

**Notice of Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Monday, November 17, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, November 17, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM, in the Administration Building, 1096 N Waco, Van Alstyne, TX 75495.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. For more information about public comment, see Policy BED. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

The Board Meeting will begin at 6:00pm at the Van Alstyne ISD Administration building, where a quorum of the Board will be present. The Board of Trustees expects to return to the Open Session at 7:00 pm.

1. Call to Order

Description: The Board President to call the meeting of the Van Alstyne Independent School District to order. Let the record show that a quorum of board members is present, that this meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Meeting was called to order by Board President Randall Morgan at 6:18pm. All Board Members were present.

2. Closed Session, Government Code 551.071-551.084. The Board May Retire into Closed Session in Accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Description:

At this time, the Board will go into Executive Session as allowed by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The Board went into closed session at 6:18pm. The Board exited closed session at 7:22pm. The Board entered Regular session at 7:27pm.

A. Government Code 551-071

Description: 551-071 For the purpose of a private consultation with its attorney only when it seeks the attorney's advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the requirement for open meetings.

B. Government Code 551-072

Description: 551-072 For the purpose of deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the District in negotiations with a third person.

C. Government Code 551-073

Description: 551-073 For the purpose of deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift donation to the District if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Board's position in negotiations with a third person.

D. Government Code 551-074

Description: 551-074 For the purpose of deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. However, the Board may not conduct a closed meeting for these purposes if the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing.

E. Government Code 551-076- Deliberation of Security Devices

Description: 551-076 For the purpose of deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, devices or security audits.

- F. Government Code 551-082 — Deliberation Regarding School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matter or Complaint

Description: 551-082 For the purpose of deliberating in a case involving discipline of a public school child, or in which a complaint or charge is brought against a District employee by another employee and the complaint or charge directly results in the need for a hearing. However, the Board may not conduct a closed meeting for this purpose if the employee against whom the complaint or charge is brought makes a written request for an open hearing.

- G. Government Code 551-082.1 — Deliberation that would necessarily reveal confidential information about students.

Description: 551-082.1 For the purpose of deliberating a matter regarding a student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation. This exception does not apply if an open meeting about the matter is requested in writing by a parent or guardian of the student or by the student if the student has attained 18 years of age.

- H. Government Code 551-083 — Regarding Consultation with Representative of the Employee Group.

Description: 551-083 For the purpose of discussing or deliberating the standards, guidelines, terms or conditions the Board will follow, or will instruct its representative to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups.

- I. Government Code 551-084 — Exclusion of Witness from Hearing.

Description: 551-084 For the purpose of excluding a witness from a hearing during the examination of another witness.

3. Pledges and Invocation

Description: Students from Mrs. Vagt's 4th grade class will lead us in the pledges. Invocation will be by Presley Rose with VAJH FCA.

Sanford Elementary student's Charlotte Morrison, Cora Ned, and Kate McAfee signed the Pledge of Allegiance and led us in the Texas Pledge. VAJH FCA's Pressley Rose gave the invocation.

4. Premier Spotlight

Description: Members of Van Alstyne Junior High's FCA team will be recognized.

VAJH Principal Shanda Timpanaro recognized Ted Pierce, Brendon Hanna, Heather Beltran, and David Williams for their success with FCA who's membership has grown from 50 to almost 120 students in 4 years. 3-year member Pressley Rose shared her experiences.

5. Above and Beyond

Description: Monthly highlight of a district employee who exemplifies what it means to go "Above and Beyond" for VAISD students, colleagues, and the entire campus community. This month's recipient is Sanford Elementary's Amanda Arden.

Sanford Elementary Principal Kristi Odom honored Amanda Arden with this recognition for her exceptional contributions as a resource teacher, mentoring uncertified teachers, and assisting with various campus needs.

6. Administrator's Report

Description: Monthly reports detailing district events, campus activities, enrollment numbers, etc.

A. Campus Highlights and Updates

Description: A summary report from campus principals regarding recent student achievements, extracurricular activities, and campus initiatives during October 2025. This item is for informational purposes only. ***No comments were given.***

B. Monthly Student Enrollment (Information only; No Action Required)

Description: Receive a presentation and data report summarizing district-wide student enrollment figures. *Enrollment is 2863. A decrease of 18 students due to early graduation, moving out of district, and homeschooling.*

7. Public Comment

Description: Community members are given the opportunity to express their opinions, concerns, or suggestions regarding Van Alstyne ISD.

Two community members signed up to speak.

Richard Brock- Addressed safety and maintenance issues at the FFA barn, including rat infestations, overgrowth, and high pin fees. Requested reconsideration of fee structure and better maintenance.

Ryan Laing- Raised concerns about compliance with the Open Meeting Act, bond election results, and transparency in decision-making. Suggested breaking up the bond for better approval chances.

8. Auditorium - Indoor - Phase 2 bids

Description: ACTION ITEM: Consideration and Action to award construction contract for Van Alstyne ISD High School Auditorium, Classroom, and Multi-Purpose Additions (Phase 2B). This action includes authorizing the Superintendent to negotiate and execute all necessary contract documents and the final contract amount upon negotiation of terms.

Gal Construction presented findings from the bid process for three projects: classroom addition, auditorium addition, and multipurpose facility. Total cost: \$52,808,813. Projects are within budget and expected to be completed between 14-18 months. Motion was made by David Kerr to accept the bids as presented. Motion was seconded by Beau Williams. Motion passed 7-0.

B Schoener-yes, M Freeman-yes, B Williams-yes, R Morgan-yes, D Kerr-yes, M Morrison-yes, D Nance-yes

9. Consent Agenda

Description: ACTION ITEM — These items are considered routine by the School Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussions on items unless a school board member so requests, at which time the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

A. Minutes

Description: Meeting minutes to be reviewed for approval.

B. Financials

Description: District financial transparency reports

Motion made by Beau Williams to move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and recommended by the Superintendent. Motion was seconded by Matt Morris. Motion passed 7-0.

B Schoener-yes, M Freeman-yes, B Williams-yes, R Morgan-yes, D Kerr-yes, M Morris-yes, D Nance-yes

10. Annual Review for English as a Second Language Program Evaluation

Description: Presentation and Discussion of the 2024-2025 Annual Evaluation of the Bilingual Education and English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs (Information/Discussion Only; No Action Required)

Dr. Jamie Martinez gave a district update on ESL. The ESL program serves 134 students across the district, with 25 different languages spoken. 17 students exited the ESL program this year after meeting state requirements. Teachers receive ESL professional development, and the district meets all state requirements for special populations.

11. Consider and Take Action to Purchase Library Books

Description: ACTION ITEM: Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed list of new library materials for purchase, as recommended and previously posted for a 30-day public review period on the District website (the list is attached as Exhibit A of the Board packet), in accordance with Board Policy EFB (Local) and Texas Education Code requirements.

Approval of library book purchase for all current buildings and 5,200 books for Williams Elementary. Motion was made by David Kerr to move to approve the purchase of library books as recommended. Motion was seconded by Beau Williams. Motion passed 7-0.

B Schoener-yes, M Freeman-yes, B Williams-yes, R Morgan-yes, D Kerr-yes, M Morris-yes, D Nance-yes

12. District of Innovation Annual Review

Description: Discussion regarding the results of the annual review of the District of Innovation (DOI) Plan, including a presentation of results.

Assistant Superintendent Ryan Coleman gave a reviewed current plan, which is set to expire next year. Discussed various provisions, including calendar flexibility, class size waivers, teacher certification, and suspension policies. Plan to update the innovation plan in the second semester to address new legislative mandates.

13. Resolution for Grayson Appraisal District Nominations

Description: ACTION ITEM: Consider and take action to adopt a resolution nominating a candidate(s) for positions on the Grayson Central Appraisal District Board of Directors, and authorize the casting of the District's 118 eligible votes for such candidate(s): Brad Morgan, William Stevens, Monte Walker, Charlie Williams

Motion was made by Mark Freeman to nominate Charlie Williams with 118 votes to the Grayson County Appraisal Board. Motion was seconded by Matt Morris. Motion passed 7-0.

