

**WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WFISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – BOARD ROOM
REGULAR SESSION MEETING APRIL 20, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING STATEMENT:

The Board of Trustees of the Wichita Falls Independent School District met in a work session meeting on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Mark Lukert, board president.

Board members present: Mr. Mark Lukert, Ms. Susan Grisel, Ms Diann Scroggins, Mr. John Barnard, Ms. Sandy Camp and Ms Katherine McGregor. Mr. Jim Johnson was absent. Mr. Lukert noted that a quorum was present and the meeting had been duly called and notice of the meeting had been posted for the time and manner required by law.

Staff members present: Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Scot Hafley, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Ms. Ashley Thomas, Communications Officer, Ms. Vanessa Dishman, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Ms. Keli Sims, Administrative Assistant to the HR Director, Mr. Jeff Hill, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, Ms Jennifer Spurgers, Director of Human Resources, Dr. Cody Blair, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, Chief Anthony Smith, WFISD PD, SGM Salvador Montez, Memorial Senior JROTC Instructor, Ms. Alefia Paris-Toulon, Executive Director of Special Programs, Dr. Brittany Bailey, CEC Principal, Mr. Devon Dorris, Director of Athletics, Mr. Oyvind Zahl, Teacher/Coach, Mr. Trey Law, Teacher/Coach, Mr. Billy Davison, Teacher/Coach, Mr. Caleb Longest, Teacher/Coach, Ms June Davison, Clerk, Dr. Peter Braveboy, Legacy Principal, Ms. Kelly Strenski, Director of Fine Arts, Ms. Lauren Zotz, Director of Purchasing and Dr. Karen Garza, TEA Conservator.

Also present: Mr. John Dearolf, President and CEO YMCA of Wichita Falls, YMCA of Wichita Falls Board Members, Kristie Dorman with Carnegie Learning, parents and media.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS:

Memorial High School JROTC

INVOCATION:

Ms. Diann Scroggins gave the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

MEMORIAL SWIM ALL-STATE

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes Memorial High School swim team member, junior Kali McCartney, for receiving state recognition for swimming as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

TISCA All-State Academic Team

Kali McCartney

Coach: Oyvind Zahl

LEGACY ALL-STATE BOYS BASKETBALL

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes Legacy Boys Basketball players for receiving All-State Honors as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent. Legacy High School had 2 seniors who received Academic All-State honors from the Texas High School Coaches Association and Texas Association of Basketball Coaches for basketball.

Academic All-State

Cooper McKie - Texas High School Coaches Association (2nd Team), Texas Association of Basketball Coaches

Bowen Betts - Texas High School Coaches Association (Honorable Mention), Texas Association of Basketball Coaches

Coach: Trey Law

LEGACY STATE POWERLIFTERS

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes Legacy Powerlifters for receiving State Powerlifting Honors as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

State Qualifiers

Leah Sanchez - State Champion; State Record Holder for Bench Press; Top 10 in Weight Class

Azucena Piceno - State Qualifier; Top 10 in Weight Class

Duncan Serrill - State Qualifier; Top 10 in Weight Class

Ariel Claudio - State Qualifier; Top 10 in Weight Class

Coach: Billy Davison

MEMORIAL STATE POWERLIFTERS

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes a Memorial High School Powerlifter for receiving State Powerlifting Honors as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

State Qualifiers

Hayley Nguyen - State Champion

Coach: Caleb Longest

YMCA PRESENTATION

Mr. John Dearolf, YMCA of Wichita Falls President and CEO, presented information regarding the childcare and after school programs at the YMCA. He requested that the Wichita Falls Board of Trustees continue discussions on leasing the now vacant Jefferson Elementary building to the YMCA to expand their childcare services.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

REPORTS OR SPECIAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

TEA CONSERVATOR

Dr. Karen Garza, TEA Conservator, introduced herself and presented information regarding the purpose of the conservatorship in relation to WFISD and went over the initial first steps and frequency of her visits.

In partnership with the Superintendent and Board:

- Become Familiar with the District
- Conduct a Needs Assessment in partnership with LIFT provider
- Interviewed Superintendent, All Board Members, All Leadership Team members
- Conducted learning walks at 4 elementary schools and 3 secondary schools
- Develop Goals and Detailed Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year
- Attend All Formal Board Meetings and Will Report on Progress
- Attend All Work Sessions (where possible)
- Will be in the district at least every other week and will frequently visit classrooms

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools, gave a report on the following:

- Strategic Objective 1.2.1: Monthly attendance tracking
 - March Enrollment: 12,289
 - ADA: 92.93%
- Priority 4.1: (Stewardship)—Budget Parameters
 - Enrollment Data and how it affects the bottom line
 - Enrollment dropping means revenue drops

- WFISD #1 in SPED population in 100 largest ISDs in Texas
 - TEA to change how SPED Programs are funded
 - WFISD should receive more funds than in the past
- Priority 4.2: (Stewardship)—Systematic, Long-Range Facility Planning
 - Updates with photos of McNeil Elementary remodel
 - Tennis Court Spectator Shades installed at high schools
- Lone Star Governance Training
 - May 8-9 @ ESC 9

CONSENT AGENDA:

Purchase of Skyward Finance
 Purchase of Studies Weekly
 TEA Certification Provision of Instructional Materials 2026-2027
 TDA Excess Fund Balance (24-25)
 March Meetings Minutes

Ms. Katherine McGregor, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve items placed on the Consent Agenda at the April 13, 2026 meeting.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0, Mr. Johnson absent

FINANCIAL SERVICES

ZUNDY REFRESH AND ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION CONTRACT

Ms. Susan Grisel, seconded by Ms. Sandy Camp, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the contract for the Zundy Elementary Refresh Project to Trinity Hughes Construction, as submitted by Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, and as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0, Mr. Johnson absent

BOOKER T WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY, EXTERIOR REFRESH CONTRACT

Ms. Diann Scroggins, seconded by Mr. John Barnard, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the contract for the Booker T Elementary Exterior Refresh Project to JNA Painting & Contracting Company, Inc., as submitted by Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, and as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0, Mr. Johnson absent

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

HIGH SCHOOLS DATA UPDATE

Dr. Cody Blair, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, and Dr. Peter Braveboy, Legacy Principal, presented information about Memorial High School and Legacy High School’s student academic growth, projected STAAR scores and academic programs to assist students since the last update.

LIFT GRANT PROVIDER

Ms. Katherine McGregor, seconded by Mr. John Barnard, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the LIFT Grant Provider Contract with Carnegie Learning, as submitted by Dr. Cody Blair, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, and as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0, Mr. Johnson absent

HUMAN RESOURCES:

TEACHER APPLICANT POOL

None

BOARD MATTERS:

RECESS:

Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, recessed to go into closed session at 7:44 pm.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Personnel Matters Including the Appointment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, Dismissal and/or Compensation of Individual District Employees (Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074)

ADJOURNMENT:

No further action was taken and Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, adjourned the meeting from Closed Session at 8:13 pm.

President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees