

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Argyle ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Argyle ISD was held Monday, **August 24, 2026**, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Argyle ISD Board Room, 6701 Canyon Falls Dr, Flower Mound, TX 76226.

Board Members Present: Leigh Ann Artho, Board President; Dr. Leona McDade, Vice President; Matt Slaton, Board Secretary; Rich McDowell; Frank Dixon; Justin Ford
Absent: Trustee Josh Westrom

AISD Personnel Present: Dr. Courtney Carpenter, Superintendent; Dr. Chris Daniel, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Dawn Jordan, Asst. Superintendent; Liz Stewart, CFO; Greg Royar, CTO; Rick Herrin, CCO; Yvolene McGarvey, Admin. Asst; Dona Lumsden, AHS Principal; Coby Pelt, AMS Principal; Whitney Wheeler, GMS Principal; Heather Van Noy, 6GC Principal; Jeff Koehn, AISD Construction Manager; Tommy Ledford, Executive Director of Operations; Rola Fadel, Construction Consultant; Renee Funderburg, Special Programs Director; Brooke Nicholson, SPED Coord; Erin Trantham, Dist. 504/Testing Coord; Lauren Tullos, Director of Staff, Student & Learner Services; Eli Davis, AISD Chief of Police; Officer Preston Staber, AISD PD; Officer Jeffrey Miller, AISD PD; Officer Gilbert Velo, AISD PD; Officer Steven Marks, AISD PD; Officer Kyle Barton, AISD PD; Officer Paul Inman, AISD PD; Officer Brandon St. John, AISD PD.

1. 5:00pm Call to Order - Determine if a Quorum is Present
2. 5:01pm. Executive Session as authorized by Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E:
 - A. PERSONNEL MATTERS & PUBLIC OFFICERS: To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including Board members, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.074).
 1. Personnel Report
 - B. REAL PROPERTY: To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Board's position in negotiations with a third person. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.072)
 1. Consider resolution authorizing Superintendent to execute an Easement and Right of Way agreement with Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC.
 - C. DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFT; CLOSED MEETING. A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the state or the governmental body if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.073).

D. LEGAL COUNSEL: To consult with its attorney when the Board seeks advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer, or when the attorney will have an ethical duty of confidentiality. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.071).

1. Board Operating Procedures (Draft)

E. STUDENT & EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE: involving discipline of a public school child; or in which a complaint or charge is brought against an employee of the school district by another employee and the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing. Subsection (a) does not apply if an open hearing is requested in writing by a parent or guardian of the child or by the employee against whom the complaint or charge is brought. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.082)

F. PHYSICAL SAFETY & SECURITY: To deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices, or to deliberate a security audit. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.076)

1. Annual Safety & Security Audit

2. Armed Staff

G. CYBER SECURITY: Security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; network security information as described by Section 2059.055(b); or the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.089)

H. PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT: To deliberate a matter regarding a public school student, if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation unless an open meeting about the matter is requested in writing by the student's parent (Tex. Gov't Code 551.0821)

6:03pm The Board returned from closed session

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags

4. Opening Prayer

5. Recognition ~ Jeff Miller, New Argyle ISD PD Officer

6. Public Forum/Comments to the Board. For Regular Board Meetings, the Board will hear public comments regarding agenda and non-agenda items. (limit 5 minutes each or 30 minutes total)

7. Consider and take any action deemed necessary upon discussion in the closed meeting

A. Consider resolution authorizing Superintendent to execute an Easement and Right of Way agreement with Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC.

1. Sam Slaton made a motion that the Board approve items from closed session as presented (armed staff)

2. Rich McDowell seconded

3. Board voted 7-0

Leigh Ann Artho

Yea

Dr. Leona McDade

Yea

Matt Slaton	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea
Justin Ford	Yea
Frank Dixon	Yea
Sam Slaton	Yea

A. Consider approval of armed staff

1. Sam Slaton made a motion that the Board approve items from closed session as presented (Easement)
2. Matt Slaton seconded
3. Board voted 7-0

Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea
Justin Ford	Yea
Frank Dixon	Yea
Sam Slaton	Yea

8. Public Hearing on the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget and Tax Rate

9. Consent Items

- A. Minutes
- B. Donations
- C. General Operating Checks and Financial Reports
- D. AYSA Contract
- E. Addition of Adjunct Teachers
- F. Texas A&M AgriLife 4H Adjunct Teachers and Extracurricular Programming
- G. Consider Approval of Annual Professional Legal Services Agreements
- H. Consider JJAEP MOU

1. Matt Slaton made a motion that the Board approve consent items as presented
2. Rich McDowell seconded
3. Board voted 7-0

Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea
Justin Ford	Yea
Frank Dixon	Yea
Sam Slaton	Yea

10. Reports

- A. Construction Report
- B. Superintendent & Board President Report

11. Information Only

- A. State of the Dept: Special Programs
- B. Construction Audit

12. Discussion/Action Items

A. Consider and Approve Budget Amendment

1. Matt Slaton made a motion that the Board approve action item 12-A as presented

2. Frank Dixon seconded

3. Board voted 7-0

Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea
Justin Ford	Yea
Frank Dixon	Yea
Sam Slaton	Yea

B. Consider and Approve 26-27 Budget

1. Dr. Leona McDade made a motion that the Board approve action item 12-B as presented

2. Matt Slaton seconded

3. Board voted 7-0

Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea
Justin Ford	Yea
Frank Dixon	Yea
Sam Slaton	Yea

C. Consider Approval of a Resolution of Tax Levy for the 2026 Year

1. Frank Dixon made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.1558, which is effectively a 5.3 percent increase in the tax rate.”

2. Sam Slaton seconded

3. Board voted 7-0

Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea
Justin Ford	Yea
Frank Dixon	Yea
Sam Slaton	Yea

D. Consider for Approval an Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Option 3 Agreement), and to Delegate Contractual authority to the Superintendent.

1. Justin Ford made the motion that for the 2026-2027 school year, we delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, §49.006. This includes approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).

2. Matt Slaton seconded

3. Board voted 7-0

Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea
Justin Ford	Yea
Frank Dixon	Yea
Sam Slaton	Yea

E. Consider and Approve BIS Change Order

1. Matt Slaton made a motion to approve action item 12-E as presented

2. Dr. Leona McDade seconded

3. Board voted 7-0

Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea
Justin Ford	Yea
Frank Dixon	Yea
Sam Slaton	Yea

F. Consider and approve Certificate of Compliance with Certain Laws Required by Texas Education Code Section 39.008 and SB 12

1. Matt Slaton made a motion that the Board approve action item 12-F as presented

2. Frank Dixon seconded

3. Board voted 7-0

Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea
Justin Ford	Yea
Frank Dixon	Yea
Sam Slaton	Yea

G. Consider and Approve TASB Update 127

1. Frank Dixon made a motion that the Board approve action item 12-G as presented

2. Justin Ford seconded

3. Board voted 7-0

Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea
Justin Ford	Yea
Frank Dixon	Yea
Sam Slaton	Yea

13. President Artho adjourned the Board to closed session at 8:13pm

President Artho adjourned the closed session at 9:43pm

Leigh Ann Artho,
Board President

Matt Slaton,
Board Secretary