

**WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MAY 18, 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, Ms. Susan Grisel, Mr. Jim Johnson, Mr. John Barnard, Ms. Sandy Camp and Ms Katherine McGregor. Ms. Diann Scroggins was absent. 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. Ashley Thomas, Communications Officer, Ms. Vanessa Dishman, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Ms. Keli Sims, Administrative Assistant to the HR Director, Mr. Jeff Hill, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, Ms Jennifer Spurgers, Director of Human Resources, Dr. Cody Blair, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, SGM Salvador Montez, Memorial Senior JROTC Instructor, Ms. Alefia Paris-Toulon, Executive Director of Special Programs, Dr. Brittany Bailey, CEC Principal, Mr. Devon Dorris, Director of Athletics, Dr. Kelly Strenski, Director of Fine Arts, Mr. Chad Johnson, Multimedia Specialist, Ms. Madison Davis, Marketing and Military Liaison, Ms. Natalie Kasperek, Production Assistant, Ms. Jessica Dixon, College & Career Advisor, Ms. Katie Nolan, College & Career Advisor, Dr. Brittany Bailey, CEC Principal, Mr. Ross Dillard, Campus Athletic Coordinator, Ms. Carol Rose, teacher, Ms. Felina Ramos, teacher, Ms Vickie Harding, teacher, Mr. Shawn Ramos, teacher, Mr. Christopher Mayfield, teacher, Mr. Loy Studer, Band & Orchestra Director, Mr. Ben Cooper, teacher, Ms Lindsay Harris, teacher, Ms Sarah Cook, Choir Director, Ms Carissa Long, teacher, Mr. Michael Walta, Band Director, Mr. Andrew Checki, teacher, Mr. Gage Grimsley, teacher, Ms Melanie Coons, Choir Director, Ms Ayrian Norman, teacher, Mr. Kevin Nguyen, Orchestra Director, Mr. Jeremy Crouch, Head Baseball coach, Mr. Rob Johnson, Head Baseball coach, Ms Kylee Miller, Head Softball coach, Mr. Dustin Holly, Head Soccer coach, Mr. Carl Wiersema, Head Soccer coach, Mr. Adam Jackson, Head Soccer coach, Mr. Robert Woodward, Head Soccer coach, Mr. Zachary Davis, Head Basketball coach, Ms. Sarah Peterson, Golf coach, Mr. Cleveland Wallerich, Golf coach, Mr. Lee Gregg, Tennis coach, Mr. Conrad Cooper, Soccer coach, Mr. Brad Love, teacher, Mr. Adam Miller, teacher, Mr. Larry Krugle, teacher, Mr. Rodney Shafer, teacher, Ms. Ashley Ellsworth, teacher and Ms Faith Patterson, teacher.

Also present: Students, Student's families and media.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS:

Memorial High School JROTC

INVOCATION:

Ms. Sandy Camp gave the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

LEWIS AND MARIE RYAN SCHOLARSHIP

Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ryan, college scholarships have been awarded to six students from both Legacy High School and Memorial High School. This year's recipients will receive four \$5,000.00 scholarships (\$5,000.00 per year for four years, totaling \$20,000.00). To be eligible for the scholarships, students must rank in the upper ten percent scholarship-wise in mathematics and/or science and be a student who, without such assistance, might be unable to obtain the advantage of a college education or to continue their education at a college or university of such student's choice.

Legacy High School

Ethan Earley
Robin Hendrickx
Briggs Moore
Jarjis Sheikh
Logan Walker

Lucy Worley

Memorial High School

Grace Cuellar
Jordan Freeman
Kathy Ngo

Hanson Nguyen
Jinoo Park
Frank Schmidt

CEC 2026 STATE AND NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes **Career Education Center State and National Qualifiers.**

Fernanda Aguilar-Jacquez - Architectural Drafting State Qualifier
Anna Anderson - DECA State Qualifier
Dulce Anguiano - Architectural Drafting State Qualifier
Christian Arizola - US Department of Education National Winner (Your AI Horizons Challenge)
Brayden Briggs - Welding I State Qualifier
Delaney Bruce - Architectural Drafting State Qualifier
Leila Dillard - FFA Creed Speaking State Semi-Finalist (Top 24 in Texas)
Juan Escabedo - DECA State Qualifier
Benjamin Felix - Technical Drafting, Applied Engineering State Qualifier
Maxwell Garner - SkillsUSA District 4 Officer, SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Team State Qualifier
Sean Garza - DECA State Qualifier
Mikayla Gray - DECA State Qualifier
Cheran Hooper - SkillsUSA State Officer, SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Team State Qualifier
Daisy Johnson - DECA State Qualifier
Gavin Jones - Technical Drafting, Applied Engineering State Qualifier
Alex Killen - TPSA Crime Scene Search State Qualifier (5th Place Team)
Kristen Killen - SkillsUSA Automotive Tool Identification State Qualifier
Isaac Legg - Auto Collision Estimating State Qualifier (2nd Place)
Salvador Lomeli - UTI Top Tech Challenge (2nd Place Team); SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Team State Qualifier
Jasmin Lor - DECA State Qualifier
Juliet Lor - DECA State Qualifier
Khloe Miller - ProStart Design a Balanced Menu Competition (1st Place)
Miley Mobley - DECA State Qualifier
Danny Nguyen - Principles of Engineering, Applied Engineering State Qualifier
Syon Parajuli - US Department of Education National Winner (Your AI Horizons Challenge)
Kyle Paris - SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Team, Automotive Service Technology National Qualifier
Alexis Perez - Texas Restaurant Association Grit Coin Recipient
Quynh Pham - DECA State Qualifier
Jacob Price - UTI Top Tech Challenge (2nd Place Team); SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Team State Qualifier
Malea Rierson - TPSA Crime Scene Search State Qualifier (5th Place Team)
Cameron Roeder - Applied Engineering State Qualifier
Alycia Salgado - US Department of Education National Winner (Your AI Horizons Challenge), DECA State Qualifier
Marlo Shoffit - TPSA Crime Scene Search State Qualifier (5th Place Team)
Jacob Tuten - Computer Programming State Qualifier

2026 STATE VASE QUALIFIERS

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes the **State VASE Qualifiers.** The mission of the TAEA Visual Arts Scholastic Event is to recognize exemplary student achievement in the Visual Arts by providing art students and programs a standard of excellence in which to achieve. For VASE competition, students begin by entering their artwork into one of 20 region contests statewide. At this level, jurors look for originality of concept, technical expertise, understanding of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for visual art, and the interpretation of the student's stated intent.

Legacy High School

Lian Ortiz
Teacher: Carol Rose

Kiera Bennett
Teacher: Felina Ramos

Molly Clark
Keira Dassinger
Railey Van Rijsbergen
Violet McCarthy-Chavez
Hollin Chandler
Linda Baxova
Teng J. (Jo) Liew
Teacher: Vickie Harding

Memorial High School

Myla Otero
Jose Villanueva
Teacher: Shawn Ramos

Loc Nguyen
Adriana Rueda
Teacher: Christopher Mayfield

2026 PURCHASE ART AWARDS

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes the **2026 WFISD Art Purchase Awards**. Student Purchase Art Awards are presented by the district to talented high school student artists. Their artwork can be seen in the hallways and in the Boardroom of the Education Center. Each student will receive a cash award of \$100 from the Perkins-Prothro Foundation. The students are:

Legacy High School

Lian Ortiz (2 pieces)
Teacher: Carol Rose
Kiera Bennett
Teacher: Felina Ramos

Memorial High School:

Jose Villanueva
Teacher: Shawn Ramos
Phebe Atkins
Hiromi Flores
Teacher: Chris Mayfield

