

**WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WFISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – BOARD ROOM
REGULAR SESSION MEETING JUNE 17, 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 6:04 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 Debbie Dipprey, Executive Director of School Administration, Ms. Dayna Hardaway, Director of Human Resources, Ms. Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Vanessa Dishman, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Ms. Keli Sims, Administrative Assistant, HR, Ms. Ashley Thomas, Communications Officer, Mr. Shannon Troester, Risk and Contract Manager, Mr. Grant Freeman, Director of Athletics, Mr. Scot Hafley, Executive Director of Operations, Mr. Anthony Smith, Chief of Police, Ms. Alefia Paris-Toulon, Director of Special Education, Mr. Larry Menefee, Director of Student Services and Ms. Marchuetta Matthews, Administrative Assistant to the Associate Superintendent

Also present: Reporters for KAUZ and KFDX.

INVOCATION:

Mr. Mark Lukert gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools, gave his monthly update:

- Informed the board of trustees that the district partnered with Hoegger Communications to develop a commercial highlighting the new high schools, it will air during the Olympics.
- Hirschi Renovations ongoing and looking great
 - New paint
 - New lighting, etc.
- Discipline Issues at Fain Elementary
 - Academy 4 program at Fain.
 - What is Academy 4?
 - Academy 4 is a leadership mentoring program for fourth graders that gives a way to connect, engage, and make a difference in our community, to have an impact for good in the community and build hope in fourth graders in low-income schools.
 - How is it accomplished?
 - Once a month, community members (mentors) come together and mentor EVERY 4th grader in the economically disadvantaged schools in the district. Each Academy 4 mentor is matched with one 4th grader and is focused on building a positive relationship. In just 90 minutes, once a month, Academy 4 mentors make a positive difference.
 - How much is it?
 - Funded through a grant opportunity through Tailwinds via the McCoy Foundation

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes from May Meetings

RFP 2425-02-S29: Armored Courier Services

RFP 2425-04-C-25 Special Education Services, SLP, LSSP, Diagnosticians

Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the above items placed on the Consent Agenda at the June 11, 2024 meeting.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0

FINANCIAL SERVICES

EMPLOYER HEALTHCARE CONTRIBUTION

Mr. Mark Lukert, seconded by Ms. Sandy Camp, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve paying \$492 per month, 100% of the Primary Plan employee only monthly healthcare contribution for each employee for the 2024-2025 fiscal year 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

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE GENERAL FUND, FOOD SERVICE FUND AND DEBT SERVICE FUND.

Ms. Susan Grisel, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees adopt the General Fund budget, Food Service budget, and Debt Service budget for 2024-2025 as presented and 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

TRANSFER AND RELEASE OF DELINQUENT TAX LIENS

Mr. Mark Lukert, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the transfer and release of delinquent tax liens owed against the property located at 600 Burnett Street, Wichita Falls, TX 76301 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

CONTRACT FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Ms. Diann Scroggins, seconded by Mr. Mark Lukert, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approves the agreement for Grounds Maintenance Services to AHI Facility Services Inc., for the annual cost of \$570,000.00 as submitted by Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, and as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

A Grounds Maintenance RFP was issued April 18th for services at the two new high schools. On April 24th, the 2023-2024 current grounds maintenance contractor provided notification of non-renewal for 2024-2025, which was accepted by WFISD. At that time the open bid was amended to include the Career Education Center, and on April 30th, a second RFP was issued for grounds maintenance services at all elementary and middle schools, administrative offices, and unused/unimproved properties. The two bids closed on May 28th and June 4th. The submitted proposals received on each of the RFPS were deemed cost-prohibitive.

On June 4th, an inquiry was sent to the district's custodial service provider AHI Facility Services, Inc. to determine if they would be willing and able to provide additional services to cover the district's grounds' needs. AHI quoted \$570,000.00 annually, plus a maximum of \$22,750.00 for services to be provided in June, beginning immediately upon Board approval and mutually signed amendment to the custodial service contract.

The recommendation is to amend the AHI contract to add district-wide grounds services, aligning the term of the amendment to align with the current contract dates of a one (1) year contract, annually renewable for three (3) 1-year terms, allowing for subsequent annual increases not to exceed 4% annually.

The annual expense of \$570,000.00 is an increase of \$46,562.50 annually (previous annual expense totaled \$523,437.50 but did not include services at the new high schools). The expenditure will be paid from budgeted Maintenance funds.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

STUDENT LUNCH INCREASE

Ms. Susan Grisel, seconded by Ms. Sandy Camp, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the lunch price increase for the 2024-25 school year as submitted by Scot Hafley, Executive Director of Operations, and as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Each year, Chartwells calculates meal prices based on the USDA meal price calculations.

The 2023-24 student meal prices were:

Elementary Lunch \$3.15

Secondary Lunch \$3.25

The recommended 2024-25 student meal prices are:
Elementary Lunch \$3.25
Secondary Lunch \$3.35.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0

HUMAN RESOURCES:

TEACHER APPLICANT POOL

Ms. Sandy Camp, seconded by Mr. Mark Lukert, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the proposed teacher applicant pool.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0

BOARD MATTERS:

CONSIDER MOVING THE JULY 9TH BOARD MEETING TO JULY 8TH

Mr. Dale Harvey, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees move the Work Session scheduled for July 9th to July 8th.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0

RECESS:

Ms. Katherine McGregor, board president, recessed to go into closed session at 6:32pm.

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 7:31 pm.

President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees