Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, August 17, 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: Present.

II. OPENING OF MEETING

Mr. Norman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:01 pm 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. *Texas Government Code 551.0761: Cybersecurity*

IV. RECONVENE: INVOCATION AND PLEDGES

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:08 pm. Pastor Bigford gave the invocation and all recited the pledges.

V. SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT

Casey Adoor, Corey Click, Jenny Davenport, Ruben Espinoza, Rachel Harris, Chrissy Healy, Jennifer Hulse, Stephanie Lyssy, Destini Martin, Luis Mones-Suares, Sarah Pfluger, Julie Pittman, Sara Ryan, Alex Sanchez, Nicole Sebok, Torie Stewart and Chris Wheeler

Others Present

Dean Butler, Jay Linkey

VI. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION, CHAPTER 551

There was no action taken.

VII. RECOGNITIONS

A. Students and Staff

Chris Wheeler recognized Luke Hodges, Chris Stripling, Zach Stripling and Mr. Wheelers son Callum Wheeler for helping move food from the freezer at the maintenance building to the freezer at the Jr. High. Luke, Chris and Zach just happened to be walking by and Mr. Wheeler asked if they would'nt mind helping move the food and they immediately started helping with no complaints.

Mrs. Davenport recognized this month as Attendance Awareness Month.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No one signed up to speak at the meeting.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Monthly Reports

Mrs. Harris, CAO gave an update on our recent academic accountabilty ratings.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda Items

I move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

This motion, made by Patrick Kelly and seconded by Eric Davenport, Carried.
II John Couch: Yea, Eric Davenport: Yea, James Grassmuck: Yea, Clay Hertenberger: Yea, Patrick Kelly: Yea, Angie Lambert: Yea, Rusty Norman: Yea Yea: 7, Nay: 0

B. Minutes of July 20, 2026

C. Accounts Payable $1,003,309.40

D. Budget Amendments #1 corrected and #2

E. Attendance Awareness Month Proclamation

F. 2026-2027 CTE Innovative Courses List

G. MOU with Innovative Alternatives for Counseling Support

XI. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Consider and Approve the 2026 Appraisal Roll and Recognize Compliance with the Texas Property Tax Code

I move to approve the 2026 Appraisal Roll and Recognize Compliance with the Texas Property Tax Code.

This motion, made by Eric Davenport 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: Yea Yea: 7, Nay: 0

B. Consider and Approve the 2026 Tax Rate

I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $0.7231 for Maintenance and Operations, which includes 6 disaster pennies, and $0.3492 for I&S, for a total of $1.072300, which is effectively a 2.24 percent increase in the tax rate.

This motion, made by James Grassmuck 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: Yea Yea: 7, Nay: 0

C. Consider and Approve Facilities Agreement with the Santa Fe Historical Foundation

I move to approve a Facilities agreement with the Santa Fe Historical Foundation.

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: Yea Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XII. BOARD COMMUNICATION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

I make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm.

This motion, made by Eric Davenport 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: Yea Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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

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J. R. Norman, President James Grassmuck, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: September 21, 2026