

Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 13, 2026

Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees

These minutes are a record of the actions taken by the Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees in the meeting held on the above date.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Kaufman ISD was held on Monday, April 13, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Kathy Covington Administration Building, 1000 South Houston Street, Kaufman, Texas 75142.

CALL TO ORDER: Establish a quorum

Vice President Christine Borders called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. Linda Mott, Byron Gregg, Lindsey Abell, Elizabeth O'Donnell, and Casey Townsend (5:10) were present. Drew Peterson was absent.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:02 PM under the authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.074-Personnel Matters; TGC-Section 551.072 Real Property Deliberations; TGC-Section 551.076-Safety and Security.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:00 PM.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TEXAS FLAGS

Byron Gregg led the Board in the Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas Flags.

DISTRICT CELEBRATIONS

Cindy Fowler, Principal at Gary Campbell High School, and counselor DeAnn Smith shared the powerful vision of "Gary Campbell: Redefined". It's more than a slogan... it's a promise that every student can finish strong! They also recognized their students with Perfect Attendance.

Jenny Henricks recognized the School Board Students of the Month from each campus.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one asked to speak.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Relating to the powers and duties of the Boards of Trustees and Superintendents of Independent School Districts, at the last regular meeting of the board before an election of trustees, the board must report whether each trustee has completed, exceeded, or is deficient in meeting the required training. All returning Kaufman ISD Board Members have completed

and exceeded the required number of continuing education hours for 2025-2026. Drew Peterson, Christine Borders, Linda Mott, Lindsey Abell, Byron Gregg, and Elizabeth O'Donnell met training requirements. Casey Townsend has not signed up for re-election; his hours were deficient.

The Board recognized Casey Townsend with a Certificate and a heartfelt thank you for his dedicated service to our board and the entire district.

INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS / PRESENTATIONS

- Jeremy Shipley from Pogue Construction updated us on the Kaufman Middle School.
- Marty from VLK updated us on the Helen Edwards Early Childhood Center.
- Chief Krieger from the KISD Police Department delivered the annual safety report. We are proud to announce that we are fully staffed.
- Taylor Bernhagen provided a comprehensive update on our district's Special Education Department. She highlighted the strong performance comparison, high graduation rates, progress of students, and the dedicated staff.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible approval of additional FTEs for the Special Education program.

- Byron Gregg read the suggested motion that the Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees recommends approving the addition of 9 new FTEs in the area of Special Education for the 2026-2027 school year, as recommended by the Kaufman ISD Administration.
 - Lindsey Abell seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed with a vote of 6-0. Christine Borders, Linda Mott, Byron Gregg, Lindsey Abell, Elizabeth O'Donnell, and Casey Townsend were in favor. Drew Peterson was absent.

Consideration and possible approval of Transportation Code, 547.701 Seat Belt Report

- Casey Townsend read the suggested motion that the Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees receive the required Seat Belt Report and determine that the district will not proceed with retrofitting existing buses with three-point seat belts at this time, adopt a resolution stating such, and direct administration to submit the required report to TEA in accordance with Transportation Code 547.501(f).
 - Byron Gregg seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed with a vote of 6-0. Christine Borders, Linda Mott, Byron Gregg, Lindsey Abell, Elizabeth O'Donnell, and Casey Townsend were in favor. Drew Peterson was absent.

Consideration and possible approval of Proposed Termination of Probationary Contract

- Linda Mott read the suggested motion that the Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees terminate the probationary contract of the named employee at the end of the contract

year, in the best interest of the District, and authorize the Superintendent to provide notice to the employee, as recommended by the Kaufman ISD Administration.

- Casey Townsend seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with a vote of 6-0. Christine Borders, Linda Mott, Byron Gregg, Lindsey Abell, Elizabeth O'Donnell, and Casey Townsend were in favor. Drew Peterson was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration and possible approval of the Consent Agenda.

- ✓ Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on March 9, 2026.
- ✓ The 2026-2027 Professional Personnel Contract Renewal Recommendations.
- ✓ The Foodservice Management Contract Renewal.
 - Byron Gregg read the suggested motion that the Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda, as presented.
 - Lindsey Abell seconded the motion.
 - There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 6-0. Christine Borders, Linda Mott, Byron Gregg, Lindsey Abell, Elizabeth O'Donnell, and Casey Townsend were in favor. Drew Peterson was absent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Amy Keith gave an update on the 5th Grade Sky Ranch Field Trip.
- Dr. Roberts gave an update on the Safety Audit Report.
- Dr. Roberts presented the resignations, retirements, and new personnel.
- Mr. Miller presented the Financial Reports.
- Mr. Miller gave an update on Maintenance and Operations.
- Dr. Garcia presented the student enrollment.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, Vice President Christine Borders adjourned the meeting at 7:01 PM.

Approve: _____

Attest: _____