

**WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WFISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – ROOM 302
REGULAR SESSION MEETING JULY 15, 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 6:12 p.m. by Ms Katherine McGregor, board president.

Board members present: Ms. Katherine McGregor, Mr. Jim Johnson, 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. 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, Ms. Trish Potts, Internal Auditor, Mr. Grant Freeman, Director of Athletics, Mr. Scot Hafley, Executive Director of Operations, Mr. Larry Menefee, Director of Student Services, Mr. Loy Studer, Rider Band Director and Ms. Kelly Strenski, Director of fine Arts.

Also present: Media

INVOCATION:

Ms. Diann Scroggins gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

PRESENTATIONS

UIL STATE SOLO AND ENSAMBLE OVERALL OUSTANDING PERFORMERS

Ms. Kelly Strenski, Director of Fine Arts, requested that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognize students from Rider High School who were named Overall Outstanding Performers at the UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

In May, two Rider High School students competed at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest and were named UIL State Champions after being selected as UIL State Solo and Ensemble Overall Outstanding Performers.

Out of 9,544 soloists who performed, only 286 students earned the "Outstanding Performer" ranking from the judges.

Keira Dassinger - Outstanding Performer on Trumpet

Jun Park - Outstanding Performer on Violin

Instructor:

Loy Studer

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
 - Refurbishing band hall
 - Added Sidewalks
 - Polished floors
 - New lighting, etc.
- Cell Phone Pilot Program
 - Yonder-cell phone pouch.
 - Hirschi and McNeil Middle Schools: pilot campuses
 - Depending on results from these campuses will decide if the program will be used district wide in the future
- New campuses
 - Open houses

- Memorial: August 19th
 - Legacy: August 22nd
- School Board Election
 - Filing to run dates
 - July 20-August 19th
- Leadership Training
 - MSU, July 23rd & 24th
 - All District Administrators and Directors, any leadership role
- New Teacher Orientation
 - August 2nd-Draft
 - August 5th-7thOrientation
- Project Back to School
 - August 3rd
- Teacher Report Day
 - August 8th
- School Starts
 - August 15th
- STAAR results ruling: new law suit
 - Law suit puts a hold on district grading results for the 23-24 year
 - Dr Lee recommended Wichita Falls ISD to NOT join the law suit along with over 100 other Texas public school districts
 - Due to Rules for district grading change in the middle of the testing year
 - Same results as 22-23 would be graded a letter lower
 - AI grading new in 23-24 with many, many errors

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes from June Meetings

Purchase of Eureka Math

Skyward Finance Annual License Agreement

Purchase of IXL

Purchase of Flippen Group's Capturing Kids' Hearts Program

2024-2025 TDA Excess Fund Balance Spending Plan

RFP 2324-27-S-24 Food Service Delivery Vehicles (Vans)

2024-2025 Board Meeting Dates

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 July 8, 2024 meeting.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 4 – 0

HUMAN RESOURCES:

TEACHER APPLICANT POOL

Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the proposed teacher applicant pool.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 4 – 0

BOARD MATTERS:

CONSIDER AND APPROVE STRATEGIC PLAN, BELIEF STATEMENTS, VISION, MISSION, PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Ms. Diann Scroggins, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the Strategic Plan Belief Statements, Vision, Mission, Priorities, and Strategic Objectives.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 4 – 0

RECESS:

Ms. Katherine McGregor, board president, recessed to go into closed session at 6:51pm.

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. Superintendent Contract

OPEN SESSION:

Ms. Katherine McGregor, board president, called the closed session to go back into open session at 7:32pm

STUDENT INTRA-DISTRICT TRANSFER PETITION

Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Ms Diann Scroggins, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent's contract as presented in closed session.

Carried by a vote of 4-0

ADJORNMENT:

With no other action to take, Ms. Katherine McGregor, board president, adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees