WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ED CENTER, BOARD ROOM
REGULAR SESSION MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING STATEMENT:
The Board of Trustees of the Wichita Falls Independent School District met in a regular session meeting on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Mark Lukert, board president.

Board members present: Mr. Mark Lukert, Mr. Jim Johnson, Ms. Sandy Camp, Mr. John Barnard, and Ms. Diann Scroggins. Ms. Susan Grisel and Ms Katherine McGregor were absent. 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, Dr. Jeff Brasher, Executive Director of Operations, Ms. Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Ashley Thomas, Communications Officer, Ms. Vanessa Dishman, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Ms. Keli Sims, Administrative Assistant to the Director of HR, Mr. Jeff Hill, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, Ms Jennifer Spurgers, Director of Human Resources, Dr. Cody Blair, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, Ms. Alefia Paris-Toulon, Executive Director of Special Programs, Ms. Trish Potts, Internal Auditor, Mr. R. Michael Forney, Rider Middle School Principal, Dr. Tristan Browne, Burgess Elementary Principal, Mr. Shannon Troester, Risk & Contract Manager, Mr. Kevin Hodge, Legacy ROTC Instructor, Mr. Rob Woodard, Memorial Girls Soccer Coach, Dr Kerris Shillingford, Burgess AP, Ms. Brenda DeLeon, Barwise AP, Lt. Donny Johns, WFISD PD, Officer Caleb Myers, WFISD PD, Officer Cody Strickland, WFISD PD and Dr. Karen Garza, TEA Conservator.

Also present: Parents, family members and Burgess staff

PRESENTATION OF COLORS:
Legacy High School JROTC

INVOCATION:
Ms. Diann Scroggins gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

REPORTS OR SPECIAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM ACADEMIC AWARD
The Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognized Memorial High School Girls Soccer players for receiving the Team Academic Award for the 2025-2026 school year. The 2025-2026 Lady Mavericks Soccer Team has been recognized with the United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award. Out of 130 teams recognized nationwide, only six were from Texas—and the Lady Mavericks had the second-highest team GPA in the state. This is the second year in a row LMS has received this award. This honor reflects the dedication, discipline, and hard work our student-athletes show both on the field and in the classroom.

BURGESS ELEMENTARY & RIDER MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS UPDATES
Mr. Jeff Hill, Executive Director of Elementary Schools introduced Dr. Tristan Browne, Principal of Burgess Elementary and Dr Cody Blair introduced Mr. Michael Forney, Rider Middle School Principal to present updates regarding the 2025–2026 campus accountability ratings and current campus information.
Dr. Browne and Mr. Forney detailed the baseline metrics for their campuses noting that they received a "D" and “C” respectively for the 2025–2026 academic year. The principals provided information regarding the schools’ student demographics and where their focus of improvement will be for the 2026-2027 year. They 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, Dr. Browne and Mr. Forney 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.

DR GARZA REPORT

Dr. Karen Garza, Texas Education Agency (TEA) appointed Conservator for Wichita Falls ISD (WFISD), provided an update on district progress and operations:

• Background and Purpose: Dr. Garza reviewed her role and objectives as the state-appointed conservator for the district.

• District Progress and Instruction: She reported on the progress achieved since the start of her tenure, commending Superintendent Dr. Donny Lee and the leadership staff for their dedicated efforts. She highlighted several targeted improvements currently being made to classroom instruction to elevate overall student outcomes.

• EDFA Recognition: The district was officially named an "Exemplar" by the EDFA program administrator. Out of the seven districts currently participating in the program, WFISD was recognized as the top performer in successfully implementing the new EDFA mathematics instructional model.

• Looking Forward: Dr. Garza noted that while substantial work remains ahead, the performance goals established by the district are fully attainable.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools, began his report by presenting Officers Caleb Myers and Cody Strickland with WFISD Culture Coins. Officers Myers and Strickland were seen in a social media video literally carrying students on their backs over a large puddle last week during the heavy rain at Rider Middle School morning drop off. These officers went above and beyond to do what they could to help the students of our district.

Dr Lee then gave his report to the Board of Trustees on the following:

Current enrollment: 12,000

Current ADA: 94.23%

Classrooms Visited: 134, each campus twice @ 4 classroom each

Reviewed the Classroom Observation Tool that is used in the Walkthroughs

Multiple Response Strategies are a point of emphasis

Teacher knows in real time that the students are learning it

Reviewed the following:

Reading Board Outcome goals
Reading Progress Measures
Math Board Outcome goals
Math Progress Measures
CCMR Outcome Goals
Superintendent Constraints and Progress Measures

WFISD in the news:

Local: COOL: Connected Options for Online Learning
Nov 11 or 12-Community Interest Inventory
Posting Reels about COOL on Instagram
Homeschool Coalition through Tx St Rep. James Frank
CTE District of Distinction

State: The Texas Tribune: Dr Lee quoted in article "Mike Morath wanted Texas to reach No. 1 in education. Test scores show there's more work to do"

Nation: New York Times: Dr Lee quoted in article "For Texas Schoolchildren, Minor Misbehavior Can Mean Criminal Charges"

Senate Bill 10 Update: Email regarding the non-compliance with the 10 Commandments posted in classroom rule. The district is complying and the classrooms that did not have them posted were packing to move campuses.

Classroom Observations Schedule for October 21 was posted and the board was invited to attend.

Daddy Daughter Dances ware a success, 420 participants total and almost $10,000 raised for the WFISD Foundation

BOARD MATTERS

APPROVAL OF WFISD 1, 2, AND 5 YEAR GOALS

Ms Sandy Camp, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the WFISD 1, 2, and 5-year Goals as submitted.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0, Ms. Grisel and Ms. McGregor were absent

APPROVAL OF READING OUTCOME GOALS

Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. John Barnard, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the Reading Outcome Goals as submitted.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0, Ms. Grisel and Ms. McGregor were absent

APPROVAL OF READING PROGRESS MEASURES

Mr. John Barnard, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the Reading Progress Measures as submitted.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0, Ms. Grisel and Ms. McGregor were absent

APPROVAL OF MATH OUTCOME GOALS

Ms. Diann Scroggins, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the Math Outcome Goals as submitted.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0, Ms. Grisel and Ms. McGregor were absent

APPROVAL OF MATH PROGRESS MEASURES

Ms. Sandy Camp, seconded by Mr. John Barnard, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the Math Progress Measures as submitted.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0, Ms. Grisel and Ms. McGregor were absent

APPROVAL OF CCMR OUTCOME GOALS

Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the CCMR Outcome Goals as submitted.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0, Ms. Grisel and Ms. McGregor were absent

APPROVAL OF CCMR PROGRESS MEASURES

Ms. Diann Scroggins, seconded by Mr. John Barnard, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the CCMR Progress Measures as submitted.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0, Ms. Grisel and Ms. McGregor were absent

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD MONITORING CALENDAR

Mr. John Barnard, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the School Board Monitoring Calendar as submitted.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0, Ms. Grisel and Ms. McGregor were absent

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT RESTRAINTS

Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent Restraints as submitted.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0, Ms. Grisel and Ms. McGregor were absent

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT PROGRESS MEASURES

Ms. Sandy Camp, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent Progress Measures as submitted.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0, Ms. Grisel and Ms. McGregor were absent

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER MEETINGS
PURCHASE OF EDUPHORIA
PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY LINES FOR ELEVATORS

Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. John Barnard, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda items as submitted.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0, Ms. Grisel and Ms. McGregor were absent

***FINANCIAL SERVICES*:**

BOARD RESOLUTION FOR ONCOR EASEMENT
Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. John Barnard, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the resolution with Oncor for air access to the district easement at Memorial High School as submitted by Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, and as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0, Ms. Grisel and Ms. McGregor were absent

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

POLICY CHANGES-2ND READING
Mr. John Barnard, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the change to policies DBD, FDA, FDB, FM, all (LOCAL) as submitted by Dr. Jeffrey Brasher, Executive Director of Operations and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0, Ms. Grisel and Ms. McGregor were absent

HUMAN RESOURCES:

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

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0, Ms. Grisel and Ms. McGregor were absent

RECESS:
Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, recessed the work session to go into closed session at 7:55 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)

ADJOURNMENT:
With no further action needed, Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, adjourned the meeting from Closed Session at 8:26 pm.

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President, Board of Trustees Secretary, Board of Trustees