

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Argyle ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Argyle ISD was held Monday, **December 15, 2025**, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Argyle ISD Board Room, 6701 Canyon Falls Dr, Flower Mound, TX 76226.

Board Members Present at Call to Order: Sam Slaton, Board President; Craig Hawkesworth, Vice President; Matt Slaton, Board Secretary; Rich McDowell; Dr. Leona McDade; Josh Westrom; Leigh Ann Artho

Argyle ISD Staff Present: Dr. Courtney Carpenter, Superintendent; Dr. Chris Daniel, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Dawn Jordan, Assistant Superintendent; Liz Stewart, CFO; Rick Herrin, CCO; Greg Royar, CTO; Yvolene McGarvey, Administrative Assistant; Shannon Knowles, AHS Principal; Dona Lumsden, AMS Principal; Lauren Tullos, JRE Principal; Chris Sayler, Digital Content Specialist; Tommy Ledford, Executive Director of Operations; Michael Lemish, Network/Security Coord; Erin Lemish, District PEIMS

1. 5:00pm. Call to Order - Determine if a Quorum is Present
2. 5:01pm. Executive Session as authorized by Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E:
 - A. Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
 - B. Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public office or employee, specifically; Discuss duties of Board and Superintendent regarding security.
 - C. Government Code §551.072 authorizes a governmental body to deliberate in executive session on certain matters concerning real property, including deliberations relating to the purchase or value of real property if deliberations in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the school in negotiation with a third person.
 - D. Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. Private consultation with the Board's attorney in person or by telephone conference regarding a matter in which the Board seeks advice of its attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation and regarding a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code

6:03pm. Return from closed session

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags
 - ~ Pledges led by AMS Stuco & NJHS
 - ~ AHS Remedy Choir, followed by a short set of songs

4. Opening Prayer

5. Public Forum/Comments to the Board. For Regular Board Meetings, the Board will hear public comments regarding agenda and non-agenda items. (limit 5 minutes each or 30 minutes total)

6. Consider and take any action deemed necessary upon discussion in the closed meeting

- A. Consider Recommendation for the Hiring of Principal at the New Middle School

1. Craig Hawkesworth made a motion that the Board approve closed session item 6-A as presented
 2. Rich McDowell seconded
 3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

- B. Consider Recommendation for Armed Staff

1. Matt Slaton made a motion that the Board approve closed session item 6-B as presented
 2. Leigh Ann Artho seconded
 3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

7. Consent Items

- A. Minutes
 - B. Donations
 - C. General Operating Checks and Financial Reports
 - D. Consider Approval of the 2025 Tax Roll
 - E. Region 11 MOU for Teacher Incentive Allotment
 - F. UNT Teacher Residency Program MOU

1. Dr. Leona McDade made a motion that the Board approve consent items as presented
2. Matt Slaton seconded
3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

8. Reports

- A. Construction Report
- B. Superintendent Report
- C. Demographer Report

9. Information Only

- A. Virtual/ Hybrid Programming
- B. Purchases Above \$100,000 CH(Local)

10. Discussion/Action Items

A. Consider Approval of Purchase Above \$100,000 CH (local)

1. Matt Slaton made a motion that the Board approve action item 10-A as presented
2. Leigh Ann Artho seconded
3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

B. Consider for Approval Budget Amendment #1 FY26

1. Craig Hawkesworth made a motion that the Board approve action item 10-B as presented
2. Rich McDowell seconded
3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea

Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

C. Consider Paraprofessional Contingency Positions

1. Matt Slaton made a motion that the Board approve action item 10-C as presented
2. Craig Hawkesworth seconded
3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

D. Consider Substitute Pay Rate

1. Dr. Leona McDade made a motion that the Board approve action item 10-D as presented
2. Matt Slaton seconded
3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

E. Consider Naming Recommendations

1. Craig Hawkesworth made a motion that the Board name Elementary 5 as Michael Ball Elementary
2. Rich McDowell seconded
3. Board voted 6-1 (Dr. McDade opposed)

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Nay
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

1. Craig Hawkesworth made a motion that the Board approve naming HS 377 as Argyle Legacy High School
2. Leigh Ann Artho seconded
3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

1. Matt Slaton made a motion that the Board approve naming MS 407 as Scott Gibson Middle School
2. Rich McDowell seconded
3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

There was no change on MS 377. It will remain Argyle Middle School
 There was no change on Argyle High School (at Canyon Falls)

F. Consider Mascot & Color for Middle School and High School #2

1. Leigh Ann Artho made a motion that Argyle Legacy High School have Red Hawkes be the mascot
2. Rich McDowell seconded
3. Board votes 4-3. (Sam Slaton, Craig Hawkesworth, Dr. Leona McDade opposed)

Sam Slaton	Nay
Craig Hawkesworth	Nay
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Nay
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

1. Craig Hawkesworth made a motion to approve Argyle Legacy HS Red Hawks colors to be Red, White, & Blue
2. Rich McDowell seconded
3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea

Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea

11. President Sam Slaton adjourned the meeting at 9:02pm.

Sam Slaton,
Board President

Matt Slaton,
Board Secretary