

## Regular Meeting

Monday, October 20, 2025 5:30 PM

Westwood Middle School, 1801 Panther Blvd., Palestine, TX. 75803

Jed Barron:	Present
Carolyn Booker:	Present
Angela Choate:	Present
Jeff Cooper:	Present
Kay Denison:	Present
Jess Huddleston:	Present
Bryan Jones:	Absent

### 1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

### 2. Roll Call

### 3. Action Items

3.A. Board to consider and approve the agenda

### 4. Closed Session

4.A. Personnel

4.B. Acknowledge Professional Contracts

4.C. Real Property

#### Action(s):

Wade Stanford to move forward with selling the property. This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Angela Choate, Passed.

#### Voting Detail:

Jed Barron:	Yea
Carolyn Booker:	Yea
Angela Choate:	Yea
Jeff Cooper:	Yea
Kay Denison:	Yea
Jess Huddleston:	Yea
Bryan Jones:	Absent

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4.D. Intruder Detection Audit

### 5. Invocation

### 6. Pledge of Allegiance/ Texas Pledge

### 7. Recognition of Students and Faculty

### 8. Recognition of Principals

### 9. Public Comments

**Discussion:** No Public Comments.

#### 10. Board To Vote On Items Discussed In Closed Session

##### Action(s):

Wade Stanford to proceed and move forward with selling the property of 4254 W Oak St. This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Angela Choate, Passed.

##### Voting Detail:

Jed Barron:	Yea
Carolyn Booker:	Yea
Angela Choate:	Yea
Jeff Cooper:	Yea
Kay Denison:	Yea
Jess Huddleston:	Yea
Bryan Jones:	Absent

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

##### Discussion:

#### 11. Information Items

11.A.	Bond & Construction Update	<b>Presenter:</b> Trey Greer
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11.B.	Annual ESL Program Evaluation	<b>Presenter:</b> Tiffany Carwell
	<b>Discussion:</b> President Jeff Cooper asked for date of ESL program.	

11.C.	Finance Update	<b>Presenter:</b> Chris Alford
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**Discussion:** Jess Huddleston asked Wade Stanford the caliber of students in enrollment. What was more significant than the other (as far as grade level). Wade Stanford addressed we don't receive transfer students for pre-k because of funding. Contingency in budget, and talking about possible incentives for attendance.

Angela Choate asked are there differences in schools for attendance pertaining to all the criteria needed to be met. Wade Stanford stated adding data quality meeting in which they come, coded and everything so it's all seen, more efficient. Jess Huddleston suggested having a discussion about Bond.

11.D.	Curriculum Moment	<b>Presenter:</b> Laura Jones
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**Discussion:** Jess Huddleston – is there a gap to close between first grade and second grade? Ending first grade strong and starting second grade weak. Most fundamental year is first grade. All the awesome principals are working hard to play catch up and help the students who are now in sixth, seventh, eighth grade. Those students were impacted most by COVID because they weren't exposed to "regular school," – Kayla Warren, WES principal.

Is there a way to identify what teacher had that impact on student performance? – Jeff Cooper  
 Anything in place that rewards those teachers?  
 How do we retain the teachers who DO want to stay in the classrooms? – Jeff Cooper

11.E.	Proud Panther	<b>Presenter:</b> Wade Stanford
11.F.	Discuss oil and gas lease	<b>Presenter:</b> Chris Alford
11.G.	Policy Update	<b>Presenter:</b> Wade Stanford

11.H. Policy Review

## 12. Action Items

12.A. Consider and take possible action to appoint a representative to serve on the Anderson County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 term.

### **Action(s):**

Jeff Cooper Nominated Karan Denison as WISD representative for Anderson County Appraisal District for 2026-2027. This motion, made by Jeff Cooper and seconded by Carolyn Booker, Passed.

### **Voting Detail:**

Jed Barron:	Yea
Carolyn Booker:	Yea
Angela Choate:	Yea
Jeff Cooper:	Yea
Kay Denison:	Yea
Jess Huddleston:	Yea
Bryan Jones:	Absent

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**Discussion:** Jeff Cooper nominated Karan Denison as WISD representative for Anderson County Appraisal District for 2026-2027.

12.B. Consider and take possible action to approve the Tyler Regional Day School Program for the Deaf Shared Service Agreement for 2025-2028.

### **Action(s):**

Approve Tyler Regional Day School Program for the Deaf Shared Service Agreement (2025-2028). This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Jess Huddleston, Passed.

### **Voting Detail:**

Jed Barron:	Yea
Carolyn Booker:	Yea
Angela Choate:	Yea
Jeff Cooper:	Yea
Kay Denison:	Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Absent

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**13. Board to Consider Approval of Consent Agenda**

**13.A. Fundraisers**

**Action(s):**

Approval of Fundraisers. This motion, made by Jeff Cooper and seconded by Carolyn Booker, Passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Jed Barron: Yea

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Kay Denison: Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Absent

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**Discussion:** All Approved.

**13.B. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting  
September 8, 2025**

**14. Consider and Possibly Approve Oil and Gas Lease**

**Action(s):**

Consider and possibly approve oil and gas lease. This motion, made by Jeff Cooper and seconded by Jed Barron, Tabled.

**Voting Detail:**

Jed Barron: Yea

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Kay Denison: Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Absent

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**Discussion:** Agenda item was tabled.

**15. Future Agenda Items**

**16. Adjournment**

**Discussion:** Adjourned at 8:01pm.

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Board Secretary