

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 12, 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, January 12, 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

President Drew Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Christine Borders, Linda Mott, Byron Gregg, Lindsey Abell, Elizabeth O'Donnell, and Casey Townsend (5:01) were present.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:00 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

Casey Townsend led the Board in the Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas Flags.

DISTRICT CELEBRATIONS

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

Maegan McNeely, Principal at O.P. Norman Jr. High School, spotlighted Jr. High Theater students with a spectacular performance from the award-winning One Act Play "Alice in Wonderland". These students won first place in a UIL contest. They treated us to a wonderful excerpt from their play.

School Board Recognition Month "Our Future is Public" - Dr. Joshua Garcia and the campuses recognized our Board of Trustees and thanked them for everything they do for our students and staff. We also had a little fun and recognized them with a certificate to match their personality and role. Thank you for all you do!

Amy Keith presented Mollie Kasper and Chef Gorrell with a National Board Certification pin.

DISTRICT INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Jeff Roberts introduced the following campus staffing highlights that included:

- Taylor Bernhagen - Director of Special Programs
- Miranda Jungman - Monday Elementary Campus Principal
- Sarah Jones - Monday Elementary Campus Assistant Principal
- Dr. James Hobbs - Helen Edwards ECC Assistant Principal
- Crystal Huff - Kaufman High School Assistant Principal

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one asked to speak.

AUDIT REPORT PRESENTATION

Mr. Dan Tonn of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn, Seay & Scarborough presented the results of the 2024-2025 KISD External Audit Report. Mr. Tonn stated the District was in “very good financial shape.” A copy of the complete audit report will be available on the District’s website.

INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS / PRESENTATIONS

- Jeremy Slipley with Pogue Construction gave an update on the Kaufman Middle School and KHS Agricultural Facility.
- 2024 KISD Bond Update: Marty Sims with VLK gave a presentation on the Helen Edwards Early Childhood Center addition.

ACTIONS ITMES

Consideration and possible approval of Policy Update 126.

- Casey Townsend read the suggested motion for the Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees to approve Update 126 as suggested by the Kaufman ISD administration team and remove the TASB suggested policies of EEP, EFB, EIA, and FNG from Update 126, as presented.
 - Christine Borders seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed with a vote 7-0. Drew Peterson, Christine Borders, Linda Mott, Lindsey Abell, Byron Gregg, Elizabeth O’Donnell and Casey Townsend all in favor.
- Casey Townsend read the suggested motion for the Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees to vote to adopt the alternate version of TASB suggested local policies, EEP, EFB, EIA, and FNG to align with the already adopted District of Innovation Plan, as presented.
 - Linda Mott seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed with a vote 7-0. Drew Peterson, Christine Borders, Linda Mott, Lindsey Abell, Byron Gregg, Elizabeth O’Donnell, and Casey Townsend all in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration and possible approval of the Consent Agenda.

- ✓ Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on December 8, 2025.
- ✓ 2024-2025 KISD External Audit Report.
- ✓ Board of Trustees 2026 Yearly Calendar.
 - 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 7-0. Drew Peterson, Christine Borders, Linda Mott, Lindsey Abell, Byron Gregg, Elizabeth O'Donnell, and Casey Townsend all in favor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Amy Keith gave an update on the National Board Teacher Certification. National Board Certification is a prestigious, voluntary, and advanced professional certification that recognizes accomplished teachers who meet high standards. It is widely considered the "gold standard" in K-12 education certification.
- Dr. Roberts presented the intruder audit.
- 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, President Drew Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM.

Approve: _____

Attest: _____