

Minutes of the February 10, 2025,
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Abilene Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting at 4:30 p.m., February 10, 2025, 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 4:30 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, Mrs. Cindy Earles, Secretary; Mr. Bill Enriquez, Assistant Secretary; Dr. Danny Wheat, Mr. Blair Schroeder and Dr. Taylor Tidmore.

Members absent: None

Administrators present for all or part of the meeting: Dr. John Kuhn, Superintendent; Dr. Joseph Waldron, Deputy Superintendent; Mrs. Patti Blue, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Mrs. Alison Sims, Associate Superintendent for the Development of Human Resources; Dr. Gustavo Villanueva, Associate Superintendent for Student Services; Dr. Jordan Ziemer, Director of Communications; Mrs. Jennifer Hinds, Executive Director for Finance; and Mrs. Robin Jones, Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees

- I. Call to Order
- II. 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 4:32 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. Executive Director for Secondary Curriculum and Instruction
- B. The Board may consult with Legal Counsel regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation and/ or Privileged Legal Advice. (Section 551.071)
- C. The Board may discuss matters of Safety and Security. (Section 551.076)
- D. The Board may discuss the Value, Exchange and/or Disposition of Real Property. (Section 551.072)
- E. The Board may discuss matters pertaining to Students necessarily involving personally identifiable information, e.g. Student Discipline. (Sections 551.082, 551.0821)

- III. Reconvene from Closed Session (Approximately 6:00 p.m.)

The Board reconvened at 6:02 p.m.

- A. Invocation

Mrs. Angie Wiley called on Dr. Jordan Ziemer 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

Dr. John Kuhn made the following announcements:

- February 11, 2025 – The Voice of Taylor Choir will perform at ACU Boone Theater
- Upcoming Fine Arts and Athletic Events can be found on the AISD website under “Calendars.”
- AHS v CHS boys basketball game this week
- February 14 & 17: Student Holiday and Staff Professional Development
- March 10-14 – Spring Break

- I. Teaching Minute

This episode of the Teaching Minute highlighted TEKS Readiness Standard 4.10D taught by Mr. Richard Green, 4th grade teacher at Alcorta Elementary. Students analyzed the figurative language used in the works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in this lesson.

- IV. Recognitions

- o Employee Award Recipients

Dr. Jordan Ziemer recognized the following exemplary educators and staff:

- Auxiliary: Mary Rangel, Student Nutrition employee at Mann Middle School
- New Teacher: Alfonso Santoya, 5th-grade teacher Alcorta Elementary
- Paraprofessional: Kathy Spivey, Hartford SAP Secretary
- Student Support: Victoria Smith, Crockett Early Head Start Master Family Advocate
- Substitute Teacher: Georgia Smith, Bowie Elementary
- Teacher: Karl Wilcox, Cooper High School Teacher and Coach
 - A. Abilene Young Professionals 20 Under 40 Award

Mrs. Melissa Scott, Stafford Elementary School Principal, was recognized for receiving an Abilene Young Professional (AYP) 20 Under 40 award. This award program honors 20 exceptional young professionals who are making a significant impact in the Abilene community in their respective career fields.

B. Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators (TASPA) President-Elect

Mrs. Chris Bailey, Director of Human Resources, was recognized for her recent appointment to President-Elect of the Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators (TASPA). This organization provides tools, strategies, and approaches to support human resources services in school districts across Texas.

V. Oral Communications from the Public

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

- Ms. Tammy Fogle – Thank you to the Board
- Judge Phil Crowley – General greetings from the County

VI. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if there was a motion regarding the Consent Agenda. Mr. Rodney Goodman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as present. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blair Schroeder and passed 7-0.

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

Nays: None

- A. The Board will consider approval of the Budget Amendments.
- B. The Board will consider accepting the December Financials.
- C. The Board will consider approval of the Minutes of the January 13, 2025, Regular Board Meeting and the January 30, 2025, Special Called Board Meeting.
- D. The Board will consider Policy DC (LOCAL).
- E. The Board will consider approval of Targeted Improvement Plans (TIP).

VII. Reports

A. Goal Progress Monitoring - Goals 1 and 2

Mrs. Keri Thornburg, Executive Director for Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, and Mrs. Mandi Joiner, Elementary English Language Arts Reading Coordinator, provided an update on Board Goals 1 and 2.

Goal 1: Early Childhood Literacy - The percentage of 3rd-grade students who score Meets Grade Level or above on STAAR Reading will increase from 40% in August 2022 to 53% by August 2027.

Goal 2: Early Childhood Math - The percentage of 3rd grade students who score Meets Grade Level or above on STAAR Math will increase from 44% in August 2022 to 66% by August 2027.

Mrs. Thornburg and Mrs. Joiner shared strategies being used to reach their goals including analyzing MAP, M-Class, and Benchmark assessments, as well as educator collaboration through professional learning communities (PLCs).

VIII. Business Items Requiring Board Action

A. The Board will consider approval of Policy FL (LOCAL) - Directory Information.

Dr. Jordan Ziemer presented a recommended update to Policy FL (LOCAL) that revises the district's definition of directory information. The policy update designates student addresses, phone listings, photographs, and dates and places of birth as directory information for school-sponsored purposes only (e.g., district publications) to protect student and family privacy. Under the provisions of this update, the district is no longer obligated to provide external third parties with the ability to directly solicit students and families if directory information is requested for a non-school sponsored purpose.

Mr. Blair Schroeder made a motion to approve Policy FL (LOCAL) as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Danny Wheat and passed 7-0.

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

Nays: None

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

A. The Board will consider approval of Personnel Recommendations, if any.

I. Executive Director for Secondary Curriculum and Instruction

Mrs. Cindy Earles made a motion to approve the Personnel Recommendation for Executive Director for Secondary Curriculum and Instruction as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bill Enriquez and passed 7-0.

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

Nays: None

- B. Matters pertaining to Real Property, if any
- C. Matters pertaining to Safety and Security, if any
- D. Matters pertaining to Litigation, if any
- E. Matters pertaining to Students, if any

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

ATTEST:

Secretary