

**WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WFISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – ROOM 302
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MAY 20, 2024**

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 6:00 p.m. by Ms Katherine McGregor, board president.

Board members present: Ms. Katherine McGregor, Mr. Mark Lukert, Mr. Jim Johnson, Ms. Sandy Camp, Ms. Susan Grisel, Mr. Dale Harvey and Ms. Diann Scroggins. Ms. McGregor 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. Deb Dipprey, Executive Director of School Administration, Ms. Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Scot Hafley, Executive Director of Operations, Ms. Dayna Hardaway, Director of Human Resources, Ms. Vanessa Dishman, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Ms. Keli Sims, Administrative Assistant- HR, Mr. Grant Freeman, Director of Athletics, Ms. Michelle Wood, Director of Career & Technology. Ms. Ashley Thomas, Communications Officer, Chief Anthony Smith, WFISD Police, Ms. Jennifer Spurgers, CEC Principal, Mr. Larry Menefee, director of Student Services, Ms. Lauren Cadotte, Purchasing Specialist, Ms Kelly Strenski, Director of Fine Arts, Mr. Kyle Davenport, Barwise Assistant Principal, Ms. Jennifer Davenport, Curriculum Specialist, Ms. LaShaunda Hooper, Teacher, Ms. Courtney Gilmore, Teacher, Ms Melanie Coons, Teacher, Ms. Ayrian Norman, Teacher, Mr. Dwight Ham, Teacher, Mr. Loy Studer, Teacher, Mr. Carl Wiersema, Teacher, Mr. Dustin Holly, Teacher, Mr. Jeremy Crouch, Teacher, Ms. Shirley Bouquin, Ms. Lindsay Harris, Teacher, Ms. Carissa Long, Teacher, Mr. Justin Lewis, Teacher, Mr. Brandon Malone, Teacher, Ms. Elizabeth McBroom, Teacher, Mr. Donnell Thomas, Teacher, Mr. David Sayers, Teacher, Ms. Erin Dillard, Teacher, Dr. Aaron Watson, Teacher, Ms. Vickie Harding, Teacher, Ms. Carol Rose, Teacher, Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Teacher, Mr. Chris Mayfield, Teacher, Mr. Kevin Nguyen, Teacher, and Mr. Robert Woodard, Teacher

Also present: Student parents, a KFDX reporter, TRN reporter and KAUZ reporter.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS:

Hirschi JROTC presented the colors.

INVOCATION:

Mr. Jim Johnson gave the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

TSSEC State Music Qualifiers – Rider High School

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes the **Texas State Solo and Ensemble Competition (TSSEC) State Music Qualifiers from Rider High School** as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

Choir

Elizabeth Aranda-Munoz
Libby Cadotte
Allie Calvert
Zachary Cartwright
Krista Coons
Adelynn Davenport
La'Johnique Douglas
Arin Hill
Brayden Jennings
Olivia Lane
Ruby Spear
Emily Spurgers
Ava Thompson
Alexis Trujillo

Directors: *Melanie Coons and Ayrian Norman*

Band and Orchestra

Sumaiya Alma
Grady Belcher
Kayleen Billan
Rebecca Black

London Boyd
KT Bruce
Chloe Bullard
Chloie Callarman
Kiera Dassinger
Madison Groth
Dat Ho
Aleena Hoang
Alyssa Hoang
Mahdi Kabir
Evan Liang
Talon Oliver
Jimin Park
Jinoo Park
Jun Park
Seth Pearson
Chaitanya Reddy
Trent Roth
Emma Schreiber
Directors: *Loy Studer, Michael Walta and Thomas Borgman*

Rider Girls Soccer All-State Honors

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes Rider High School Girls Soccer players for receiving All-State Honors as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

Rider High School had 8 seniors who received All-State honors from the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches and the Texas High School Coaches Association.

Alyssa Canales - TASCO Academic All-State, THSCA Academic All-State (Honorable Mention)

Mia Gilmore - TASCO Academic All-State, THSCA Academic All-State (2nd Team)

Madison Higgins - TASCO Academic All-State, THSCA Academic All-State (Honorable Mention)

Bella Pillow - TASCO Academic All-State, THSCA Academic All-State (2nd Team), TASCO All-State Team (2nd Team), TASCO All Star Selection

Jimena Rodriguez - TASCO Academic All-State, 2024 THSCA Super Elite Team, Greater Texas Ford Dealers 5A Female Athlete of the Month (March 2024)

Savannah Skelton - TASCO Academic All-State, THSCA Academic All-State (Honorable Mention)

Allie Vasquez - TASCO Academic All-State, THSCA Academic All-State (Honorable Mention), TASCO All-State Team (1st Team), TASCO All Star Selection, 2024 THSCA Super Elite Team

Reese Wood - TASCO Academic All-State

Coach: Carl Wiersema

Rider Boys Soccer All-State Honors

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes **Rider High School Boys Soccer** players for receiving **Academic All-State Honors** as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

Rider High School had 7 seniors who received Academic All-State honors from the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches. Academic All-State guidelines include:

- graduating senior
- 90 or above GPA

TASCO Academic All-State

Titus Blagg

Antonio Laurel

Dylan Munguia

Jackob Parmeter

Henry Pinson

Landon Waggoner

Hayden Wherry

Coach: *Dustin Holly*

Rider Baseball All-State Honors

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes **Rider Baseball** players for receiving **All-State Honors** as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

Rider High School had 8 seniors who received Academic All-State honors and 1 student who received All-State honors from the Texas High School Coaches Association for baseball.

