

**WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WFISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – BOARD ROOM
REGULAR SESSION MEETING JUNE 16, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING STATEMENT:

The Board of Trustees of the Wichita Falls Independent School District met in a board 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. Susan Grisel, Ms. Katherine McGregor, and Ms. Sandy Camp. 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, Ms. Deb Dipprey, Executive Director of School Administration, Ms. Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Scot Hafley, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Ms. Vanessa Dishman, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Ms. Keli Sims, Administrative Assistant- HR, Ms. Ashley Thomas, Communications Officer, Mr. Shannon Troester, Risk and Contract Manager, Mr. Jayme Carr, Director of Secondary Curriculum, Ms. Lauren Zotz, Director of Purchasing, Mr. Larry Menefee, and Chief Anthony Smith, WFISD PD.

Also present: Media

INVOCATION:

Ms. Sandy Camp gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools, gave a report on the following:

- House Bill 2 Finance Bill: passed
 - Increases daily allotment by \$55 total of \$6,215 for FY 25/26
 - All teachers must be certified by 26-27
 - Required position posting time for certified staff decreased to 5 days from 10 days
 - Special Education allotment pushed to 2027
 - Teachers only; required increases
 - 3-4 yrs \$2,500
 - 5 yrs < \$5,000 Safety Allotment of \$33,540
- New Administrative Faculty
 - Dr. Cody Blair, Director of Secondary Schools
 - Mr. Jayme Carr, Director of Student Assignment
 - Mr. Jeff Hill, Director of School Administration
- Legacy Principal vacancy posted
- Wichita Falls Athletic Director vacancy posted
- Texas senate passed ban on cellphone use during school
- Texas Senate passed Teacher Bill of Rights
- Rider Middle School
 - 7/31: Substantial Completion Date
 - 6/18: Start cleaning walls
 - 7/1: Food Serve Line Installed
 - 7/9: Board tour
 - 7/28: Teachers get into classrooms
 - 7/31: Raider camp
- McNiel Elementary School
 - 6/20: Design Documents Due
 - 7/31: Construction Documents Due
 - 8/3: Bid Package to WFISD
 - 8/6: Advertise Bid
 - 8/11: Bid Site Walk

- 8/28: Bid Closed
- 9/9: Select Contractor
- September 2025: Construction begins
- Third Future Schools 6/11: Staffing Town Hall @ CEC
 - 6/11: Stakeholder Town Hall @ CEC
 - 6/12: Google link sent for prospective staff
 - 6/16-19: Staff Interviews onsite
 - 7/13: Admin training @ Midland ISD
 - 7/22: Teacher Professional Development
 - 8/4: First day of school
- Dates to be aware of:
 - 6/18-20: Summer Leadership Institute
 - 8/13: Team of 8 & 15 Training
 - 8/8: Convocation
 - 8/14: First day of school

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes from May Meetings

Construction Method of Parking Lots

Employer Healthcare Contribution

Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Ms. Katherine McGregor, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve items placed on the Consent Agenda at the June 10, 2025 meeting.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0

FINANCIAL SERVICES

BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR JUNE 2025

Ms. Susan Grisel, seconded by Ms. Sandy Camp, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the June 2025 Budget Amendments as submitted by Ms Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE GENERAL FUND, FOOD SERVICE FUND AND DEBT SERVICE FUND

Ms. Katherine McGregor, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the General Fund, Food Service Fund and Debt Service Fund as submitted by Ms Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0

PURCHASE OF EXTRA WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Ms. Sandy Camp, seconded by Ms. Susan Grisel, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the purchase of additional workers compensation insurance as submitted by Ms Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

SAVVAS AUTENTICO LEVELS 1-3 RENEWAL

Ms. Sandy Camp, seconded by Ms. Katherine McGregor, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the renewal of Savvas Authentico Levels 1-3 as submitted by Ms. Debbie Dipprey, Executive Director of School Administration, and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0

HIRSCHI MIDDLE SCHOOL TURN AROUND PLAN

Ms. Katherine McGregor, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the Hirschi Middle School Turn Around Plan as submitted by Ms. Debbie Dipprey, Executive Director of School Administration, and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Ms Alefia Paris-Toulon presented information to the Wichita Falls ISD Board of Trustees regarding a staffing proposal for hiring Remote Speech Language Pathologists (SLPs). Allowing the employment of remote SLPs would greatly reduce the cost of services for the district.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

TEACHER APPLICANT POOL

Ms. Katherine McGregor, seconded by Ms. Susan Grisel, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the proposed teacher applicant pool and addendum.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0

BOARD MATTERS:

CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR 1882 BENEFITS AND THE CONTRACT WITH THIRD FUTURE SCHOOL ON HIRSCHI MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Ms. Sandy Camp, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the Application for 1882 Benefits and the Contract with Third Future Schools on Hirschi Middle School Partnership as presented by Debbie Dipprey, Executive Director of School Administration and as recommended by Dr. Lee, WFISD Superintendent of Schools

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0

RECESS:

Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, recessed to go into closed session at 6:54 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)

ADJORNMENT:

With no other action to take, Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees