

Minutes of the April 3, 2025,
Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Abilene Independent School District met in a Workshop Meeting at 5:00 p.m., April 3, 2025, in the Alta Vista Room 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 5:00 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, Mr. Blair Schroeder, and Dr. Taylor Tidmore.

Members absent: None

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

I. Call to Order

A. Oral Communication from the Public

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if anyone wishing to address the Board had completed a public comment card. There was one:

- Ms. Tammy Fogle – Amplify Curriculum
- B. Board/Superintendent Announcements/Information

II. Board Workshop Items

A. Budget Workshop

Mrs. Jennifer Hinds shared the first in a series of Board workshops informing the Board as the FY26 budget and tax rates are being prepared. This presentation focused on the overall budget timeline, budget impacts around the state, critical factors for Abilene ISD, budget strategy and budget priority for Fiscal Year 2026.

B. Group Medical Insurance Proposal

Mr. Heath Haygood, Sr. Account Executive with HUB, presented BCBSTX as the recommended group health insurance plan for the 2025-2026 school year. He shared an overview of the selection process, a financial overview, the BCBSTX Proposal Tabulation, and Evaluation of Proposers.

C. Curriculum Adoption

Mrs. Lyndsey Williamson, Executive Director of Secondary Education, presented an overview of Amplify, a new curriculum requested for Middle School RLA. She discussed the North Star Goal, RLA Data, Program Description, Strong Foundations Planning, and why Amplify was selected.

D. Special Ed Review

Mrs. Patti Blue shared that with the transition to new leadership as well as many other district innovations, having an outside group come in and give us feedback regarding our Special Education program would be very beneficial. Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education (TCASE) will look at all aspects of our program to help us ensure that we are using our resources to provide the appropriate services to our students. An Executive Summary should be provided by the end of May, first of June. This will help as plans for the 25-26 school year and beyond are finalized.

III. Agenda for Regular Meeting April 7, 2025

A. Consent Agenda Items

- I. Finance: Budget Amendments
- II. Finance: February Financials
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. TASB Policy Update 124
- V. Group Medical Insurance for 2026
- VI. Adoption of Reading Language Arts Curriculum for Grades 6-8
- VII. Job Order Contract for Commercial Fencing and Installation, Proposal 014, 24-25
- VIII. Job Order Contract for Concrete Services, Proposal 013, 24-25
- IX. Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials 2025-2026
- X. Quarterly Investment Report

- B. Reports
 - I. Student Nutrition Report
 - II. Curriculum and Instruction Update
- C. Business Items Requiring Board Action
 - I. Month of the Military Child Proclamation
 - II. Renaming of Mann Middle School
 - III. Audit Services
- IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

ATTEST:

Secretary