Regular Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2026 5:00 PM

Cowan Education Center Board Room
4133 Warpath, Santa Fe, TX 77510

I. MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT

II John Couch: Present, Eric Davenport: Present, James Grassmuck: Present, Clay Hertenberger: Present, Patrick Kelly: Present, Angie Lambert: Present, Rusty Norman: Absent. Dr. Bott was in attendance.

II. OPENING OF MEETING

Mr. Grassmuck called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551

The Board recessed to closed or executive session at 5:02 pursuant to the following:

A. *Texas Government Code 551.071: Consultation with Board Attorney regarding all matters as authorized by law*

B. *Texas Government Code 551.072: Deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property*

C. *Texas Government Code 551.074: Personnel Matters: to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee*

D. *Texas Government Code 551.076: Discussing security personnel or devices or security audits*

E. Administrative Contracts 2026-2027

IV. RECONVENE: INVOCATION AND PLEDGES

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:00 PM. Pastor Tim Gregory gave the invocation and all recited pledges.

V. SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT

Present were Casey Adoor, Corey Click, Jenny Davenport, Ruben Espinoza, Rachel Harris, Jennifer Hulse, Stephanie Lyssy, Julie Pittman, Sara Ryan, Blake Ryder, Alex Sanchez, Nicole Sebok and Chris Wheeler.

Other's Present

Dedra Amato, Jennifer Bott, Anthony Cargile, Deb Chamber, Savannah Criddle, Dean Evans, Kristin Lawrence, Jake Linkey, Garrett Lyssy, Matthew Seese

VI. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION, CHAPTER 551

A. Consider and Approve Administrative Contracts

I move that we approve the Superintendent's recommendations for administrative contracts and related action for the 2026-2027 school year as detailed on the related pages.

This motion, made by James Grassmuck and seconded by Clay Hertenberger, Carried.
II John Couch: Yea, Eric Davenport: Yea, James Grassmuck: Yea, Clay Hertenberger: Yea, Patrick Kelly: Yea, Angie Lambert: Yea, Rusty Norman: Absent Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII. RECOGNITIONS

A. Students and Staff

Ms. Hovey recognized the Santa Fe Junior High Cheerleaders.

Mrs. Plite recognized the Santa Fe High School Cheerleaders.

Ms. Benton recognized our TAFE and FCCLA students.

Mrs. Harris recognized our Elementary campuses for receiving the Texas Honor Roll Distinction.

Ms. Hewitt with Girl Scouts of America came to recognize the School Board members for their service to the District.

Mrs. Davenport announced the proclamations for the month of April. Occupational Therapy Month, National Assistant Principal's Week, National School Library Week, Public School Volunteer Week, and Administrative Assistant Professionals Day.

The District recognized the Employees of the Month: Barnett, Sara Lauer; Kubacak, Erika Upham; Wollam, Jennifer Sandoval; Junior High, Aditra Raines; High School, Alexis Otero; ISA, Melody Green; Transportation, Terri Pringle-Bowman; M&O, Robert Tull; Custodial, Martha Gonzalez; Administration, Matthew Seese; Police, Klynn Scales

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS
No one signed up to speak to the Board.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS
A. Monthly Reports
B. Dual Credit Update
CAO, Rachel Harris gave a Dual Credit update.

X. CONSENT AGENDA
A. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda Items

I move to approve all Consent Agenda items as presented.

This motion, made by Patrick Kelly and seconded by Angie Lambert, Carried.
II John Couch: Yea, Eric Davenport: Yea, James Grassmuck: Yea, Clay Hertenberger: Yea, Patrick Kelly: Yea, Angie Lambert: Yea, Rusty Norman: Absent Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

B. Minutes of February 23, 2026
C. Accounts Payable $381,938.96
D. Budget Amendment #9
E. Administrative Assistant Professionals' Day Proclamation
F. National School Library Week Proclamation
G. Occupational Therapy Month Proclamation
H. Public School Volunteer Week Proclamation

XI. REGULAR AGENDA
A. Consider and Approve the Naming of the SFJH Auxiliary Gym (Nelson Gym) as Butler Gym

I move to approve the request to name the SFJH Auxiliary Gym (Nelson Gym) as Butler Gym.

This motion, made by II John Couch and seconded by James Grassmuck, Carried.
II John Couch: Yea, Eric Davenport: Yea, James Grassmuck: Yea, Clay Hertenberger: Yea, Patrick Kelly: Yea, Angie Lambert: Yea, Rusty Norman: Absent Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

B. Consider and Approve Senate Bill 546 3-Point Seat Belt Budget Determination

I move to approve the district opt out of transportation code 547.701 due to our budget limitations.

This motion, made by Angie Lambert and seconded by Patrick Kelly, Carried.
II John Couch: Yea, Eric Davenport: Yea, James Grassmuck: Yea, Clay Hertenberger: Yea, Patrick Kelly: Yea, Angie Lambert: Yea, Rusty Norman: Absent Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C. Consider and Approve Purchase of School Bus

I move to approve the purchase of a school bus with the cost not to exceed $184,075.00 plus the cost of a buy board fee of $800 for a total of $184,875.00.

This motion, made by James Grassmuck and seconded by Angie Lambert, Carried. II John Couch: Yea, Eric Davenport: Yea, James Grassmuck: Yea, Clay Hertenberger: Yea, Patrick Kelly: Yea, Angie Lambert: Yea, Rusty Norman: Absent Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

D. Consider and Approve the School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) Members

I move to approve the SHAC membership for the 2025-2026 and the 2026-2027 school years.
This motion, made by Patrick Kelly and seconded by James Grassmuck, Carried.
II John Couch: Yea, Eric Davenport: Yea, James Grassmuck: Yea, Clay Hertenberger: Yea, Patrick Kelly: Yea, Angie Lambert: Yea, Rusty Norman: Absent Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XII. BOARD COMMUNICATION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

I move to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM.

This motion, made by Angie Lambert and seconded by Patrick Kelly, Carried.
II John Couch: Yea, Eric Davenport: Yea, James Grassmuck: Yea, Clay Hertenberger: Yea, Patrick Kelly: Yea, Angie Lambert: Yea, Rusty Norman: Absent Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

We affirm that these minutes are official, complete and correct.

Eric E Davenport, Vice President

James Grassmuck, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: April 20, 2026