage public involvement and listen to views and concerns which affect the district. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, the best place to begin your search for an answer or resolution is with those directly involved and responsible—the teacher and/or principal at your child’s school. Many problems or concerns can be quickly resolved at the campus level.

However, there are matters which cannot be resolved at the campus level and need to be brought to the attention of the Superintendent and Board of Trustees. As representatives of your community, the Board and Superintendent are available to hear your concerns.

Individuals addressing the Board should identify themselves by name, address and organization represented, if any, and remarks must be limited to three minutes. This limit allows Board members the time to listen to patrons wishing to share their concerns, as well as to complete all business items on the agenda. Public presentations may not include complaints or charges against any employee, student or elected official in the district. Please note that the audience portion of the meeting cannot illicit comments or responses from the Board. They can only listen. Only items on the agenda will be addressed.

## Board Member Terms of Office

Trustees are elected by the school district’s registered voters to rotating four-year terms. Elections are conducted in November and two or three trustee places are filled each year. Following the November election, trustees elect a president, vice president and secretary to sever for one year terms.

## Duties of the Board

Duties of the Board include the following:

- ◆ To make school district policy decision regarding Friendswood ISD’s operation.
- ◆ To be responsible for the education of the children in the district (approve budget and set tax rate)
- ◆ To provide tax monies for maintenance and operation of the schools
- ◆ To submit bond issues to the residents of the district
- ◆ To govern local school matters, subject to limitations imposed by state and federal laws
- ◆ To hire and evaluate the superintendent
- ◆ Oversee the administration of the district

## For more information:

To have a Board action clarified or for more information about the school district, please call the Public Information Office at 281-482-1267. Official minutes of the Board meetings are on file in the Superintendent’s Office at the Administration Building.

## Role of the Superintendent:

The Superintendent is the chief executive of the district. As the primary leader, the Superintendent provides recommendations on instruction, policy, budget, personnel, facilities and related matters.

The Superintendent works closely with the Board to ensure that members are fully apprised of all issues affecting the district.

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Your Board of Trustees



**Leading  
to Achieve  
Excellence**

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TEA Exemplary District