Special Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 2026 6:00 PM
Sidney Wasson Center, 409 S. Houston St. , Wolfe City , Texas 75496

Chester Adams:	Present
Courtney Allen:	Present
Charolette Gardner:	Present
Colt Herron:	Present
James Richardson:	Present
Charmayne Scott:	Present
Jill Woodruff:	Present

Others in attendance:
Donna Pessel & guest, Jay Youngblood, Trevor Hall, Jada Rhome, Heather Horton, Lindsay Richardson, and Julie Cupp.

1. **Call to Order and Establish a Quorum**
   Board members will be, or may be attending by videoconference call in compliance with the OMA. A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wolfe City Independent School District will be held Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Wolfe City ISD Sidney Wasson Center located at 409 S. Houston Street, Wolfe City, TX 75496. The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this agenda.
   Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted upon at one time.
   If, during the course of the meeting covered by this agenda, the Board should determine that a closed session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any item included on this agenda, then such closed session as authorized by Section 551.001 et seq. of the Texas Government Code ("Open Meetings Act") will be held by the Board at that date, hour, and place given in this agenda or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this agenda as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.071 – 551.084, inclusive, of the Open Meetings Act.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public comments**
   Discussion: No public comments.
4. **Executive Session —**
   Discussion: Into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.
   Out of Executive Session at 6:51 p.m.

Mrs. Donna Pessel did not return after Executive Session, she left the building.

4.a. Consider the Independent Hearing Examiner's record and recommendation regarding the proposed termination of Superintendent Donna Pessel's contract and employment. Gov't Code §§ 551.074

4.b. Hear and consider oral arguments of each party regarding the Independent Hearing Examiner's record and recommendation regarding the proposed termination of Superintendent Donna Pessel's contract and employment. Gov't Code §551.074

4.c. Deliberate whether to accept, reject, or modify the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the Independent Hearing Examiner's recommendation regarding the proposed termination of Superintendent Donna Pessel's contract and employment. Gov't Code §551.074

Discussion: 4C. Colt Herron, Trevor Hall, Jada Rhome, Donna Pessel, and Mrs. Pessel's guest left at this time from Executive Session and did not return.

4.d. Deliberation concerning the written decision of the Board of Trustees. Gov't Code §551.074

4.e. Consultation with attorney concerning the Independent Hearing Examiner's recommendation regarding the proposed termination of Superintendent Donna Pessel's contract and employment and concerning other related matters. Gov't Code §§ 551.071, 551.074, and 551.129.

5. **Consider and possible action on whether to accept, reject, or modify the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the Independent Hearing Examiner's recommendation regarding the proposed termination of the Superintendent Donna Pessel's contract and employment.**

Action(s):

Motion to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and written decision in the Independent Hearing Examiner's recommendation regarding the termination of Superintendent Mrs. Donna Pessel's contract and employment. This motion, made by Chester Adams and seconded by James Richardson, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Chester Adams:	Yea
Courtney Allen:	Yea
Charolette Gardner:	Yea
Colt Herron:	Abstain (With Conflict)
James Richardson:	Yea
Charmayne Scott:	Yea
Jill Woodruff:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Discussion: According to Mr. Jay Youngblood, our District Lawyer stated that 5, 6, and 7 can be

together since they are all within the same subject matter.
Colt has abstained.

6. **Consider and possible action on the written decision of the Board of Trustees regarding the proposed termination of Superintendent Donna Pessel's contract and employment.**
Discussion: Please see #5.

7. **Consider and possible action on any other matters related to the decision of the Board of Trustees and the possible termination of the Superintendent Donna Pessel's contract and employment.**
Discussion: Please see #5.

8. **Announce the decision of the Board of Trustess regarding the possible termination of Superintendent Donna Pessel's contract and employment.**
Discussion: Pursuant to the vote of the Wolfe City ISD Board of Trustees and the Board's adoption of its findings of fact and conclusions of law in their entirety, the Board determined that good cause exists to terminate the employment of Superintendent Mrs. Donna Pessel. The WC ISD Board ordered that her termination take effect immediately, September 24, 2026.
Colt has abstained.

9. **Adjourn**
Action(s):
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. This motion, made by Courtney Allen and seconded by Charmayne Scott, Passed.
Voting Detail:

Chester Adams:	Yea
Courtney Allen:	Yea
Charolette Gardner:	Yea
Colt Herron:	Abstain (With Conflict)
James Richardson:	Yea
Charmayne Scott:	Yea
Jill Woodruff:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

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Board Secretary