

Minutes of the February 6, 2025,
Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Abilene Independent School District met in a Workshop Meeting at 5:00 p.m., February 6, 2025, in the Alta Vista Room 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 5:00 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, and Mr. Blair Schroeder
Members absent: Dr. Taylor Tidmore

Administrators present for all or part of the meeting: Dr. John Kuhn, 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

A. Oral Communication from the Public

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if anyone wishing to address the Board had completed a public comment card. There was none.

B. Board/Superintendent Announcements/Information

Dr. John Kuhn made announcements regarding the following:

- Letter from Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 212
- 2024-2026 TASB Legislative Priorities
- Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame 2025 Inductee Banquet – April 14, 2025 at 6:30 at the Abilene Convention Center

II. Board Workshop Items

A. Comprehensive and Targeted Schools

Dr. Karen Munoz, Executive Director for Innovation, presented an overview of Comprehensive and Targeted Schools. The Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA) requires action to improve schools that are underperforming or have low graduation rates. The rankings are based on Domain 3 of the STAAR exams which is the “Closing the Gap” domain of the exams. The presentation explained how campuses are given identifications as Comprehensive Support and Improvement, Targeted Support and Improvement or Additional Targeted Support. AISD currently has 3 campuses identified as Comprehensive Support and Improvement, and 8 campuses identified as Targeted Support and Improvement.

B. 2025-2026 Budget Calendar

Mrs. Jennifer Hinds, Executive Director for Finance, gave an overview of the Budget Calendar for 2025-2026 which highlighted the budget process by month.

C. Career and Technical Education Report

Mrs. Lucille Fullen, Director of Career and Technical Education, presented an overview of CTE in Abilene ISD, highlighting framework and funding requirements, programs of study, industry-based certifications, student participation, achievements, and initiatives. Each program of study includes a sequence of courses that build upon each other, giving opportunities for students to earn industry-recognized certifications.

D. Policy FL (LOCAL) - Directory Information

Dr. Jordan Ziemer, Director of Communications, presented recommended changes to Policy FL (LOCAL) which will better protect student and family privacy by designating two separate categories of directory information in Abilene ISD: (1) items for use only for school-sponsored purposes, and (2) items for all other purposes. With this revision, student addresses, phone listings, photographs, and dates and places of birth would be designated as directory information for school-sponsored purposes only (e.g., district publications), and the district would no longer be obligated to provide vendors and certain third parties with the ability to directly solicit our students and families.

III. Agenda for Regular Meeting February 10, 2025

A. Consent Agenda Items

I. Finance: Budget Amendments

- II. Finance: December Financials
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. The Board will consider Policy DC (LOCAL).
- V. The Board will consider approval of Targeted Improvement Plans (TIP).
- B. Reports
 - I. Goal Progress Monitoring - Goals 1 and 2
- C. Business Items Requiring Board Action
 - I. Policy FL (LOCAL) - Directory Information
- IV. 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 6:26 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. The Superintendent Performance Evaluation and Contract Consideration

- V. Reconvene from Closed Session

The Board reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

- VI. The Board may take action relevant to Items Covered During Closed Session.
 - A. Superintendent Performance Evaluation and Contract Consideration

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if there was a motion regarding the Superintendent's Contract. Mr. Rodney Goodman made a motion to approve the Superintendent's Contract as discussed in Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Danny Wheat and passed 6-0.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Tidmore

- VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

ATTEST:

Secretary