

**WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES WFISD ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING – ROOM 302
WORK SESSION MEETING JULY 13, 2026**

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 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Mark Lukert, board president.

Board members present: Mr. Mark Lukert, Ms. Katherine McGregor, Mr. Jim Johnson, Ms. Sandy Camp, and Ms. Susan Grisel. Ms. Diann Scroggins and Mr. John Barnard were not present. 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. Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Vanessa Dishman, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Ms. Ashley Thomas, Communications Officer, Ms. Jennifer Spurgers, Director of Human Resources, Ms. Keli Sims, Administrative Assistant to the Director of HR, Mr. Jeff Hill, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, Dr. Cody Blair, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, Ms. Trish Potts, Internal Auditor, Mr. John Strenski, Emergency Management Coordinator, Lieutenant Richard Johns, WFISD PD, Ms. Michelle Wood, Director of CTE, Mr. Shannon Troester, Risk & Contract Manager, Mr. Jayme Carr, Director of Student Services and Dr. Karen Garza, TEA Conservator.

Others present: Mr. Brian Bibb, Lone Star Texas Governance Coach and KFDX media.

INVOCATION:

Ms. Susan Grisel gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

REPORTS OR SPECIAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

CTE UPDATE

Ms Michelle Wood, Director of CTE presented an update on the CTE program and information on the number of Industry Certifications earned in the 2025/2026 school year as well as the current enrollment for the 2026/2027 school year.

UPDATE FROM DR GARZA

Dr Karen Garza, TEA Conservator and Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Board of Trustees with an overview of the Conservator Purpose and Actions, progress update of what changes are being made across the district to increase student growth and reviewed the steps towards building systems and organizational readiness. Information included district past accountability information, future goals, the new “Managed Instructional Tools” and the Effective District Framework Accelerator (EDFA).

FINANCIAL SERVICES:

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF MAY 2026

Ms. Katherine McGregor, seconded by Ms. Susan Grisel, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approves the attached year- to-date financial reports and investment reports as submitted by Ms. Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, and is recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0

BUDGET ADMENDMENTS FOR JUNE 2026

Ms. Susan Grisel, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the 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

DISTRICT POLICE

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA FALLS-CROSSING GUARDS

Ms. Sandy Camp, seconded by Ms. Susan Grisel, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees enter into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Wichita Falls regarding the shared administration, funding, and operation of the School Crossing Guard Program for five years beginning with the 2026-2027 School Year. This agreement ensures the continued safety of students walking to and from campus locations by clearly defining the roles, training requirements, and cost-sharing measures between the District and the City. The District will administer the program as submitted by Anthony Smith, Chief of Police, and as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

ADOPTION OF THE 2026/2027 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Ms. Susan Grisel, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees adopt the 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct as submitted by Mr. Jayme Carr, Director of Student Services and as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0

TASB RECOMMENDED ANNUAL REVIEW OF KEY POLICIES-1ST READING

Mr. Jayme Carr, Director of Student Services, requested that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees review the (LOCAL) policies that were recommended by TASB Policy Services for consideration and according to the Annual Review of Key Policies: 2026-27 School Year submitted as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools. Changes in law, districts practice, staffing or other factors can require changes in district policy. The Policy Alert Annual Review of Key Policies: 2026-27 School Year resulted in minimal recommendations to (LOCAL) policies. These policies are for review currently. LOCAL policies recommended from TASB Annual Review of Key Policies: 2026-27 School Year to be revised are: FDB (LOCAL) and EIC (LOCAL).

HUMAN RESOURCES:

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. Jennifer Spurgers, Director of Human Resources, reported to the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees a review of employee resignations/retirements that have been submitted since the last Work Session board meeting. The resignations/retirements have been accepted by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with the requirements of Policy DFE (LOCAL).

TEACHER APPLICANT POOL

Mr. Katherine McGregor, seconded by Ms. Susan Grisel, moved 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:

BOARD MINUTES:

Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools requested that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approves the proposed minutes of a special session on June 3, 2026, public hearing on June 15, 2026 and regular meeting on June 15, 2026 as submitted by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

These items will be placed on the consent agenda for the regular meeting on July 20, 2026

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO CHANGE BOARD MEETING START TIME FROM 6:00 PM TO 5:00 PM ON JULY 20, 2026

Ms. Katherine McGregor, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees act to change the July 20th board meeting start time from 6:00 pm to 5:00 pm as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE BOARD MEETING DATES FOR THE 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Ms. Katherine McGregor, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the 2026-2027 Board Meeting Dates Schedule as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0

RECESS:

Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, recessed the work session to go into closed session at 6:45 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)

ADJOURNED:

With no more action to take, Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, adjourned the meeting from closed session at 6:45 pm.

President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees