

Minutes of the April 2, 2026,
Workshop and Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Abilene Independent School District met in a Workshop and Regular Meeting at 5:00 p.m., April 2, 2026, in the Boardroom at One AISD Center 241 Pine Street, Abilene, Texas 79601. Mrs. Angie Wiley, President of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., observed that a quorum was present, and stated that notice of the meeting had been duly posted in the time and manner prescribed by law.

Trustees present for all or part of the meeting: Mrs. Angie Wiley, President; Mr. Rodney Goodman, Vice President; Mr. Bill Enriquez, Assistant Secretary, Dr. Danny Wheat, Dr. Taylor Tidmore, and Mr. Blair Schroeder. Members absent: Mrs. Cindy Earles, Secretary.

Administrators present for all or part of the meeting: Dr. John Kuhn, Superintendent; Dr. Joseph Waldron, Superintendent-Designate; Dr. Gustavo Villanueva, Associate Superintendent for Student Services; Mrs. Lyndsey Williamson, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Mrs. Jennifer Hinds, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jordan Ziemer, Executive Director for Communications; Mr. Jay Ashby, Executive Director for Innovation; and Mrs. Robin Jones, Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Board Workshop Agenda

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked Dr. John Kuhn to give an overview of the Workshop portion of the agenda.

- A. Student Nutrition Report

Mrs. Kandace Grenwelge, Director of Student Nutrition, provided an update on the Student Nutrition Department which included, daily support to schools, their purpose, and the number of meals provided over the year. Menu innovation highlights, nutrition education in the classroom, administrative review training and staff development, along with future goals were also shared.

- III. Closed Session: A Closed Session may be held under the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 including but not limited to Section 551.071, Section 551.072, Section 551.074, Section 551.076, and Section 551.082, and Section 551.0821.

Mrs. Angie Wiley announced that a Closed Session would be held under the provisions of Texas Code, Chapter 551. The Board convened in Closed Session at 5:16 p.m.

- A. The Board may deliberate matters of Personnel, i.e. appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee. (Section 551.074)
 - I. Professional Employment Contracts
 - II. New Superintendent Contract
 - III. Superintendent Resignation Agreement
- B. Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation and/or Privileged Legal Advice (Section 551.071)
- C. The Board may discuss the Value, Exchange and/or Disposition of Real Property. (Section 551.072)
- D. The Board may discuss matters of Safety and Security. (Section 551.076)
 - I. Appointment of New School Marshal
- E. The Board may discuss matters pertaining to Students necessarily involving personally identifiable information, e.g. Student Discipline. (Sections 551.082, 551.0821)

- IV. Reconvene from Closed Session (Approximately 7:00 p.m.)

The Board reconvened at 6:57 p.m.

- A. Invocation

Mrs. Angie Wiley called on Dr. Gustavo Villanueva to give the invocation and lead the pledges.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas
- C. Board/Superintendent Announcements/Information

Dr. John Kuhn shared the following:

- "Thank You" email from Brice McCasland of Love Joy ISD was read expressing gratitude for the privilege to judge the Young Masters exhibit for AISD and AEF as well as highlights he enjoyed from the evening.
- We continue to expand opportunities for students. Our specialized pathways give students real-world experiences and prepare them for life.

- Dr. Kuhn had the privilege of chaperoning a trip with about 50 students from Mrs. Jennifer Jordan's social studies classes at Abilene High to the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum.
- What makes Abilene ISD special is not any one program or initiative. It's the people – the teachers who show up prepared and committed, the students who continue to meet and exceed expectations, and the board and community that support and believe in our schools.
- As we move deeper into the spring semester, our focus remains clear: finish strong, support students, and keep the momentum going. End-of-year state assessments are approaching.

I. Continuing Education Credit Hours Completed by Board Members

Mrs. Angie Wiley announced that all Board Members have met or exceeded the required continuing education hours.

II. Teaching Minute

The Teaching Minute video highlighted TEKS Readiness Standard: 2(F) and 2(H) as being taught by Ms. Abby Cummins to her students at Alcorta Elementary.

V. Recognitions

A. Abilene High School State Diver

Mr. Jim Garfield, Executive Director for Athletics, recognized Lucas Lee (AHS).

B. Employee Award Recipients

Dr. Jordan Ziemer recognized the follow Employee Award Recipients:

- Ebonie Stewart, Paraprofessional (Abilene High School)
- Hannah Horton, Student Support (Stafford Elementary School)
- Mallory Moser, Teacher (Stafford Elementary School)
- Gregory Cruse, Auxiliary (Transportation)
- Valeri Aich, Substitute
- Darrion Moore, Teacher (Madison Middle School)
- Aislinn Queen, New Teacher (Cooper High School)

C. TEA Educator Committee Representatives

Mrs. Lyndsey Williamson recognized the following for their participation on TEA Educator Committees:

- Dr. Margaret Hope, Coordinator of Secondary ELAR
- Sabrina Anderson, Abilene High School
- Sandra Henry, Abilene High School
- Cristi Doll, Bassetti Elementary

VI. Oral Communication from the Public

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if anyone wishing to address the Board had completed a public comment card. There were 6.

- Eric Bengs – SLAC
- Sadie Brokaw – Teacher Shout Out
- Kristi Brokaw – Teacher Shout Out
- Kalyn Gensic – Student Experience
- Kate Stover – General
- Amy Boone - Library

VII. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if there was a motion regarding the Consent Agenda. Dr. Danny Wheat made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and presented. Mr. Rodney Goodman seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Ayes: Schroeder, Wheat, Goodman, Enriquez, Tidmore, and Wiley

Nays: None

Absent: Earles

- The Board will consider approval of the Budget Amendments.
- The Board will consider accepting the February Financials.
- The Board will consider approval of the Minutes of the March 5, 2026, Workshop and Regular Meeting.
- The Board will consider approval of TASB Policy Update 126.
- The Board will consider approval of the 2026-2027 ADSY Calendar.
- The Board will consider approval of Job Order Contract for Flooring and Installation, Proposal 12, 25-26.

- G. The Board will consider approval of Job Order Contract for Roof Repair, Proposal 013, 25-26.
- H. The Board will consider approval of the Quarterly Investment Report.
- I. The Board will consider approval of Acquisition of Library Materials.
- J. The Board will consider approval of Resolution for SHAC to convene and recommend Materials for Instruction related to the Prevention of Child Abuse, Family Violence, Dating Violence, and Sex Trafficking.

VIII. Reports

A. How Data Drives Instruction at the Campus Level

Mrs. Lyndsey Williamson, along with Dr. Margaret Hope, Ms. Jennifer Mansker and Ms. Lacey Henderson, shared a presentation that focused on how the assessment calendar provides meaningful checkpoints for student learning. The role of district content coordinators and how teachers and leaders use the the date to drive instructional decisions were also covered. Key takeaways: 1. Data Drives Instruction, 2. Collaboration Strengthens Learning, and 3. Focused Support Improves Outcomes.

IX. Business Items Requiring Board Action

A. The Board will consider approval of a Month of the Military Child Proclamation.

Dr. Jordan Ziemer presented a Resolution publicly declaring support for Abilene ISD's military-connected students and families in conjunction with the United States Department of Defense's annual designation of the Month of the Military Child. Mrs. Alison Camp, Executive Director for Student Services, was presented with a challenge coin by Mrs. Darci Hodges, Dyess Air Force Base Liaison.

Mr. Blair Schroeder made a motion to approve the Month of the Military Child Proclamation as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Taylor Tidmore and passed 6-0.

Ayes: Tidmore, Wiley, Goodman, Schroeder, Wheat, and Enriquez

Nays: None

Absent: Earles

B. The Board will consider SB 546 on Three-Point Seat Belts.

Mr. Zach Sneed, Assistant Director of Transportation, provided a brief review of SB 546 on Three-Point Seat Belts, its overall impact, and a recommendation regarding the district's course of action.

Mrs. Angie Wiley made a motion that the Board of Trustees determine that, based on the cost analysis and operational impact presented at the March board workshop, the installation of three-point seat belts on all district school buses is not financially feasible at this time. She further moved that the Board approve the district's plan to comply with Senate Bill 546 through the use of alternative measures permitted by law and direct the administration to document and report this determination in accordance with state requirements. She further moved that the Board direct administration to continue prioritizing the acquisition of school buses equipped with three-point seat belts as the district implements its bus replacement schedule, and to periodically re-evaluate the feasibility of full compliance and report back to the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rodney Goodman and passed 6-0.

Ayes: Goodman, Schroeder, Wheat, Wiley, Enriquez, and Tidmore

Nays:

Absent: Earles

X. The Board may take action relevant to Items Covered During Closed Session.

A. The Board will consider approval of Personnel Recommendations.

I. Professional Employment Contracts

No action needed.

II. New Superintendent Contract

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if there was a motion regarding the New Superintendent Contract. Dr. Taylor Tidmore made a motion to approve the New Superintendent Contract as discussed in Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blair Schroeder and passed 6-0.

Ayes: Enriquez, Tidmore, Goodman, Wiley, Schroeder, and Wheat

Nays:

Absent: Earles

III. Superintendent Resignation Agreement

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if there was a motion regarding the Superintendent Resignation Agreement. Dr. Taylor Tidmore made a motion to approve the Superintendent's Resignation Agreement as discussed in Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rodney Goodman and passed 6-0.

Ayes: Wheat, Goodman, Schroeder, Tidmore, Enriquez, and Wiley

Nays:

Absent: Earles

- B. Matters pertaining to Litigation, if any
- C. Matters pertaining to Real Property, if any
- D. Matters pertaining to Safety and Security, if any
 - I. The Board will consider the Appointment of New School Marshal.

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if there was a motion regarding the Appointment of New School Marshal. Dr. Danny Wheat made a motion to approve the Appointment of New School Marshal as presented in Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bill Enriquez and passed 6-0.

Ayes: Wiley, Enriquez, Tidmore, Schroeder, Wheat, and Goodman

Nays:

Absent: Earles

- E. Matters pertaining to Students, if any
- XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

ATTEST:

Secretary