WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES WFISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – BOARD ROOM
WORK SESSION MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING STATEMENT:

The Board of Trustees of the Wichita Falls Independent School District met in a work session meeting on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Mark Lukert, board president.

Board members present: Mr. Mark Lukert, Ms. Katherine McGregor, Mr. Jim Johnson, Ms. Sandy Camp, Ms. Susan Grisel, Ms. Diann Scroggins and Mr. John Barnard. Mr. Lukert noted that a quorum was present and the meeting had been duly called and notice of the meeting had been posted for the time and manner required by law.

Staff members present: Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Vanessa Dishman, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Jennifer Spurgers, Director of Human Resources, Ms. Keli Sims, Administrative Assistant to the Director of HR, Mr. Jeff Hill, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, Dr. Cody Blair, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, Dr. Jeff Brasher, Executive Director of Operations, Ms. Alefia Paris-Toulon, Executive Director of Special Programs, Ms Trish Potts, Internal Auditor, Mr. Shannon Troester, Risk & Contract Manager, Ms. Nayna Torres, Assets/Records/Textbook Manager, Ms. Amy Simmons, Cunningham Elementary Principal, Mr. Jared Jacobs, Cunningham Elementary Assistant Principal and Ms Becky Hernandez, Zundy Elementary Principal.

Others present: community member and KAUZ media.

INVOCATION:
Mr. Mark Lukert.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

REPORTS OR SPECIAL DISCUSSIONS

CUNNINGHAM AND ZUNDY ELEMENTARY UPDATES
Mr. Jeff Hill, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, introduced Ms. Amy Simmons, Principal of Cunningham Elementary, and Ms. Becky Hernandez, Principal of Zundy Elementary, to present an update regarding the 2025–2026 campus accountability ratings.
Ms. Simmons and Ms. Hernandez detailed the baseline metrics for their respective campuses, noting that Cunningham Elementary received a "D" rating and Zundy Elementary received an "F" rating for the 2025–2026 academic year. The principals provided an overview of the state's accountability framework and explained the specific methodologies used to calculate these campus grades.
As part of their immediate intervention strategies, both administrators presented recent data collected from newly implemented teacher walkthrough initiatives. This reporting included:
• The total volume of classroom walkthroughs conducted to date
• The number of teachers reviewed
• The average scores derived from these evaluations
In conclusion, Ms. Simmons and Ms. Hernandez outlined their targeted campus turnaround strategies. They presented specific action plans designed to accelerate student learning, optimize instructional delivery, and systematically improve future assessment outcomes.

FINANCIAL SERVICES:

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2026
Ms Katherine McGregor, seconded by Mr. John Barnard, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve financial reports as submitted by Ms. Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0

BUDGET ADMENDMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026
Ms. Susan Grisel, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the budget amendments as submitted by Ms. Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0

PURCHASE OF EDUPHORIA
Ms Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, requested that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the purchase of Eduphoria through Region 10 in the amount of $115,395.00 as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools

This item will be placed on the consent agenda for the regular meeting on October 19, 2026

PURCHASE OF VMWARE
Ms Sandy Camp, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the purchase of VMWare 3-year renewal from Netsync Network Solutions for a total cost to the district of $87,530.19 (paid over three years) as submitted by Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, and as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0

PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY LINES FOR ELEVATORS
Ms Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, requested that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the purchase of AirDial elevator communication services from Zayo Group for a total cost to the district of $39,764.76 over three years as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda for the regular meeting on October 19, 2026

RESOLUTION FOR ONCOR EASEMENT
Mr. Shannon Troester, Risk and Contract Manager requested that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the resolution granting an Aerial Easement and Right of Way to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC as submitted by Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer and as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Ms Katherine McGregor had questions regarding to the actual use of the easements and asked for more information to be provided at the next board of trustees meeting.

Item tabled and will be placed agenda for the regular meeting on October 19, 2026

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

POLICY CHANGES-FIRST READING
Dr. Jeff Brasher, Executive Director of Operations requested that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees review the (LOCAL) policies that were updated due to an administration position change submitted by Dr. Jeffrey L. Brasher, Executive Director of Operations, and as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

PIA NON-BUSINESS DAYS
Ms Susan Grisel, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the dates of December 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31 and March 17, 18 & 19 as board designated non-business days for the purpose of Public Information Requests as submitted by Nayna Torres, Records/Fixed Assets/Textbooks Manager and as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0

HUMAN RESOURCES:

PERSONNEL REPORT
Ms. Jennifer Spurgers, Director of Human Resources, reported to the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees a review of employee resignations/retirements that have been submitted since the last Work Session board meeting. The resignations/retirements have been accepted by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with the requirements of Policy DFE (LOCAL).

