

**WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WFISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – BOARD ROOM
REGULAR SESSION MEETING JANUARY 20, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING STATEMENT:

The Board of Trustees of the Wichita Falls Independent School District met in a work session meeting on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Mark Lukert, board president.

Board members present: Mr. Mark Lukert, Mr. John Barnard, Ms. Susan Grisel, Ms Diann Scroggins, Ms. Sandy Camp, Mr. Jim Johnson and Ms Katherine McGregor. Mr. Lukert noted that a quorum was present and the meeting had been duly called and notice of the meeting had been posted for the time and manner required by law.

Staff members present: Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Scot Hafley, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Ms. Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Vanessa Dishman, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Ms. Keli Sims, Administrative Assistant to the HR Director, Ms. Ashley Thomas, Communications Officer, Mr. Jeff Hill, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, Ms Jennifer Spurgers, Director of Human Resources, Ms. Alefia Paris-Toulon, Executive Director of Special Programs, Dr. Cody Blair, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, Ms Kim Thorne, Associate Director of Special Programs, Mr. Devon Dorris, Director of Athletics, Ms Kelly Strenski, Director of Fine Arts, Ms Trish Potts, Internal Auditor, Ms. Kelly Barnett, Memorial High School Teacher/Coach, Ms Jennifer Davenport, Curriculum Specialist, Ms Kellie Hare, Curriculum Specialist, Mr. Michael Walta, Memorial Band Director, Mr. Christopher Allen, Rider Assistant Band Director, Mr. Ben Cooper, Legacy Assistant Band Director, Mr. Joel Rodriguez, WFISD paraprofessional and Legacy Band students

Also present: Mr. Zach Craddock, Superintendent of Third Future Schools, Mr. Steve Wood, Bundy Young Sims and Potter, Hirschi Middle School staff, Shelly Cunningham, parent retired WFISD teacher, Gary Cunningham, parent and retired WFISD teacher, parents and media.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS:

Legacy High School JROTC

INVOCATION:

Mr. Mark Lukert gave the invocation.

PRESENTATION:

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC ALL-STATE VOLLEYBALL

Mr. Devon Dorris, Director of Athletics, requested that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognize Memorial High School students for receiving All-State Honors for Volleyball as submitted and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent.

The following student athletes from Memorial High School received All-State honors for volleyball:

Jordan Freeman: THSCA Academic All-State 2nd Team • TGCA Academic All-State • AVCA Best Brightest 1st Team

Eva Grisel: TGCA All-State

Addison Renner: THSCA Academic All-State Honorable Mention • AVCA Best and Brightest 2nd Team

Coach: Kelli Barnett

WFISD BAND PRESENTATION

Ms Kelly Strenski, Director of Fine Arts, introduced staff, chaperones and students that gave a presentation about the WFISD combined high school bands trip to London to march in the New Year's Eve parade. Over 1.5 million dollars was raised to take 351 people on the trip that showcased the Legacy and Memorial High Schools bands to over 600 million people worldwide.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Joel Rodriguez, Milam Elementary Paraprofessional: requested that paraprofessionals receive an increase in pay when they receive their college degree.

REPORTS AND SPECIAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

THIRD FUTURE NWEA MOY HIRSCHI DATA UPDATE

Dr. Cody Blair, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, introduced Mr. Zach Craddock, Superintendent of Third Future Schools, who gave information regarding NWEA (MAP testing) MOY performance data from Hirschi Middle School. He reported that they have seen a 1.38-year improvement the first semester.

ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM SPECIALIST PRESENTATION

Mr. Jeff Hill, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, introduced Jennifer Davenport, 1-5 RLA/Social Studies Specialist and Kellie Hare, 1-5 Math/Science Specialist, who presented information regarding elementary curriculum support the department provides to campuses and teachers.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools, gave a report on the following:

- School Board Recognition Month
- Strategic Objective 1.2.1: Monthly attendance tracking
 - January Enrollment: 12,426
 - ADA: 93.78%
- Strategic Objective 1.1: Every student grows academically every year.
 - Third Future Schools: Hirschi 1.38-year improvement in first semester
- Strategic Objective 3.1: Parent & Family Satisfaction and Engagement
 - Parent Town Hall Meetings regarding Third Future taking over Southern Hills Elementary and Booker T. Washington Elementary
- Strategic Objective 3.3: Community Partnerships
 - Atmos Energy donating \$84,000 to provide a Book Vending Machine for all WFISD Elementary Schools
- Strategic Objective 1.2 Safety & Well-Being of Students
 - UIL Reclassification and Realignment
 - Legacy and Memorial will both be 5A-Division II Campuses
- Priority 4.2: (Stewardship)—Systematic, Long-Range Facility Planning
 - Updates with photos of McNiel Elementary remodel
- TEA Update
 - Now new news, should hear by February 1, 2026
- Upcoming Events
 - 1/20/26 @ 7:30 pm, Legacy vs Memorial basketball
 - 1/23/26 @ 1:15 pm, Academy 4, Fain Elementary
 - 1/29/26 @ 9:30 am, Leaders 5, Fain Elementary
 - 2/3/26 @ 1:00 pm, Leadership Wichita Falls Tour, Memorial High School
 - 2/4/26 @ 9:30 am, Hirschi Middle School Open House
 - 2/11/26 Principal for the Day-Spring, Across district
- Winter Weather Notice
 - Bad weather forecasted for Friday and over the weekend
 - Transportation Department will review and advise
- Next Board Meeting
 - 2/9/26 @ 5:00 pm

CONSENT AGENDA:

Architectural, Engineering and Related Services for Possible Bond Projects
Closure and Consolidation of Schools
December Meetings Minutes

Ms. Katherine McGregor, seconded by Ms Susan Grisel, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve items placed on the Consent Agenda at the January 12, 2026 meeting.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0

FINANCIAL SERVICES

CONSTRUCTION METHOD FOR ZUNDY ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION

Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Ms Diann Scroggins, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the construction method of Competitive Bidding (CVA) to be utilized for the construction as related to the Zundy Elevator Modernization Project, as submitted by Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, and as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0

PURCHASE OF SIX NEW BUSES

Ms. Susan Grisel, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the purchase of six (6) new school buses from Long Horn Bus Sales for a total of \$930,446.00, as submitted by Leah Horton, Chief Financial Officer, and as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0

COMMUNICATIONS:

CANVA EDUCATION RENEWAL

Ms. Katherine McGregor, seconded by Mr. John Barnard, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the renewal of Canva Education for 3 years at no cost to the district as submitted by Ashley Thomas, Communications Officer and as recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0

Mr. John Barnard left the meeting

DISTRICT OPERATIONS:

TASB UPDATE 126-2ND READING

Ms. Sandy Camp, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees adopt the TASB Update 126 Board Policy changes as submitted by Scot Hafley, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and recommended by Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0

HUMAN RESOURCES:

TEACHER APPLICANT POOL

Ms Katherine McGregor, seconded by Ms. Susan Grisel, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the proposed teacher applicant pool addendum.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0

BOARD MATTERS:

RECESS:

Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, recessed to go into closed session at 8:11 pm.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Personnel Matters Including the Appointment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, Dismissal and/or Compensation of Individual District Employees (Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074)

ADJOURNMENT:

No further action was taken and Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, adjourned the meeting at 9:22pm.