2026 TEXAS MUSIC SCHOLARS-LEGACY

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes the **Texas Music Scholars at Legacy High School**. The Texas Music Scholars award is given by TMEA with the following requirements:

- Is a viable member of the school's parent musical organization for the entire school year.
- Maintains in all cumulative coursework an overall "A" average as defined by the local school district for the current school year.
- Maintains academic eligibility for the entire school year.
- Participates in all scheduled events of the parent organization.
- Attends, as an audience member, two director-approved concert events of high school, collegiate or professional level during a school year.
- Has auditioned, been selected, and participated as required in a TMEA or ATSSB organization (band, orchestra, or choir).
- Performs a UIL Prescribed Music List Class 1 solo for a competition or public performance.
- Consistently exhibits behavior, which brings honor to the parent organization, school and community.

Band and Orchestra

Rachel Anderson
Elijah Broadway
Raina D'Ambrosio
Keira Dassinger
Abhi Desai
David Glover
Gavin Gonzales
Ben Harris
Jacob Lawrence
Lian Ortiz
Adrian Quast
Dean Rivard
Lizzy Teruel-Figueroa
Camille Jena Valencia

Mason Winter
Directors: Loy Studer, Ben Cooper and Lindsay Harris

Choir

Elliana Daniels
Ruby Dean
Ethan Earley
Ava Fukasawa
James Hasson
Directors: Sarah Cook and Carissa Long

2026 TEXAS MUSIC SCHOLARS-MEMORIAL

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes the **Texas Music Scholars at Memorial High School**. The Texas Music Scholars award is given by TMEA with the following requirements:

- Is a viable member of the school's parent musical organization for the entire school year.
- Maintains in all cumulative coursework an overall "A" average as defined by the local school district for the current school year.
- Maintains academic eligibility for the entire school year.
- Participates in all scheduled events of the parent organization.
- Attends, as an audience member, two director-approved concert events of high school, collegiate or professional level during a school year.
- Has auditioned, been selected, and participated as required in a TMEA or ATSSB organization (band, orchestra, or choir).

- Performs a UIL Prescribed Music List Class 1 solo for a competition or public performance.
- Consistently exhibits behavior, which brings honor to the parent organization, school and community.

Band

Grady Belcher
 Rebecca Black
 Alenna Hoang
 Mia Mayfield

Directors: Michael Walta, Andrew Checki and Gage Grimsley

Choir

Evan Blanco
 Elliott Campbell
 Grace Cuellar
 Jonatan Ramirez
 Liam Rose

Directors: Melanie Coons and Ayrian Norman

2026 TMEA ALL-STATE

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes **Texas Music Educators Association All-State Students**. TMEA sponsors the Texas All-State audition process to promote students' dedication to their musical knowledge and skill and to encourage educators to support their students in this development. Beginning each fall, over 70,000 high school students across the state audition in their TMEA Region. Individuals perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument or voice part. A select group of musicians advances to compete against musicians from other Regions in their TMEA Area. The highest-ranking musicians judged at the TMEA Area competitions qualify to perform in one of 18 Texas All-State ensembles sponsored by the Band, Orchestra, and Vocal Divisions. The following WFISD students received TMEA All-State honors:

Legacy High School - Band

Keira Dassinger (3rd Year) - 4th
 Chair in State
Director: Loy Studer

Legacy High School - Choir

James Hasson
*Directors: Sarah Cook and
 Carissa Long*

Memorial High School - Choir

Harper Huckeby
*Directors: Melanie Coons and
 Ayrian Norman*

2026 TSSEC QUALIFIERS-LEGACY

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Competition (TSSEC) State Music Qualifiers from Legacy High School

TSSEC State Music Qualifiers – Legacy High School

Band and Orchestra

Raina D'Ambrosio
 Keira Dassinger
 Abhi Desai
 Jacob Lawrence
 Lian Ortiz
 Christian Ruiz
 Lizzy Teruel-Figueroa
 Camille Jena Valencia
 Dean Rivard
 Cadence Bailey
*Directors: Loy Studer, Ben
 Cooper and Lindsay Harris*