THSCA Academic All-State

Reid Berry - 1st Team

Alex Wilburn - 1st Team

Drew Haston - 2nd Team

Garrett Murray - 2nd Team

Kohen Maroney - Honorable Mention

Steven Marrs - Honorable Mention

Tanner Poirot - Honorable Mention

Owen Tuggle - Honorable Mention

THSCA All-State Team

Owen Hooper - 2nd Team All-State Catcher (2023)

Coach: *Jeremy Crouch*

Texas Music Scholars All-State Honors

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes the Texas Music Scholars as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

Texas Music Scholars

Hirschi Band

Emily Minter
Jarjis Sheikh
Myles Thomas

Directors: Shirley Bouquin & Lindsay Harris

Hirschi Choir

James Hasson
Emily Minter

Director: Carissa Long

Rider Band and Orchestra

Fernanda Aguilar-Jacquez
Sumayia Alam
Grady Belcher
Rebecca Black
KT Bruce
Kiera Dassinger
Alenna Hoang
Evan Liang
Silas McKown
Jimin Park
Jun Park

Trent Roth
Kaleb Seager
Ronan Shaw
Hayden Walker

Directors: Loy Studer, Michael Walta, and Thomas Borgman

Rider Choir

Krista Coons
Gabriela Gonzalez
Emily Spurgers

Directors: Melanie Coons & Ayrian Norman

WFHS Band

Alyssa Kittrell
Jason Starks
Josh Tran

Directors: Justin Lewis & Andrew Checki

WFHS Choir

Grace Cuellar
Ava Fukasawa
Director: Sarah Cook

The Texas Music Scholars award is given by TMEA with the following requirements:

- Is a viable member of the school's parent musical organization for the entire school year.
- Maintains in all cumulative coursework an overall "A" average as defined by the local school district for the current school year.
- Maintains academic eligibility for the entire school year.
- Participates in all scheduled events of the parent organization.
- Attends, as an audience member, two director-approved concert events of high school, collegiate or professional level during a school year.
- Has auditioned, been selected, and participated as required in a TMEA or ATSSB organization (band, orchestra, or choir).
- Performs a UIL Prescribed Music List Class 1 solo for a competition or public performance.
- Consistently exhibits behavior, which brings honor to the parent organization, school and community.

UIL Academics State Qualifiers

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes the **UIL**

Academics State Qualifiers as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

UIL Academics State Qualifiers

Hirschi High School

Ann James - *UIL Mathematics*

Coach: *Brandon Malone*

Elizabeth King - *UIL Ready Writing*

Coach: *Elizabeth McBroom*

Myles Thomas - *UIL Current Events*

Coach: *Donnell Thomas*

UIL Coordinator: *David Sayers*

Rider High School

Cheran Hooper - *UIL Speech, Poetry*

Teacher: *Erin Dillard*

Jordan Ngo - *UIL Social Studies*

Teacher: *Dr. Aaron Wilson*

Purchase Art Awards

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes the **2024 WFISD**

Art Purchase Awards as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

Student Purchase Art Awards are presented by the district to talented high school student artists.

Their artwork can be seen in the hallways and in the Boardroom of the Education Center. Each student will receive a cash award of \$100 from the Perkins-Prothro Foundation. The students are:

Rider High School: Kathrene Jensen

Tobey Mayfield

Ruby Spear

Teacher: *Vickie Harding*

Wichita Falls High School: Ashton Ashcroft

Christian Cabrales-Flores

Nola Shaw

Teacher: *Carol Rose*

State VASE Qualifiers

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes the **State VASE Qualifiers** as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

The mission of the TAEA Visual Arts Scholastic Event is to recognize exemplary student achievement in the Visual Arts by providing art students and programs a standard of excellence in which to achieve. For VASE competition, students begin by entering their artwork into one of 20 region contests statewide. At this level, jurors look for originality of concept, technical expertise, understanding of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for visual art, and the interpretation of the student's stated intent.

Rider High School

Alexis Bartberger

Jolie Felix (*2 State Gold Medals*)

Tobey Mayfield (*State Gold Medal Winner*)

Abbie Preston (*State Gold Medal Winner*)

Teacher: Vickie Harding

Wichita Falls High School

Emily Masters

Teacher: Elizabeth Walker

Nola Shaw

Teacher: Carol Rose

Eliana Suppes (*State Gold Medal Winner*)

Teacher: Chris Mayfield

Hirschi TSSEC Qualifiers

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes the **Texas State Solo and Ensemble Competition (TSSEC) State Music Qualifiers from Hirschi High School** as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent

TSSEC State Music Qualifiers – Hirschi High School

Band

Ben Esquibel

David Hasson

James Hasson

Draven Hedges

Annette Hernandez

Emily Minter

Charles Ramos

Myles Thomas

Directors: Shirley Bouquin & Lindsay Harris

Choir

James Hasson

Emily Minter

Charles Ramos

Director: Carissa Long

WFHS TSSEC Qualifiers

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes the **Texas State Solo and Ensemble Competition (TSSEC) State Music Qualifiers from Wichita Falls High School** as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

TSSEC State Music Qualifiers – Wichita Falls High School

Choir

Grace Cuellar

Ava Fukasawa

Dajuan Rankin

Director: Sarah Cook

Band

Alyssa Kittrell

Jason Starks

Josh Tran

Directors: Justin Lewis and Andrew Checki

Orchestra

Senon Cabrera

Director: Kevin Nguyen

WFHS Girls Soccer All-State Honors

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes **Wichita Falls High School Girls Soccer** players for receiving **All-State Honors** as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

Wichita Falls High School had 12 seniors who received Academic All-State honors from the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches and one senior who was named to the TASCO All-State Team.

TASCO Academic All-State guidelines include:

- graduating senior
- 90 GPA for all four years of high school

TASCO Academic All-State

Gabi Garcia

Aidan Herrera

Avery Herrera

Malayasia Larque

Carson Lipscomb

Marialisa Papaelias

Marialisa Prieto

Karla Rivera

Natalia Salcedo

Alinessa Salinas

WFHS Girls Soccer Team Award

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes **the 22-23 Wichita Falls High School Girls Soccer Team on earning the United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award** as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

The Lady Coyote Soccer team has been recognized for the 18th time with the United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award for their exemplary performance in the classroom during the 22-23 academic year. United Soccer Coaches annually celebrates the academic achievements of high school soccer teams whose student-athletes collectively demonstrate a commitment to excellence in their studies over the course of a full academic year. To qualify for the award, the team must have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 for the entire academic year.

Coach: Rob Woodard

WFHS Track All-State Honors

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes a **Wichita Falls High School Track** athlete for being a **State Track Qualifier** as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

Wichita Falls High School had 1 student who qualified for the State Track Meet in two events.

State Track Qualifier

Braylon Kinzie

- 800 Meter Run
- 300 Hurdles

Coach: *Carter Bien*

WFHS Baseball All-State Honors

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes **Wichita Falls High School Baseball** for receiving **Academic All-State Honors** as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

Wichita Falls High School had 1 senior who received Academic All-State honors from the Texas High School Coaches Association for baseball.

THSCA Academic All-State

Kyler Boone

Coach: *Kyle Sims*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Donny Lee gave a report using photo slides on the following:

- Current Enrollment 12,606, ADA 93.15%
- 2024 Vals & Sals
 - WFHS: Jason Starks & Aiden Herrera
 - Rider HS: Mahdi Kabir & Chaitanya Reddy
 - Hirschi HS: Ann James & Lexi Jacobson
- Strategic Planning:
 - Completed five meetings that center around students, staff, community and finance
 - Meetings have consisted of Senior Staff, Board and community group
 - Conducted a SWOT analysis, team trust analysis and worked toward a vision statement
 - Next meeting Team of 15 on May 28th at 5:30pm
- Hirschi Middle School
 - Showed a picture of the exterior updates to the campus
 - Remodel starts Thursday May 23rd as soon as the students are gone.
- Memorial Stadium Video Scoreboard
 - Installed and ready to learn how to operate

- New High School
 - Showed pictures of both Legacy and Memorial signs
 - Showed Memorial's sign lit up at night
 - Showed a picture of the tennis courts at one of the new campuses being installed

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes from April Meetings

Purchase of McGraw Hill Science Kits

Purchase of Capturing Kids' Heart Package for SY 24-25

Purchase of Interactive Flat Panels

Mr. Mark Lukert, seconded by Ms. Susan Grisel, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve items placed on the Consent Agenda at the May 14, 2024 meeting.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0

DISTRICT SERVICES

THREE MIDDLE SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the recommendation of the three Middle School option for the 25-26 school year, as submitted by Dr. Peter Griffiths, Associate Superintendent, and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools. Ms. McGregor asked the board to revisit the topic of utilizing Wichita Falls HS as a Middle School option in the future. She voiced her concern that there would be an unfair advantage having high school level sport facilities at only two of the three middle schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

UIL HOMESCHOOL PARTICIPATION

Ms. Sandy Camp, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve a One-Year Pilot Program to allow Homeschooled students to participate in WFISD UIL governed events.

Motion failed by a vote of 3 – 4

HUMAN RESOURCES:

TEACHER APPLICANT POOL

Mr. Mark Lukert, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the proposed teacher applicant pool (Exhibit B.)

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0

BOARD MATTERS:

RECESS:

Ms. Katherine McGregor, board president, recessed to go into closed session at 7:53pm.

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. Discussion of Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property (Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.072)

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other action to take, Ms. Katherine McGregor, board president, adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.

President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees