

Minutes of the November 10, 2025,  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Abilene Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting at 5:00 p.m., November 10, 2025, in the Boardroom at One AISD Center 241 Pine Street, Abilene, Texas 79601. Mrs. Angie Wiley, President of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 4:58 p.m., observed that a quorum was present, and stated that notice of the meeting had been duly posted in the time and manner prescribed by law.

Trustees present for all or part of the meeting: Mrs. Angie Wiley, President; Mr. Rodney Goodman, Vice President; Mrs. Cindy Earles, Secretary; Mr. Bill Enriquez, Assistant Secretary, Dr. Danny Wheat, and Dr. Taylor Tidmore. Members absent: Mr. Blair Schroeder

Administrators present for all or part of the meeting: Dr. John Kuhn, Superintendent; Dr. Joseph Waldron, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Gustavo Villanueva, Associate Superintendent for Student Services; Mrs. Patti Blue, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Mrs. Alison Sims, Associate Superintendent for the Development of Human Resources; Mrs. Jennifer Hinds, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jordan Ziemer, Executive Director for Communications; Mr. Jay Ashby, Executive Director for Innovation; and Mrs. Robin Jones, Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Closed Session: A Closed Session may be held under the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 including but not limited to Section 551.071, Section 551.072, Section 551.074, Section 551.076, and Section 551.082, and Section 551.0821.

Mrs. Angie Wiley announced that a Closed Session would be held under the provisions of Texas Code, Chapter 551. The Board convened in Closed Session at 4:59 p.m.

- A. The Board may deliberate matters of Personnel, i.e. appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee. (Section 551.074)
  - I. Professional Employment Contracts
- B. The Board may consult with Legal Counsel regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation and/ or Privileged Legal Advice. (Section 551.071)
- C. The Board may discuss matters of Safety and Security. (Section 551.076)
  - I. Security Interlocal Agreement
- D. The Board may discuss matters pertaining to Students necessarily involving personally identifiable information, e.g. Student Discipline. (Sections 551.082, 551.0821)
- E. The Board may discuss the Value, Exchange and/or Disposition of Real Property. (Section 551.072)

- III. Reconvene from Closed Session (Approximately 6:30 p.m.)

The Board reconvened at 6:37 p.m.

- A. Invocation

Mrs. Angie Wiley called on Dr. Joseph Waldron, Deputy Superintendent, to give the invocation and lead the pledges.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas
- C. Board/Superintendent Announcements

Dr. John Kuhn shared the following upcoming events:

- 11/11 – Abilene ISD and Wylie ISD Receive \$75,000 grant for STEM education from Northrop Grumman
- 11/11 – Second PBL at Mann STEAM Academy
- 11/11 – Annual Veteran's Day Parade at Dyess Elementary
- 11/11 – Veteran's Flag Ceremony at Cooper High School
- 11/12 & 13 – SGS Learning Lab at Lubbock ISD
- 11/13 – Abilene High School Football Playoffs
- 11/14 – Cooper High School Football Playoffs
- 11/17 – TTUHSC – Campus Takeover for Cooper High School Students

Mrs. Angie Wiley expressed her appreciation to Dr. John Kuhn and his team for the work put into passing the VATRE.

- I. Teaching Minute

The Teaching Minute video highlighted TEKS ELA 2.2B and 2.6G taught by Mrs. Amanda Martin to her 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students at Bonham Elementary.

- IV. Recognitions

A. National Merit Commended Students

Mrs. Patti Blue recognized the following National Merit Commended Students:

- Mattye Straughn, ATEMS
- Kenneth Heck, Cooper High School
- Sontee Vinson, Cooper High School

B. AP Capstone Awards

Mrs. Patti Blue introduced Mr. James McGee, AP Capstone Instructor at Abilene High School, who recognized Anson Cobarruvias.

C. TxETA Awards of Distinction

Mrs. Brady Sloan-Duncan, Fine Arts Coordinator, shared that Abilene ISD received the Award of Distinction for Outstanding District for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. She also recognized the following:

- Kimberly Lewis, Theater Arts Teacher at Cooper High School – Outstanding Campus Award
- Amber Barber, Theater Arts Teacher at Craig Middle School – Exemplary Campus Award

D. Employee Awards

Dr. Jordan Ziemer recognized the follow employees:

- Paraprofessional – Aileen Bunting – Cooper High School
- Auxillary – Melissa Pine – Taylor
- Teacher – Pearl Gonzales – Clack
- New Teacher – Samantha Lozano – Abilene High School
- Student Support – Susan Blagrove – Diagnostic Speech Pathologist
- Substitute – Sharon Hendrix – Dyess Elementary

V. Oral Communications from the Public

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if anyone wishing to address the Board had completed a public comment card. There were six as follows:

- Tammy Fogle – Books
- Bonnie Wallace – Books
- Marta Hollowell – Books
- Denise Ballew – Books
- Tali Mullins – Book Challenges
- Eric Bengs - SLAC

VI. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if there was a motion regarding the Consent Agenda. Mr. Rodney Goodman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as present. The motion was seconded by Dr. Taylor Tidmore and passed 6-0.

Ayes: Enriquez, Tidmore, Wheat, Goodman, Earles, and Wiley

Nays: None

Absent: Schroeder

- A. The Board will consider approval of the Budget Amendments.
- B. The Board will consider accepting the September Financials.
- C. The Board will consider approval of the Minutes of the October 2, 2025, Workshop Meeting and the October 6, 2025, Regular Meeting.

VII. Reports

A. Academic Performance Report

Mrs. Lyndsey Williamson, Executive Director of Secondary, presented an update on the Advanced Placement Program at the high schools. The AP program provides high school students the opportunity to engage in college-level courses and assessments which promote academic rigor, critical thinking, and college readiness. Participation in AP courses and success on AP exams can lead to college credit. Other information shared included AP Program by the Numbers, Results Trends for the Past 5 Years, Improvements, Professional Development, Awards, National Recognition Program, National Merit Commended Scholars, and Priorities Moving Forward.

B. Technology Department

Mrs. Cary Owens, Chief Technology Officer, presented an overview of the current state of the Technology Department including Completed Projects, Current Projects, Future Goals, Programs and Services, and Personnel.

C. Resource Campus Designation

Mr. Jay Ashby presented an overview of Resource Campus Designation which is a State-authorized turnaround model created by House Bill 1525 during the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. The information shared included Resource Campus Eligibility Criteria, ACE Turnaround Pillars, Evidenced-Based Results Across State Initiatives, the Designation Process, How the Funding Works, and the Next Steps.

VIII. Business Items Requiring Board Action

- A. The Board will consider casting votes for the Board of Directors of the Jones County Appraisal District.

Mrs. Jennifer Hinds shared that votes are allotted based on the property value each entity has within the boundaries of Jones County. Abilene ISD has 243 votes which may be divided among any or all of the candidates. These votes can be assigned to nominees in any distribution the Board sees fit. Our administration recommended casting 243 votes for our nomination, Mr. Jim Bailey.

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if there was a motion regarding the Board of Directors of the Jones County Appraisal District. Dr. Taylor Tidmore made a motion to approve the assignment of 243 votes to Mr. Jim Bailey for service on the Central Appraisal District of Jones County for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Dr. Danny Wheat and passed 6-0.

Ayes: Goodman, Enriquez, Wheat, Earles, Wiley, and Tidmore.

Nays: None

Absent: Schroeder

IX. The Board may take action relevant to Items Covered During Closed Session.

- A. The Board will consider approval of Personnel Recommendations, if any.  
I. Professional Employment Contracts  
B. Matters pertaining to Real Property, if any  
C. Matters pertaining to Safety and Security, if any  
I. Security Interlocal Agreement

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if there was a motion regarding the Security Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Rodney Goodman made a motion to approve the Security Interlocal Agreement as presented in Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bill Enriquez and passed 6-0.

Ayes: Tidmore, Earles, Wiley, Goodman, Enriquez, and Wheat

Nays: None

Absent: Schroeder

- D. Matters pertaining to Litigation, if any  
E. Matters pertaining to Students, if any

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**President**

**ATTEST:**

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**Secretary**