B Schoener-yes, M Freeman-yes, B Williams-yes, R Morgan-yes, D Kerr-yes, M Morris-yes, D Nance-yes

14. Collin Central Appraisal District Nomination

Description: ACTION ITEM: Consider and take action to nominate a candidate(s) for positions on the Collin County Appraisal District Board of Directors, and authorize the casting of the District's 1 eligible vote for such candidate.

Motion was made by David Kerr to nominate Baine Brooks with 1 vote for the Collin Central Appraisal District. Motion was seconded by Debbie Nance. Motion passed 7-0.

B Schoener-yes, M Freeman-yes, B Williams-yes, R Morgan-yes, D Kerr-yes, M Morris-yes, D Nance-yes

15. Canvassing Bond Election November 4, 2025

Description: ACTION ITEM: Consideration and possible approval of an order canvassing the returns and declaring the results of a bond election

November 4, 2025, bond election results: Total votes: 2,709. For: 1,077 votes. Against: 1621 votes Motion was made by Mark Freeman to move to approve the November 4, 2025 election results as presented. Motion was seconded by Beau Williams. Motion passed 7-0

B Schoener-yes, M Freeman-yes, Beau Williams-yes, R Morgan-yes, D Kerr-yes, M Morris-yes, D Nance-yes

16. Elementary zoning lines for the 2026-2027 school year.

Description: ACTION ITEM: Consider and take action to approve new elementary zoning for the 2026-2027 school year.

Three options presented for zoning of Williams Elementary.

- **Option 1 (recommended):** Sanford and Parton would not be at capacity during the specified time frame, while Charlie and Beth Williams would start smallest and reach capacity by 2034.
- **Option 2:** Sanford and Williams would both be at capacity in 2035.
- **Option 3:** Williams Elementary would be at capacity in 2032.

Motion was made by Beau Williams to move to approve Option 1 as the zoning lines for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion was seconded by Matt Morris- Motion passed 7-0.

B Schoener-yes, M Freeman-yes, B Williams-yes, R Morgan-yes, D Kerr-yes, M Morris-yes, D Nance-yes

17. Retention Resolution

Description: ACTION ITEM: Consider and take action on a one-time \$500 retention resolution to be distributed to staff in December of 2025.

Motion was made by Matt Morris to move to approve the Retention Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion was seconded by Debbie Nance. Motion passed 7-0.

B Schoener-yes, M Freeman-yes, B Williams-yes, R Morgan-yes, D Kerr-yes, M Morris-yes, D Nance-yes

18. Public Hearing - FIRST Rating

Description: ACTION ITEM: Public Hearing to review the school district's financial accountability report FIRST Rating (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) for the 2024-2025 school year, based on 2023-2024 audited data.

Van Alstyne ISD received a "Superior Achievement" rating for the 24-25 school year based on 23-24 data. Key highlights: Balanced budget with no deficit. Fund Balance increased by \$1.5 million. The District has 129 days of cash on hand (state recommendation is 75 days. All 21 indicators met, with a score of 96/100. Public questions addressed regarding the independent auditor and financial standards. Motion was made Beau Williams to move to approve the Financial Accountability Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Debbie Nance. Motion passed 7-0. B Schoener-yes, M Freeman-yes, B Williams-yes, R Morgan-yes, D Kerr-yes, M Morris-yes, D Nance-yes

19. Personnel

Description: Mr. Coleman will introduce the new Middle School Principal.

Dr. Jessica Fair was introduced as Van Alstyne Middle School's new principal. She will be starting in January 2026.

20. Adjourn

Motion was made by Mark Freeman to move to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Matt Morris. Motion passed 7-0.

B Schoener-yes, M Freeman-yes, B Williams-yes, R Morgan-yes, D Kerr-yes,

Meeting adjourned at 8:49. No other action was taken.

Date

Board President

Board Secretary