TEACHER APPLICANT POOL
Ms. Diann Scroggins, seconded by Ms. Susan Grisel, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the proposed teacher applicant pool and addendum.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0

BOARD MATTERS:

WFISD TRAINING HOURS

Mr. Mark Lukert announced the Board of Trustees continuing education requirement status. Under State Board of Education Rule, completing required continuing education each year of service is a basic obligation and expectation of any sitting board member.

There are ten training areas for board member continuing education:

1. Local District Orientation
2. Orientation to the Texas Education Code
3. Evaluating and Improving Student Outcomes
4. Sexual Abuse, Human Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children
5. School Safety
6. Parental Rights
7. Cybersecurity
8. Artificial Intelligence
9. Team Building
10. Additional Required Training

To the extent applicable to each board member, I will announce the completion or deficiency as to required training.

Local District Orientation:

No new board members were required to complete local district orientation training for the time period covered by this announcement.

Orientation/Update to the Texas Education Code:

No new board members were required to complete Orientation to the Texas Education Code training for the time period covered by this announcement.

Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals:

The following board members have completed the biennial training on evaluating student academic performance and setting goals: Mark Lukert, Sandy Camp, Susan Grisel, Jim Johnson, Katherine McGregor and John Barnard. Since this training was completed through Lonestar Governance, Diann Scroggins will complete this at a later date with the new board member.

Sexual Abuse, Human Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children:

The following board members will complete this biennial training by October 2027: Susan Grisel, Sandy Camp, Katherine McGregor, Jim Johnson, Diann Scroggins, and John Barnard.

School Safety:

The following board members have completed the biennial training School Safety: John Barnard

The following board members will complete the biennial training by October 2027: Susan Grisel, Sandy Camp, Katherine McGregor, Jim Johnson, Diann Scroggins.

Parental Rights:

The following board members have completed the annual training: Susan Grisel, Sandy Camp, Katherine McGregor, Jim Johnson, Diann Scroggins, John Barnard.

Cybersecurity:

The following board members will complete the biennial training by October 2027: Susan Grisel, Sandy Camp, Katherine McGregor, Jim Johnson, Diann Scroggins, and John Barnard.

Artificial Intelligence:

The following board members will complete the biennial training by October 2027: Susan Grisel, Sandy Camp, Katherine McGregor, Jim Johnson, Diann Scroggins, and John Barnard.

Team Building (Team of 8):

The following board members have completed the annual training: Susan Grisel, Sandy Camp, Katherine McGregor, Jim Johnson, Diann Scroggins, John Barnard.

Additional Required Training

All board members have met the required amount of continuing education training

BOARD MINUTES:

Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools requested that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approves the proposed minutes of a work session on September 14, 2026, a public hearing on September 21, 2026, and a regular meeting on September 21, 2026 as submitted by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

These items will be placed on the consent agenda for the regular meeting on October 19, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS
Ms. Ashley Thomas, Communications Officer, informed the Board of Trustees on the events happening around the district.

RECESS:
Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, recessed the work session to go into closed session at 6:23 pm.

CLOSED SESSION:
1. Personnel Matters Including the Appointment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, Dismissal and/or Compensation of Individual District Employees (Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074)
2. Deliberations Regarding Abandonment of Contract by Teacher and the Attempt to Resign (Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074)
3. Deliberations Regarding Notifications to the State Board for Educator Certification of Teacher Contract Abandonment (Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074)

OPEN SESSION:
Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, called the meeting back into open session at 7:08 pm.

TEACHER CONTRACT ABANDONMENT

Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Ms. Susan Grisel, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees issue a finding in accordance with Texas Education Code Section 21.210 (c) and 19 Texas Administrative Code 249.14(g), that good cause did not exist for Codi Long, a probationary contract teacher, to abandon her employment contract, abandon her position, and attempt to resign from Wichita Falls ISD.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0

Ms Katherine McGregor, seconded by Ms Sandy Camp, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees issue a finding in accordance with Texas Education Code Section 21.210 (c) and 19 Texas Administrative Code 249.14(g), that good cause did not exist for Sydney Woolsey, term contract librarian, to abandon her employment contract, abandon her position, and attempt to resign from Wichita Falls ISD.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0

NOTIFICATION TO TEA OF CONTRACT ABANDONMENT

Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Ms. Susan Grisel, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees authorize Mr. Mark Lukert, Board President, to send a letter to the State Board for Educator Certification seeking sanctions for Codi Long, a probationary contract teacher, for abandonment of her employment contract.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0

Ms Katherine McGregor, seconded by Ms Sandy Camp, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees authorize Mr. Mark Lukert, Board President, to send a letter to the State Board for Educator Certification seeking sanctions for Sydney Woolsey, a term contract librarian, for abandonment of her employment contract.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0

ADJOURNED:

With no more action to take, Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, adjourned the meeting from closed session at 7:10 pm.

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President, Board of Trustees Secretary, Board of Trustees