Minutes of Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Cedar Hill ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Cedar Hill ISD was held Monday, October 19, 2026, beginning at 5:30pm in the Cannady Cedar Hill Room
285 Uptown Blvd.
Cedar Hill, Texas 75104.

I.

OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 PM

Announcement by the Board President whether a quorum is present, and that the notice of the meeting has been duly called, and posted in the time and manner required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.
Meeting called to order at 5:31pm – quorum established with the following trustees present: Dr. Denise Roache-Davis, Carma Morgan, Ayanna Cabrera-Cook, Jacquetta Haygood, Dr. Lester Singleton and Superintendent Maria Gamell. 5:32pm Trustee Denishea Williams arrived. Absent is Trustee Ramona Ross-Bacon

II.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Individuals desiring to address the Board regarding an item on an Agenda for an Open Meeting, or to address the Board on general matters, must submit a completed Public Comment Request Form on the day of the meeting. Forms are available in the lobby area. The correct procedure for addressing the Board during Public Comments is as follows: Each speaker should address the Board from the podium microphone and state his or her name before speaking. All speakers will be limited to three minutes to make comments regarding items on the agenda, or general matters, unless modified by the Board president based on Board Policy BED (LOCAL). Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. Copies of presentations should be made available to all trustees and the Superintendent.

There were no public comments

III. **REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

A. ACADEMICS REPORT

1. Beginning of the Year Data Report: ***presented by Brian Ward and Dr. Cherron Mortgomery***
2. Curriculum Based Assessments: ***presented by Dr. Cherron Montgomery***
3. Emergent Bilingual/ESL Program Evaluation: ***presented by Dr. Cherron Montgomery***

B. HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

1. Staff Retention***: presented by Mr. Antonio Tijerina***

IV.

CLOSED SESSION - 6:30 PM

The Board may declare itself in a closed meeting as authorized by the Texas

Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.001-551.146. In the event a closed meeting is to be convened, the presiding officer shall publicly identify the section or sections authorizing the closed meeting. Those sections may include without limitation the following sections under SUBCHAPTERS D AND E, which authorize a closed meeting to discuss the following topics:

A. Section 551.071: For the purpose of private consultation with the Board's attorney regarding pending litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the District or Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act.

1. Consultation with Attorney to receive legal advice regarding class action suit.

B. Section 551.072: For the purpose of deliberating on a purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the Board in negotiations with a third person.

C. Section 551.074: For the purpose of deliberating the appointment, employment, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests an open hearing.

D. Section 551.076: For the purpose of deliberations regarding the deployment, or specific occasions of implementation, of security personnel or devices, or security audits.

E. Section 551.0821: To discuss specific personal identifying information about a student.

Proceeded into closed session at 6:30pm

V. **DECLARE CLOSED SESSION ENDED & RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION - 7:30 PM** ***Closed session ended at 7:30pm and reconvened in open session at 7:35pm***

VI. **OPENING CEREMONY**

A. Welcome from Board President

B. Pledges: ***presented by Principal Idol Mallard***

C. Prayer: ***presented by Pastor Toby Snowden***

D. Values, Mission, Vision, and Motto: ***presented by Principal Ronnie Davis***

VII. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. RECOGNITIONS: ***presented by Chief of Communications Kristen Escovedo***

1. Art District of Distinction
2. All American Cheerleaders
3. National Principal Month
4. Texas Education Human Resources Day

VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Consider Approving the Campus Improvement Plans

Denishea Williams made a motion to approve the Campus Improvement Plan. Dr. Lester Singleton seconded the motion.

- ***Dr. Denise Roache-Davis voted – yes***
- ***Carma Morgan voted – yes***
- ***Dr. Jacquetta Haygood voted – yes***
- ***Ayanna Cabrera-Cook voted – yes***
- ***Dr. Lester Singleton voted - yes***
- ***Denishea Williams voted – yes***

- ***The motion passed 6-0 all in favor***

B. Consider Approving the Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Real Property at 700 Bennett Street

Dr. Jacquetta Haygood made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing Sale of Real Propery at 700 Bennett Street. Ayanna Cabrera-Cook seconded the motion.

- ***Dr. Denise Roache-Davis voted – yes***
- ***Carma Morgan voted – yes***
- ***Dr. Jacquetta Haygood voted – yes***
- ***Ayanna Cabrera-Cook voted – yes***
- ***Dr. Lester Singleton voted - yes***
- ***Denishea Williams voted – yes***
- ***The motion passed 6-0 all in favor***

C. Consider Action regarding the district joining a class action lawsuit

Ayanna Cabrera-Cook made a motion to approve the district joining a class action lawsuit. Dr. Lester Singleton seconded the motion.

- ***Dr. Denise Roache-Davis voted – yes***
- ***Carma Morgan voted – yes***
- ***Dr. Jacquetta Haygood voted – yes***
- ***Ayanna Cabrera-Cook voted – yes***
- ***Dr. Lester Singleton voted - yes***
- ***Denishea Williams voted – yes***
- ***The motion passed 6-0 all in favor***

IX. CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

A. Consider Approving the Meeting Minutes from the Sept. 15, 2026 Joint Meeting with the Cedar Hill City Council and Sept. 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
B. Consider Approving the Credit By Exams/Credit by Acceleration
C. Consider Approving the vendor list for Catering and Food Related Services RFP 26/27-002
D. Consider Approving the vendor list for Maintenence, Custodial, Facilities Supplies and Services RFP 26/27-003
E. Consider Approving the vendor list for Teaching Aids, Instructional Materials and Related Services RFP 26/27-004
F. Consider Approving the Budget Amendment
G. Consider Approving Donations
H. Consider Approving the 2026-2027 Staff Development Waiver

Carma Morgan made a motion to approve the content agenda as present for items A - H. Ayanna Cabrera-Cook seconded the motion.

Dr. Denise Roache-Davis voted – yes
Carma Morgan voted – yes
Dr. Jacquetta Haygood voted – yes
Ayanna Cabrera-Cook voted – yes
Dr. Lester Singleton voted - yes

Denishea Williams voted – yes
The motion passed 6-0 all in favor

X. **ROUTINE MONTHLY REPORTS**

A. Financial Statements
B. Report on Purchases Made Through a Cooperative Purchasing Program over $50,000
C. Enrollment and Attendance

XI. **REVIEW BOARD PLANNING CALENDAR**

Presented by Dr. Maria Gamell

XII. **BOARD PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Singleton provided highlights for Plummer Elementary and Lake Ridge Elementary
Dr. Roache-Davis provided highlights for STRIVE/Hill Top
Dr. Roache-Davis recognized Trustee Ramona Ross-Bacon on receiving the Woman of the Year Award at the Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala

XIII. **SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Gamell provided district highlights

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Denishea Williams moved to adjournment – Cabrera-Cook seconded. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm

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Dr. Denise Roache-Davis, Board of Trustees President Date

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Denishea Williams, Board of Trustees Secretary Date