

WHITE SETTLEMENT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OFFICIAL MINUTES  
February 23, 2026

**Members Present**

Ms. Krystal Arnold, Mr. John Bradley, Mr. Ben Davis, Mr. Glen Lowry, Mr. John Morton, Mr. Raymond Patterson, and Ms. Amanda Sanchez.

**School Officials Present**

Mr. Frank Molinar, Ms. Brandilyn DePalma, and Ms. Heather Crow

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. Following roll call, the announcement was made by Mr. Ben Davis, Board President, that 6 members of the Board of Trustees present constitutes a quorum. Mr. Raymond Patterson later joined the meeting during closed session.

**Campus Spotlight- West Early Learners Academy**

Principal, Ms. Chelsea LaPlante gave an update on West Early Learners Academy and recognized several students with awards.

**Recognition of Instructional All-Stars**

Rebekah Rhymes, teacher at West Early Learners Academy, and Jonathan Cox, teacher at Brewer High School, were recognized as “Instructional All-Stars” for February.

**B. Public Comments**

David Roberts addressed the board regarding a scholarship donation.  
Scott Evans addressed the board regarding elections.

**C. Public Hearing Over Texas Academic Performance Report**

Mr. Ben Davis, Board President, opened the public meeting then turned it over to the Superintendent. Mr. Frank Molinar, Superintendent, then introduced Ms. Christie Beaty, Ms. Kerry Cooper, Ms. Crystal Intfen, and Ms. Heather Crow, who gave the presentation and answered questions from board members. After the presentation, Mr. Ben Davis then allowed for public comments and questions before closing the public meeting.

**D. Closed Meeting**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 6:17 p.m.

**Mr. Raymond Patterson joined closed session at 6:48 p.m.**

## **E. Reconvene to Open Session**

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:28 p.m.

## **Recognition of BHS ACT 25+ Club Students**

Principal, Mr. Tommy Neal, recognized several students who achieved a score of 25+ on the ACT, as well as two students who earned a score of 30 on the ACT.

## **F. Information Items**

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### *a. Financial Update*

Ms. Brandilyn DePalma, Chief Financial Officer, gave a financial update to the Board for January 2026.

1. Mr. Randy Summerhill, then gave a construction update on the Maintenance and Operations Building.

#### *b. Instructional Update*

Ms. Crystal Intfen, Director of Secondary Education, and Ms. Kerry Cooper, Director of Elementary Education, gave an update to the board on professional development.

## **G. Consent Items**

After pulling item #5, #7, and #10 for further discussion, the motion was made by Mr. John Bradley and seconded by Ms. Amanda Sanchez to pull item #7 to be voted on separately and approve the other 9 consent items on the agenda.

G.1 Approve Minutes of January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting

G.2. Consider Monthly Expenditures for January 2026

G.3. Consider Approval of Amended Budgets

G.4. Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Communities In Schools of Greater Tarrant County, Inc. (CIS) for 2026-2027

G.5. Consider Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Christian University for Field Placement for Counseling Practicums

G.6. Consider Approval of Vendor to Upgrade Lighting in the Auditorium at Brewer High School

G.7. Consider Approval of Vendor for Fire Alarm Monitoring and Servicing

G.8. Consider Approval of Vendor to Paint Exterior of WSISD Collegiate Academy

G.9. Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ESC Region 11

G.10. Consider Vendor to Purchase Elementary Reading Materials

Motion carried with 7-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Bradley, Davis, Lowry, Morton, Patterson, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

## **Item G #7**

**Consider Approval of Vendor for Fire Alarm Monitoring and Servicing**

Mr. John Bradley made the motion and seconded by Ms. Amanda Sanchez to approve the vendor for fire alarm monitoring and servicing as presented.

Motion carried with 6-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Bradley, Davis, Lowry, Morton, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

Those abstained: Patterson

**H. Separate Items**

**1. Consider 2026-2027 Academic Calendar**

Ms. Krystal Arnold made the motion and seconded by Mr. Raymond Patterson to approve the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar as presented.

Motion carried with 7-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Bradley, Davis, Lowry, Morton, Patterson, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

**2. Consider Approval of Vendor for Turf Installation at the Brewer High School Baseball/Softball Fields**

Mr. Randy Summerhill gave a presentation to the board, and then introduced Mr. Randy Bullock of Hellas Construction to answer questions regarding the turf. Mr. Glen Lowry made the motion and seconded by Ms. Amanda Sanchez to approve the vendor for turf installation as presented..

Motion carried with 7-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Bradley, Davis, Lowry, Morton, Patterson, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

**3. Resolution Regarding Period of Prayer and Reading of Religious Texts During the School Day**

Following the presentation by Ms. Sherry Taylor, Mr. John Bradley made the motion and seconded by Mr. Raymond Patterson to adopt a Resolution Regarding Period of Prayer and Reading of Religious Texts during the School Day.

Motion carried with 4-3

Those in favor: Bradley, Lowry, Patterson, and Sanchez

Those opposed: Arnold, Davis, Morton

**4. Consider Resolution to Compensate Employees During Winter Storm Closure**

Mr. John Morton made the motion and seconded by Ms. Amanda Sanchez to approve the Resolution to Compensate Employees during Winter Storm Closure as presented.

