

# **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

## **November 17, 2025**

### **Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees**

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These minutes are a record of the actions taken by the Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees in the meeting held on the above date.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Kaufman ISD was held on Monday, November 17, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Kathy Covington Administration Building, 1000 South Houston Street, Kaufman, Texas 75142.

#### **CALL TO ORDER:** Establish a quorum

President Drew Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM. Christine Borders, Linda Mott, Byron Gregg, Lindsey Abell, and Casey Townsend were present. Elizabeth O'Donnell was absent.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:01 PM. Under the authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.074-Personnel Matters; TGC-Section 551.072 Real Property Deliberations; TGC-Section 551.076-Safety and Security.

#### **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:00 PM.

#### **PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TEXAS FLAGS**

Board Member Lindsey Abell led the Board in the Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas Flags.

#### **DISTRICT CELEBRATIONS**

Jenny Henricks recognized School Board Students of the Month from each campus.

Jennifer Baker, Principal at Lucille Nash Elementary, showcased the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade's new House Sorting System. At the beginning of the year, students were sorted into different "Houses". They work collaboratively as a team to earn points, participate in challenges, and receive rewards throughout the year. This innovative system is teaching students invaluable lessons in: responsibility, community, and life skills.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one asked to speak.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing was held at 6:15 pm to discuss the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) results. Grant Miller, Chief of Finance and Operations, reported that Kaufman ISD received a “passed” status and a “Superior Achievement” rating. This marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year that KISD has received the highest possible FIRST status and rating. Mr. Miller stated, “The district’s FIRST accountability rating ensures that Texas school districts are accountable not only for student learning but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently.” The public hearing ended at 6:28 pm.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS / PRESENTATIONS**

Amy Keith presented the BOY MAP. LASO 4 Cycle is open and offers additional grants to support school improvement and curriculum implementation. LIFT merges programs formerly known as Strong Foundation and Texas Instructional Leadership. This grant would continue to support curriculum implementation, training, skill-building, development of the observation and feedback cycle, and instructional leadership coaching.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing was held at 6:31 pm to discuss the Targeted Improvement Plan. In conjunction with Region 10, we’ve developed a Targeted Improvement Plan for the 2025-2026 school year for one of our campuses. They were a campus designated for School Improvement by TEA based on 2024-2025 STAAR Scores. This designation will be for two years, and will submit a TIP for the 2026-2027 school year as well. The public hearing ended at 6:33 pm.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Consideration and possible approval of the Board Resolution - KCAD Nomination.

- Linda Mott read the suggested motion for the Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees to approve the resolutions in reference to Board Policy DFE, as presented.
  - Christine Borders seconded the motion.
  - The motion passed with a vote of 6-0. Drew Peterson, Christine Borderes, Linda Mott, Lindsey Abell, Byron Gregg and Casey Townsend all in favor. Elizabeth O’Donnell was absent.

Consideration and possible approval of the LASO Cycle 4 Application.

- Vice President Christine Borders read the suggested motion for the Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees to approve the request to apply for the LASO Cycle 4 Grant, as presented.
  - Lindsey Abell seconded the motion.
  - The motion passed with a vote of 6-0. Drew Peterson, Christine Borderes, Linda Mott, Lindsey Abell, Byron Gregg, and Casey Townsend all in favor. Elizabeth O’Donnell was absent.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consideration and possible approval of the Consent Agenda.

- ✓ Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on October 6, 2025.
- ✓ ConnectED Texas Site Marketing Agreement.
- ✓ Purchase Approval - Buses.
  - Byron Gregg read the suggested motion that the Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda, as presented.
    - Linda Mott seconded the motion.
    - There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 6-0. Drew Peterson, Christine Borderes, Linda Mott, Lindsey Abell, Byron Gregg, and Casey Townsend all in favor. Elizabeth O'Donnell was absent.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Amy Keith updated the board on the BBQ Team and all the great things they are accomplishing and upcoming events.
- Dr. Roberts presented the resignations, retirements, and new personnel.
- Dr. Roberts gave the First Read TASB Policy 126.
- Mr. Miller presented the Financial Reports.
- Mr. Miller gave an update on Maintenance and Operations.
- Dr. Garcia presented the student enrollment.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no other business, President Drew Peterson adjourned the meeting at 6:48 PM.

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_