

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEST RUSK COUNTY CONSOLIDATED
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MAY 12, 2025

The West Rusk County Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees met in the West Rusk CCISD boardroom at 6:00 p.m. The agenda with time and place posted in the required manner.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra Smith, President; Will Sudweeks, Vice President; Iris Hammontree, Vice President; Robert Anderson, Matt Eastwood, and Chris Pratt.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lorenzo Tavaréz.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT: Lawrence Coleman, Superintendent; Leah Bobbitt, Assistant Superintendent; Mindee Mata, Director of Business Operations; and Jo Ann Cooper, Secretary to the Superintendent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The board members and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE: None.

REPORTS: DISTRICT REPORT CARD: Leah Bobbitt, Assistant Superintendent, presented a graph comparing the results of West Rusk CCISD District Report Card with other school districts of similar characteristics and demographics in our area and in the state. The results presented are from two years ago. The state was late in releasing this information. The teachers and administrators are steadily making improvements in all needed areas. Mrs. Bobbitt told the Board that the administrators and teachers set goals to meet for the following year and so far have met or exceeded the goals.

ESTIMATED TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUES: Lawrence Coleman, Superintendent, and Mindee Mata, Director of Business Operations, discussed the estimated taxable property values with the Board. The district should be receiving updated information soon. We will present the most current information in the June regular board meeting.

GRADUATION INFORMATION: Lawrence Coleman, Superintendent, informed the Board and Administrators to meet with the graduating seniors at 7:15 in the Raider Café on Friday, May 23, 2025. West Rusk has 96 graduating seniors this year.

CONSENT AGENDA:

24-44 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 28, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND BILLS, PAYROLL AND INVESTMENT REPORT: Robert Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2025, regular board meeting and approve bills, payroll and investment report, seconded by Matt Eastwood and unanimously passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION AGENDA:

24-45 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 3, 2025, BOND ELECTION. After discussion, Chris Pratt made a motion to adopt an order canvassing the returns and declaring the results of a bond

election, seconded by Matt Eastwood and unanimously passed. The Resolution appears on the following pages.

- 24-46 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO ELECT A DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE TASA/TASB SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION: Will Sudweeks made a motion to nominate Matt Eastwood as delegate and nominate Chris Pratt as alternate delegate to the TASA/TASB School Board Convention, seconded by Robert Anderson and unanimously passed.
- 24-47 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 2025-2026 eAGREEMENTS WITH REGION 7: Will Sudweeks made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 eAgreements with Region 7 as presented, seconded by Chris Pratt and unanimously passed.
- 24-48 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION WITH REGION 7 REGIONAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE: Robert Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution with Regional Purchasing Cooperative as presented, seconded by Matt Eastwood and unanimously passed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AUDITOR'S LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025: This item is tabled until a following meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ACTION RESULTING FROM SESSION. The Board did not convene in executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: Sandra Smith, President, said there is no further business and adjourned the meeting.

Sandra Smith, President

Iris Hammontree, Secretary

AN ORDER CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A BOND ELECTION; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the West Rusk County Consolidated Independent School District (the *District*) ordered an election to be held on May 3, 2025 (the *Election*) for the purpose of determining whether the qualified voters of the District would authorize the District's issuance of general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and investigated all matters pertaining to the Election, including the ordering, notices, election officers, holding, and returns thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board has diligently inquired into the poll lists and the official election returns that were duly and lawfully made to the Board by the judges and clerks holding and conducting the Election; and

WHEREAS, the precinct returns are attached and incorporated for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, from these returns, this Board hereby finds that the following votes were cast in the Election by qualified voters of the District:

PROPOSITION A

THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,405,000 FOR A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, INCLUDING AN ELEMENTARY GYM AND MUSIC ROOM, AND THE LEVY OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

	For	Against
Early Votes in Person	228	122
Early Votes by Mail (absentee)	0	2
Election Day Votes	156	81
TOTAL	384	205

Under Votes, if any: 0 Total Votes Cast: 589

Provisional Ballots, if any: Counted: 3 Uncounted: 0

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST RUSK COUNTY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1: The Board officially finds, determines, and declares that the Election was properly ordered, that proper legal notice of the Election was given, that proper election officers were appointed prior to the Election, that the Election was legally held, that all qualified voters of the District were permitted to vote at the Election, that returns of the results of the Election had been made and delivered, and that the Board has canvassed such returns, all in accordance with the state and federal laws and the order calling the Election.

SECTION 2: A MAJORITY of the qualified voters of the District voting in the Election, having voted FOR Proposition A, the Board hereby finds and determines that this Proposition carried at the Election and that the Board is hereby accordingly authorized to issue the bonds and to levy the tax in accordance with the law and the authority granted in the Proposition and the corresponding Measure stated in the District's election order.

SECTION 3: The President of the Board is authorized to execute this Order, and the Secretary of the Board is authorized to certify this Order regardless of their participation in the quorum required by the Election Code.

SECTION 4: The recitals contained in the preamble of this Order are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Board.

SECTION 5: All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

SECTION 6: This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 7: If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 8: It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 9: This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage and it is so resolved.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED on May 12, 2025, the date of the canvassing meeting.

WEST RUSK COUNTY CONSOLIDATED
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Sandra Smith

President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Iris Hammontree

Secretary, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)

Election Summary Results Report
2025 Bond Election
May 3, 2025

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

West Rusk County Consolidated Independent School
District

Statistics	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Registered Voters - Total	3,752			
Ballots Cast - Total	589	2	350	237
Voter Turnout - Total	15.70%			

Total after
Provisional
Ballots

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WRCCISD, PROPOSITION A
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
FOR	384	0	228	156
AGAINST	205	2	122	81
Total Votes Cast	589	2	350	237
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	0	0	0	0

total
After
Provisionals