Motion carried with 7-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Bradley, Davis, Lowry, Morton, Patterson, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

**I. Consider Items Discussed in Closed Meeting Including Personnel**

The motion was made by Mr. Glen Lowry and seconded by Ms. Krystal Arnold to approve the appointments of Courtney Berry, John Hebert, Lei McDade, and Randy Summerhill, the resignations of Rebecca Miles, Janette Owens, Emily Sharp, Lisa Smith, Amy Wagner, Cheri Whisker, Jenna Wiggins, and Abigail Williams, the retirement of Julia Gray, and contract extensions for 2026-2027 listed below as presented.

Asst. Superintendent

Heather Crow

Chief Financial Officer

Brandilyn DePalma

Directors

Marte Amrine- AD/Head Football Coach  
Christie Beaty – Assessment & Programs Evaluation  
Courtney Berry- Special Programs  
Kerry Cooper- Elementary Education  
Crystal Intfen- Secondary Education  
Jason Ferguson- Asst. Special Programs  
Amy Ferguson – Bilingual/ESL  
Ashley Foster- Asst. AD/Facilities Coord.  
Eric Kibodeaux- CTE  
Theresa Paschall- Counseling  
Randy Summerhill- Exec. Dir. of Auxiliary Serv.  
Sherry Taylor- Exec. Dir. of HR & Comm. Rel.  
Andrew Williams- Band/Fine Arts Director

Directors- Non-Chapter 21

Kim Alexander – Business  
Roger Bowen – Technology Director  
Desiree Coyle – Communications  
Karen Gonzales – Federal Programs  
Cassie Hodge- Safety, Security, & Emerg. Mgmt.  
Maria Ing- Asst. Tech  
Christopher Muench – Maintenance & Operations  
Heidi Monsees- Assistant Business  
Kirsten Valle – Asst. Communications.  
Kellen Weeden- Asst. Maint. & Ops.  
Adam Whitten – Child Nutrition

Principals

Jennifer Byrd – North  
Alex Croft- Liberty  
Charles Etheridge – RISE/DEAP  
John Hebert- Blue Haze  
Chelsea LaPlante- West  
Brooke Mielinski- FAA  
Tommy Neal- BHS  
Joanie Shields – BMS

### Asst. Principals

Lauren Ball – Blue Haze  
Kaycee Blevins- Liberty  
Anthony Brown – BHS  
Angelle Buschbaum – BMS  
Ashley Conine- West  
Aimee Copadis- BHS  
Michael Dickinson- BHS  
Amanda Doll- FAA  
Hayley Dutt- Blue Haze  
Josh Ferguson – BHS  
Kristi Gonzales- BHS  
Scott Gutkowski- BMS  
Nikki Hagood- BMS  
Kimberly Harmon – North  
Bryan Michler- BMS  
Rowdy Myers – BHS  
Rhonda Richey- North  
Rachel Seidler- BMS

### Coordinators

Stacey Dolan – Advanced Academics (50%)  
Emily Estes- 504  
Heather Huffaker- Advanced Academics  
Mandy Jenkins – Special Programs/Family Resources  
Cathy Koke- CTE  
Eva Valenzuela – Dual Language Specialist

### Counselors

Kathryn Baum- BMS  
Jessica Bautista – North  
Rickie Hartmann- BMS  
Jared Hooten- BHS  
Laura Lowe- SPED  
Jessica Lowry – FAA  
Adriane Massey- SPED  
Caitlin Mendoza – BHS  
Morgan Moore – BMS  
Michelle Soileau – SPED  
Hannah Stewart- BHS  
Beth Sweeney – BHS  
Heather Szymanski - BHE  
Kara Touliatos- BHS  
Marilyn Harris – Liberty

### Instructional Coaches

Denise Benton  
Rebecca Buchanan

Dawn Collins  
Christi Eldredge  
Jada Gehring  
Maria Hannah  
Crystal Intfen  
Krissy Layton  
Kelli McCoy  
Erin Sierra  
Lauren Wallis  
Christina Williams

Diagnosticians

Lynette Alexander (50%)  
Andrea Anderson  
Carla Barber  
Stacy Carter  
Aminta Cruz Erazo  
Elisabeth Mele  
Melissa Nebgen  
Jaclyn Reep  
Jaime Reyes  
Shelby Smith

LSSP

Suzannah Dement

Social Worker

Lauren Vines

Technology Specialists -Non-Chapter 21

Sarah Arreguin  
James C. Bowen  
Lacey Brewer  
Cade Lovelady  
Erin Machajewski  
James Maddux  
Adriana Martinez  
Michael Nottoli  
Jason Robertson  
Cameron Walls

Food Service Professional- Non-Chapter 21

Candace Strickland

Motion carried with 7-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Bradley, Davis, Lowry, Morton, Patterson, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

Mr. Frank Molinar, Superintendent, then introduced Ms. Courtney Berry, Special Education Director, Mr. John Hebert, Blue Haze Elementary Principal, and Mr. Randy Summerhill, Executive Director of Auxiliary Services.

**J. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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President

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Secretary