

The KISD Board of Trustees met in a workshop session on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the KISD boardroom.

Members present:

Brett Williams, President
Susan Jones, Vice President
Brenda Adams, Secretary
Oliver Mintz
Tina Capito

Members absent: Marvin Rainwater and Rodney Gilchrist

Also attending:

Dr. Jo Ann Fey, Superintendent
Dr. Terri Osborne, Deputy Superintendent
Scott Hequembourg, Deputy Superintendent
William Baker, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Susan Buckley, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Jo-Lynette Crayton, Assistant Superintendent
Mike Harper, School Attorney
Brenda King, Board Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 8, 2025. Mr. Williams took a roll call of Board members, as indicated above, with a quorum established and present. The meeting was livestreamed and recorded.

Mr. Williams reviewed the procedures for public forum and invited anyone who had filled out a form to speak.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jason White, Metairie, Louisiana, promoted his online fundraising platform to generate district revenue.

Mr. Williams moved ahead on the agenda to item II-J, Discussion of Fiscal Year 2026 District Budget Planning and Employee Healthcare Cost Analysis. Tad Dorroh, BKCW consultant, presented an employee healthcare cost analysis. Recommendations will be brought to the board at a future meeting.

FY 2026 DISTRICT
BUDGET PLANNING AND
EMPLOYEE HEALTH
CARE COST ANALYSIS

Dr. Jo-Lynette Crayton, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; and Patrice Robinson, Director for Career and Technical Education, proposed the Resolution recognizing the extracurricular status of the Bell County, Texas, 4-H Organization and Adjunct Faculty Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year. The district partners with the Bell County AgriLIFE Extension, Texas A&M University System, for participation in 4-H/Extension educational activities, such as the Bell County Youth Fair, Fort Worth Stock Show, and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, at no cost to the district. This item will be placed on the next consent agenda.

RESOLUTION FOR 4-H
ORGANIZATION AND
ADJUNCT FACULTY
AGREEMENT 2025-2026

Dr. Paula Lawrason, Executive Director for Specialized Learning, reviewed the Remote Homebound Instruction Waiver allows eligible homebound students to receive instruction virtually instead of in-person, as determined by their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 committee. Approved on a per-student basis, the waiver ensures students can still generate state funding under the *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook*. This item will be placed on the next consent agenda.

REMOTE HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION WAIVER REQUESTS 2025-2026

Dr. Jo-Lynette Crayton, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; and Shannon Lumar, Director for Guidance Services, reviewed that the district partners with Central Counties Services (CCS), which provide outpatient mental health services to children. The agreement allows CCS personnel to provide child mental health services on district campuses for students who are clients of CCS. This item will be placed on the next consent agenda.

MOU WITH CENTRAL COUNTIES SERVICES 2025-2026

Dr. Jo-Lynette Crayton, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; and Shannon Lumar, Director for Guidance Services, reviewed the agreement with Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine to provide pediatric and adolescent behavioral health services via telehealth and funded by the state for a period of five years. This item will be placed on the next consent agenda.

MOU WITH TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES VIA TELEHEALTH

Senate Bill 401, passed by the 89th Texas Legislature, allows non-enrolled (homeschool) students to participate in University Interscholastic League (UIL) extracurricular activities at their zoned public-school campus, beginning in the 2025–2026 school year. However, school districts may formally opt out by board approval prior to September 1, 2025. Dr. Susan Buckley, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services; Morganne Davies, Executive Director for Fine Arts; and Executive Directors for Athletics, Tish Williams and Matthew Carroll, discussed the proposed revision of Board Policy FM (Local), to decline participation of non-enrolled (homeschool) students in extracurricular activities in KISD. This item will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

SB 401 AND LOCAL BOARD POLICY FM TO DECLINE HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS IN DISTRICT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES UNDER UIL

Dr. Terri Osborne, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Micah Wells, Executive Director Student Support Services; Iris Felder, Executive Director for Administrative Services; and David Rushton, Executive Director for Student Hearings, reviewed legislative changes affecting the 2025-2026 *KISD Student Code of Conduct*. Key changes under House Bill 6 include updated provisions on in-school suspension, discretionary placement for e-cigarette offenses, and expanded authority for removal due to serious misconduct.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES AFFECTING STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The district will use Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) model Student Code of Conduct as the foundation for revisions and local customization. A draft of the *KISD Student Code of Conduct* will be presented at a future meeting for Board consideration.

The Board took a brief recess at 11:52 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.

David Rushton, Executive Director for Student Hearings, presented a list of alternate district hearing officers to serve in the District Hearing Officer's absence or in cases where an alternate hearing officer is requested by a parent, or when the schedule dictates the need for multiple hearings to occur simultaneously. This item will be placed on the next consent agenda.

ALTERNATE DISTRICT
HEARING OFFICERS FOR
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

By consensus, the Board determined agenda item II-H, State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) preliminary results for grades 3-8 and High School end-of-course assessments, would not be taken up at this meeting. It will be postponed to a future meeting.

SPRING 2025 STAAR
RESULTS FOR GRADES
3-8 AND HIGH SCHOOL
EOC ASSESSMENTS

Kallen Vaden, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending May 31, 2025. Highlights of this report includes (1) overall investment balances increased slightly from March to May due to normal operating processes, (2) investments are held in investment pools and agency security investments, (3) the district continues to utilize the 180-day Treasury Bill as a benchmark, (4) interest rates have decreased slightly in response to current market conditions, and (5) the district's focus is on principal preservation, liquidity, and yield. This item will be on the next consent agenda.

QUARTERLY
INVESTMENT REPORT
ENDING MAY 31, 2025

Kallen Vaden, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the fiscal year 2026 budget planning, including general fund assumptions, revenues, expenditures, and fund balance. She reviewed historical general pay increases, and options for future consideration. This item will be added to the next meeting for further discussion.

DISTRICT BUDGET
PLANNING AND
EMPLOYEE HEALTH
CARE COST ANALYSIS

Dr. Fey reviewed the agenda for the July 15, 2025 regular meeting. The board spoke on the upcoming employee benefits fair, the recent tragedies due to flash flooding, and school safety.

BOARD AGENDAS AND
TRUSTEE REMARKS

At 12:52 p.m., the board convened in closed session for item III-A, Discussion of Personnel Matters, as allowed by Texas Government Code 551.074; and item III-B, Discussion of superintendent's appraisal, contract renewal/extension and compensation, as allowed by Texas Government Code 551.074, 551.071, and 551.129. At 2:25 p.m., the board reconvened in the open meeting. No action or voting took place in closed session. No action was needed at this time.

(CLOSED SESSION)
PERSONNEL MATTERS
(551.074)

(CLOSED SESSION)
SUPERINTENDENT'S
APPRAISAL, CONTRACT,
AND COMPENSATION
(551.074, 551.071, 551.129)

Ms. Adams left the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

There being no further business or discussion, Ms. Jones moved to adjourn. Ms. Capito seconded the motion and by consensus, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

ADJOURN

President

Secretary