

**WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES WFISD ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING – BOARD ROOM
WORK SESSION MEETING MAY 11, 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 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Mark Lukert, board president.

Board members present: Mr. Mark Lukert, Ms Katherine McGregor, Mr. Jim Johnson, Ms. Sandy Camp, Mr. John Barnard and Ms Susan Grisel. Ms Diann Scroggins was not present. 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. Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Vanessa Dishman, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Ms. Ashley Thomas, Communications Officer, Ms. Jennifer Spurgers, Director of Human Resources, Mr. Jeff Hill, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, Dr. Cody Blair, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, Ms. Lauren Zotz, Director of Purchasing, Chief Anthony Smith, WFISD PD, Ms. Alefia Paris-Toulon, Executive Director of Special Programs, Ms. Amber Frost, Special Education Coordinator, Ms Trish Potts, Internal Auditor, Ms Kim Thorne, Associate Director of Special Programs and Dr. Karen Garza, TEA Conservator.

Others present: Media and student's families.

INVOCATION:

Mr. Mark Lukert gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

PRESENTATIONS

NATIONAL MATH SCHOLARS

Ms Kim Thorne requested that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes the district's top 2% of 2nd and 3rd grade students nominated for National Math Stars as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools. National Math Stars is a national program designed to identify, recognize, and support young students who demonstrate exceptional mathematical ability. Through this program, our district has identified the top 2% of 2nd and 3rd grade math performers using existing assessment data from a universally administered assessment. Being nominated as a National Math Star is a significant academic honor. It means these students have demonstrated advanced mathematical thinking, strong problem-solving ability, and exceptional potential at an early age. This recognition not only celebrates their current achievement but also helps students begin to see themselves as mathematicians and future leaders in math, science, technology, and innovation. Students who are nominated receive recognition through the National Math Stars Awards Program and may also have the opportunity, through a family application process, to be considered for additional long-term enrichment and support. National Math Stars offers advanced learning opportunities, mentoring, and resources for selected students at no cost to families. Tonight, we are proud to recognize Wichita Falls ISD's top 2% of 2nd and 3rd grade students being nominated for National Math Stars. This achievement reflects not only their strong mathematical ability, but also the work of their families, teachers, and campuses in supporting their growth and potential.

FINANCIAL SERVICES:

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF MARCH 2026

Ms Katherine McGregor, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approves the attached year- to-date financial reports and investment reports as submitted by Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, and is recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0

BUDGET ADMENDMENTS FOR APRIL 2026

Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Ms. Katherine McGregor, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the budget amendments as submitted by Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0

EMPLOYER HEALTHCARE CONTRIBUTION

Ms. Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, requested that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees consider paying \$568 per month, 100% of the Primary Plan employee only monthly healthcare contribution for each employee for the 2026-2027 fiscal year as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda for the regular meeting on May 18, 2026

ILGA FOR TASB BENEFITS COOPERATIVE

Ms. Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, requested that the Board of Trustees hereby resolves to join the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Benefits Cooperative, thereby becoming a member of the TASB Benefits Cooperative, as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools. By joining the TASB Benefits Cooperative the district will have the opportunity to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of providing employee and/or student benefits by leveraging a shared, cooperative model. Through participation, the district gains access to a broader range of benefit programs and services that are competitively sourced using the collective purchasing power of multiple public entities. This approach supports the district's goal of attracting and retaining a high-quality workforce while streamlining administrative functions related to employee benefits. The district will utilize the membership to purchase Student Accident and Health Catastrophic Coverage, which covers all registered students of the district, during participation in gym classes and extracurricular school activities, including intramural and interscholastic events (UIL), such as football, band members, cheerleaders, majorettes, student coaches, student trainers and student managers. As a member of the cooperative, the district may utilize other types of coverage as available, reviewed and selected, always in consideration of the best interest of the district.

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PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT (FRANKLIN)

Ms. Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, requested that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the purchase of playground equipment and surfacing at Franklin Elementary for a total amount of \$152,966.64 from GameTime, as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools. Multiple awarded vendors were evaluated for the purpose of reviewing the current condition and compliance of all district playgrounds. Cunningham Recreation (dba Game Time) was selected to proceed with considering the district's needs as well as experience with this vendor. The vendor provided on-site evaluations of all district playgrounds to assure safety and compliance with current standards. District staff reviews of the needs were paired with the vendor recommendations to prioritize the order of updating playground equipment in a 4-year plan.

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PURCHASE OF AUDIO EQUIPMENT (ZUNDY)

Ms. Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, requested the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the purchase of public announcement (PA) equipment at Zundy Elementary for a total amount of \$205,828.04 to Audio Enhancement, as submitted as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools. Multiple vendors were evaluated for the purpose of making recommendations for the current condition and compliance of all public announcement equipment within the district. Zundy’s equipment was given the lowest score on functionality and repairability. The installation of this system will bring the Zundy system to the current standard set for the district by the new construction projects.

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

Ms Alefia Paris-Toulon, Executive Director of Special Programs, presented information regarding the required annual update on the performance and outcomes of students receiving special education services, as required by House Bill 2 (89th Texas Legislature). House Bill 2 requires the board of trustees of each school district to annually discuss the performance of students with disabilities receiving special education services in an official public meeting. This item provides an overview of student performance data, progress trends, and program effectiveness for students served under special education during the prior school year and current year-to-date.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. Jennifer Spurgers, Director of Human Resources, reported to the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees a review of employee resignations/retirements that have been submitted since the last Work Session board meeting. The resignations/retirements have been accepted by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with the requirements of Policy DFE (LOCAL).

TEACHER APPLICANT POOL

Mr. Susan Grisel, seconded by Mr. John Barnard, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the proposed teacher applicant pool and addendum.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0

BOARD MATTERS:

BOARD MINUTES:

Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools requested that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approves the proposed minutes of a work session on April 13, 2026, a Public Hearing on April 20, 2026 and regular meeting on April 20, 2026 as submitted by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

These items will be placed on the consent agenda for the regular meeting on May 18, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ms. Ashley Thomas, Communications Officer, informed the Board of Trustees on the events happening around the district.

RECESS:

Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, recessed the work session to go into closed session at 6:20 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)

ADJOURNED:

With no more action to take, Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, adjourned the meeting from closed session at 7:05 pm.

President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees