

Minutes of the May 5, 2025,
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Abilene Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting at 4:30 p.m., May 5, 2025, in the Boardroom at One AISD Center 241 Pine Street, Abilene, Texas 79601. Mrs. Angie Wiley, President of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., observed that a quorum was present, and stated that notice of the meeting had been duly posted in the time and manner prescribed by law.

Trustees present for all or part of the meeting: Mrs. Angie Wiley, President; Mr. Rodney Goodman, Vice President, Mrs. Cindy Earles, Secretary; Mr. Bill Enriquez, Assistant Secretary; Dr. Danny Wheat, Mr. Blair Schroeder and Dr. Taylor Tidmore.

Members absent: None

Administrators present for all or part of the meeting: Dr. John Kuhn, Superintendent; Dr. Joseph Waldron, Deputy Superintendent; Mrs. Patti Blue, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Mrs. Alison Sims, Associate Superintendent for the Development of Human Resources; Dr. Gustavo Villanueva, Associate Superintendent for Student Services; Dr. Jordan Ziemer, Executive Director of Communications; Mrs. Jennifer Hinds, Chief Financial Officer; and Mrs. Robin Jones, Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees

- I. Call to Order
- II. Closed Session: A Closed Session may be held under the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 including but not limited to Section 551.071, Section 551.072, Section 551.074, Section 551.076, and Section 551.082, and Section 551.0821.

Mrs. Angie Wiley announced that a Closed Session would be held under the provisions of Texas Code, Chapter 551. The Board convened in Closed Session at 4:30 p.m.

- A. The Board may deliberate matters of Personnel, i.e. appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee. (Section 551.074)
- B. The Board may consult with Legal Counsel regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation and/ or Privileged Legal Advice. (Section 551.071)
- C. The Board may discuss matters of Safety and Security. (Section 551.076)
- D. The Board may discuss the Value, Exchange and/or Disposition of Real Property. (Section 551.072)
 - I. Discuss and consider accepting the donation of land described 289 Pine St., Abilene, Texas 79601 via general warranty deed.
- E. The Board may discuss matters pertaining to Students necessarily involving personally identifiable information, e.g. Student Discipline. (Sections 551.082, 551.0821)

- III. Reconvene from Closed Session (Approximately 6:00 p.m.)

The Board reconvened at 6:12 p.m.

- A. Invocation

Mrs. Angie Wiley called on Mrs. Alison Camp, Executive Director of Student Services, to give the invocation and lead the pledges.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas
- C. Board/Superintendent Announcements

5/6 – Service Awards & Retiree Reception

5/7 – Robotics Display at Taylor Elementary

5/8 – Retiree Dinner at the LIFT

5/9 – I Love America Program at Dyess Elementary

5/14 – Adult Ed Graduation at AHS Auditorium

5/15 – Red & Blue Game at Shotwell

5/19 – Craig Middle School POPS at ACU

5/20 – SPED Graduation at AHS Auditorium

- I. Teaching Minute

This episode of the Teaching Minute highlighted TEKS Readiness Standard 5.13.A. taught by Ms. Jennifer McLain, 5th Grade Science Teacher at Austin Elementary.

IV. Recognitions

Mrs. Angie Wiley announced that the student and Leadership Academy recognitions have been postponed until the June board meeting.

- A. Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE) State Competitors
- B. TAEA Youth Art Month State Exhibition
- C. CTE State Honorees
- D. Leadership Academy Participants
- E. Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) President-Elect and State Awards

Dr. John Kuhn recognized Dr. Jordan Ziemer as the President-Elect for Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA). Dr. Ziemer recognized his Communications team for TSPRA State Awards received.

V. Oral Communications from the Public

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if anyone wishing to address the Board had completed a public comment card. There was one.

- Tammy Fogle – Policy ELA (LOCAL)

VI. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if there was a motion regarding the Consent Agenda. Mr. Rodney Goodman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as present. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blair Schroeder and passed 6-0.

Ayes: Tidmore, Wheat, Schroeder, Goodman, Earles, and Wiley

Nays: None

Absent: Bill Enriquez

- A. The Board will consider approval of the Budget Amendments.
- B. The Board will consider accepting the March Financials.
- C. The Board will consider approval of the Minutes of the April 3, 2025, Workshop and April 7, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.
- D. The Board will consider approval of Spanish RLA Curriculum Pilot.
- E. The Board will consider approval of Policy FMH (LOCAL).

VII. Reports

- A. HR Department Update

Mrs. Alison Sims presented an overview and information about the Human Resources Department which included subs, benefits, as well as future goals.

- B. ELA (LOCAL) Policy

Mr. Jay Ashby, Director of The LIFT, presented information about the proposed policy which included a review of the timeline and current Board policy legal framework. The proposed policy ensures transparency, consistency and local control. It also creates a local framework that is aligned with the TEA and TASB model policy. It allows us to move forward with a potential operating partner in a legally compliant way. Policy highlights include clear application and review process; transparency and public accountability built in; performance contract required for any partner; and strong district oversight with clear evaluation checkpoints.

VIII. Business Items Requiring Board Action

IX. The Board may take action relevant to Items Covered During Closed Session.

- A. The Board will consider approval of Personnel Recommendations, if any.
- B. Matters pertaining to Real Property, if any
 - I. Discuss and consider accepting the donation of land described 289 Pine St., Abilene, Texas 79601 via general warranty deed.

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if there was a motion regarding the donation of real property. Dr. Taylor Tidmore made a motion that the Board authorize the Superintendent or designees and Board President, to obtain surveys, appraisals, due diligence studies, environmental studies, and/or any other necessary services and to accept and finalize the donation of the Condley building, an improved tract of land more specifically described as OT Abilene TIF #1, Block 7, Lot 23 & 24 & N3°W26' of 22 situated in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blair Schroeder and passed 6-0.

Ayes: Earles, Schroeder, Wiley, Goodman, Wheat, and Tidmore

Nays: None

Absent: Bill Enriquez

- C. Matters pertaining to Safety and Security, if any

D. Matters pertaining to Litigation, if any

E. Matters pertaining to Students, if any

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

ATTEST:

Secretary