

WHITE SETTLEMENT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICIAL MINUTES
August 17, 2026

Members Present

Ms. Krystal Arnold, Mr. Ben Davis, Mr. Briley Hicks, Mr. John Morton, and Ms. Amanda Sanchez.

School Officials Present

Mr. Frank Molinar, Ms. Brandilyn DePalma, and Ms. Crystal Intfen

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. Following roll call, the announcement was made by Ms. Amanda Sanchez, Board President, that 5 members of the Board of Trustees present constitutes a quorum.

The Board recognized the WSISD Police Department for achieving Accreditation Status for compliance with the Texas Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

The Board recognized Mr. Raymond Patterson and Mr. Glen Lowry, who both passed away this summer, for their service on the WSISD School Board for a combined 30 years.

Mr. Tommy Neal, Brewer High School Principal, then introduced the students who earned the highest possible score of 5 on an Advanced Placement exam. The Board recognized these students for their achievements.

B. Public Meeting to Discuss Tax Rate

Ms. Amanda Sanchez, Board President, opened the public meeting, then turned it over to the Superintendent. Following the presentation, Ms. Amanda Sanchez then allowed for public comments and questions before closing the public meeting.

C. Public Comments

Colby Phillips addressed the board regarding the rollout of the new cell phone pouches and the benefits in the classroom.

D. Closed Meeting

The Board adjourned to closed session at 6:01 p.m.

E. Reconvene to Open Session

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:13 p.m.

F. Information Items

Superintendent's Report

a. Financial Update

Ms. Brandilyn DePalma, Chief Financial Officer, gave a financial update to the Board for June and July 2026.

1. Mr. Randy Summerhill gave an update to the Board on summer construction projects.

b. Instructional Update

Ms. Crystal Intfen, Secondary Education Director, introduced the principals, who each gave an update to the Board on the start of school for their campuses.

G. Consent Items

The motion was made by Mr. Coach Davis and seconded by Mr. John Morton to approve the 18 consent items as presented.

- G.1 Approve Minutes of June 15, 2026 Regular Meeting and July 21, 2026 Special Meeting
- G.2. Consider Monthly Expenditures for June and July 2026
- G.3. Consider Approval of Amended Budget
- G.4. Consider Changing the Dates of Regular Board Meetings for December 2026, January 2027, February 2027, and March 2027
- G.5. Consider Policy Update 127
- G.6 Consider Approval of Staff Development Waiver for 2026-2027 School Year
- G.7. Consider Approval of the Student Code of Conduct for 2026-2027
- G.8. Consider Approval of the 2026-2027 T-TESS Appraisers and Appraisal Calendar
- G.9. Consider Resolution with Tarrant County 4-H Organization as an Approved Extra-Curricular Activity
- G.10. Consider Memorandum of Understanding with TCU College Advising Corps
- G.11. Consider Approval of Next-Level Leadership Programs through ESC Region 11
- G.12. Consider Approval of Venue for Brewer High School Graduation
- G.13. Consider Approval of Science and World Geography Textbooks
- G.14 Consider Approval of Vendor Custodial Services
- G.15 Ratify Vendor for Playground Borders Districtwide
- G.16 Ratify Vendor for Emergency Parking Lot Repairs at Brewer High School
- G.17 Consider Approval of Vendor for 2025-26 E-Rate: Category 2 Network Equipment
- G.18 Consider Approval of Vendor to Replace HVAC Unit at BHS

Motion carried with 5-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Davis, Hicks, Morton, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

H. Separate Items

1. Consider an Order Authorizing Redemption of Outstanding Bonds of the White Settlement Independent School District

Following the presentation by Ms. Brandilyn DePalma, Mr. Briley Hicks made the motion and seconded by Ms. Krystal Arnold to approve the Order Authorizing Redemption of Outstanding Bonds of the White Settlement Independent School District as presented.

Motion carried with 5-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Davis, Hicks, Morton, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

2. Consider Proposed I&S Tax Rate

Mr. John Morton made the motion and seconded by Mr. Ben Davis to approve the I&S Tax Rate as presented.

Motion carried with 5-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Davis, Hicks, Morton, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

3. Consider Approval of Resolution of the Board to Set Tax Rate

Mr. Ben Davis made the motion then seconded by Mr. Briley Hicks to approve the Resolution to Set Tax Rate as presented.

Motion carried with 5-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Davis, Hicks, Morton, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

4. Consider and Take Possible Action Regarding District Options to Fill Trustee Vacancies, Place 1 & Place 2

Ms. Krystal Arnold made the motion then seconded by Mr. Briley Hicks for the Board to publically post the application and application process for the trustee vacancies, Places 1 & 2, and authorize the Superintendent to take any necessary action to effectuate the same.

Motion carried with 5-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Davis, Hicks, Morton, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

I. Consider Items Discussed in Closed Meeting Including Personnel

The motion was made by Mr. Briley Hicks and seconded by Mr. Ben Davis to approve the appointments of Leslie Arietta, Caitlin Bradley, Marshall Calvin, Linda "Michelle" Grubbs, Madison Hall, Jesse Lay, Tressa Marr, Jennifer Reida, Eric Seyl, Zachary Schleicher, Andrew Waring, and Mary Smith, the resignations of Ofelia Chavez, Alexis Cernigliaro, Jose Garcia, Amanda Hickingbottom, Shanice Stewart, and Joshua Stubbs, and contract extensions for 2026-2027 listed below as presented.

Brewer Middle School

Anahy Castillo (probationary)

Motion carried with 5-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Davis, Hicks, Morton, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

J. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

President

Secretary