

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Argyle ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Argyle ISD was held Tuesday, **January 20, 2026**, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Argyle ISD Board Room, 6701 Canyon Falls Dr, Flower Mound, TX 76226.

Board Members Present at Call to Order: Sam Slaton, Board President; Craig Hawkesworth, Vice President; Matt Slaton, Board Secretary; Rich McDowell; Dr. Leona McDade; Josh Westrom; Leigh Ann Artho

Argyle ISD Staff Present: Dr. Courtney Carpenter, Superintendent; Dr. Chris Daniel, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Dawn Jordan, Assistant Superintendent; Liz Stewart, CFO; Rick Herrin, CCO; Austin Ince, IT Coord; Yvolene McGarvey, Administrative Assistant; Lauren Tullos, JRE Principal; Kristen Haynes, ASE Principal; Katie Hayden, AWE Principal; Holly Williams, Hilltop Elementary Principal; Jeff Koehn, AISD Construction Manager

1. 5:00pm. Call to Order - Determine if a Quorum is Present

2. 5:00pm. Dismiss to Executive Session.

Executive Session as authorized by Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E:

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS & PUBLIC OFFICERS: To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including Board members, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.074).

1. Personnel Report

2. Superintendent's Mid Year Evaluation

B. REAL PROPERTY: To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Board's position in negotiations with a third person. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.072)

C. LEGAL COUNSEL: To consult with its attorney when the Board seeks advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer, or when the attorney will have an ethical duty of confidentiality. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.071).

D. STUDENT & EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE: involving discipline of a public school child; or in which a complaint or charge is brought against an employee of the school district by another employee and the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing. Subsection (a) does not apply if an open hearing is requested in writing by a parent or guardian of the child or by the employee against whom the complaint or charge is brought. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.082)

E. PHYSICAL SAFETY & SECURITY: To deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices, or to deliberate a security audit. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.076)

F. CYBER SECURITY: Security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; network security information as described by Section 2059.055(b); or the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.089)

G. PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT: To deliberate a matter regarding a public school student, if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation unless an open meeting about the matter is requested in writing by the student's parent (Tex. Gov't Code 551.0821)

6:05pm. Return from Executive Session

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags
~ Argyle High School

4. Opening Prayer

5. Recognition: Argyle ISD Board of Trustees

6. Public Forum/Comments to the Board. For Regular Board Meetings, the Board will hear public comments regarding agenda and non-agenda items. (limit 5 minutes each or 30 minutes total)

7. Consider and take any action deemed necessary upon discussion in the closed meeting

8. Consent Items

A. Minutes

B. Donations

C. General Operating Checks and Financial Reports

D. Adjunct - Munster, Curtis, Springer, Kauffman

E. Board Resolution and Record Vote Regarding SB 11 - Resolution Regarding a Period of Prayer and Reading of the Bible and Other Religious Texts During the School Day

F. McMurry University MOU

1. Matt Slaton made a motion that the Board approve consent items as presented

2. Rich McDowell seconded

3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
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Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
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Matt Slaton	Yea
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Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
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Josh Westrom	Yea
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Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
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Rich McDowell	Yea
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9. Reports

- A. Construction Report
 - 1. 2025 Bond Report
- B. Superintendent Report

10. Information Only

- A. TASB Update 126 and Other Localized Policy Changes
- B. 26-27 Calendar
- C. Budget Amendment #2

11. Discussion/Action Items

- A. Consider Approval of the 2024-2025 Financial Audit as presented by Hankins, Eastup, Tonn, and Seay.

- 1. Matt Slaton made a motion that the Board approve action item 11-A as presented
 - 2. Dr. Leona McDade seconded
 - 3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

- B. Consider Approval of Purchase Above \$100,000 CH (local)

- 1. Leigh Ann Artho made a motion that the Board approve action item 11-B as presented
 - 2. Rich McDowell seconded
 - 3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

- C. Consider for Approval Construction Procurement Method for Middle School 2 and Elementary 6

- 1. Craig Hawkesworth made a motion that the Board approve action item 11-C as presented
 - 2. Dr. Leona McDade seconded
 - 3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea

Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

D. Consider for Approval Architect Selection for Middle School 2 & Elementary 6

1. Matt Slaton made a motion that the Board approve action item 11-D a presented
2. Josh Westrom seconded
3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

E. Virtual / Hybrid Program

1. Josh Westrom made a motion that the Board approve action item 11-E as presented
2. Rich McDowell seconded
3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

F. Consider and Approve Order of Election 2026

1. Craig Hawkesworth made a motion that the Board approve action item 11-F as Presented
2. Rich McDowell seconded
3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

12. President Sam Slaton adjourned the open meeting at 8:28pm, to return to closed session.
 1. No action take in closed session.

Sam Slaton,
Board President

Matt Slaton,
Board Secretary