Choir

Cadence Bailey
 Liliana Betancourt
 Braxton Boden
 Zachary Cartwright
 Elliana Daniels
 Ruby Dean
 Ethan Earley
 Joseph Franco
 Ava Fukasawa
 Gabriela Gonzalez
 James Hasson

Chauncey Hooper
 Amanda Igbokwe
 Allison Marshall
 Emma Mullins
 Azucena Piceno
 Dajuan Rankin
 Gabriel Rodriguez
 Kingston Rodriguez
 Sienna Taylor
*Directors: Sarah Cook and
 Carissa Long*

2026 TSSEC QUALIFIERS-MEMORIAL

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TSSEC State Music Qualifiers – Memorial High School

Band

Madeline Arena
Talon Aspinwall
Grady Belcher
Rebecca Black
London Boyd
Evan Coleman
Hayden Gray
Alenna Hoang
Scarlett Kirkland
Adrienne Martinez
Lorelei Mitchell
Lexy Montano
Kevin Moreno
Ethan Pak
Isabelle Roe
Emma Schreiber
Dilynn Smith
Yahir Sosa
Peter Tran

*Directors: Michael Walta,
Andrew Checki and Gage
Grimsley*

Orchestra

Archer Arena
Hannah Braveboy
Madison Groth
Jasmine Lor
Chloe Lee
Hanson Nguyen
Jimin Park
Director: Kevin Nguyen

Choir

Madeline Acosta
Mirey Arredondo
Evan Blanco
Libby Cadotte
Elliott Campbell
Grace Cuellar
Nya Douglas
Lilith Earll
Sarah Elder
Harper Huckleby
Cayla Lamb
Ava Mendoza
Justin Miller
Neomi Nunez
Scarlett O'Hara
Valerie Ojeda
Brayden Paul
Audryanna Perkins
Ryleigh Putney
Jonatan Ramirez
Liam Rose
Camryn Stephenson
Brayden Williams
*Directors: Melanie Coons and
Ayrian Norman*

LEGACY BASEBALL AWARDS

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes Legacy Baseball players for receiving All-State Honors Legacy High School had 6 seniors who received Academic All-State honors from the Texas High School Coaches Association for baseball.

THSCA Academic All-State

Jackson McCaskill - 1st Team
Cooper McKie - 1st Team
Shawn Chandler - Honorable Mention
Ricardo Gamez - Honorable Mention
Zach McDonald - Honorable Mention
Josiah Block - Honorable Mention
Coach: Jeremy Crouch

MEMORIAL BASEBALL AWARDS

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes Memorial Baseball players for receiving All-State Honors Memorial High School had 4 seniors who received Academic All-State honors from the Texas High School Coaches Association for baseball.

THSCA Academic All-State

Jacob Swafford - 1st Team
Caleb Matthews - 2nd Team
Carter Hoffman - Honorable Mention
Aaron Ordonez - Honorable Mention
Coach: Rob Johnson

MEMORIAL SOFTBALL AWARDS

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes Memorial High School Softball players for receiving Academic All-State Honors Memorial High School had 4 seniors who received Academic All-State honors from the Texas High School Coaches Association. THSCA Academic All-State guidelines include:

- graduating senior
- 92 GPA for all four years of high school

THSCA Academic All-State

Breegan Gilbert - 2nd Team

Madison Walker - 2nd Team

Sienna Collazo - Honorable Mention

Carsyn Wise - Honorable Mention

Coach: Kylee Miller

LEGACY BOYS SOCCER AWARDS

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes Legacy High School Boys Soccer players for receiving All-State Honors. Legacy High School had 2 seniors who received Academic All-State honors from the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches. TASCOSCO Academic All-State guidelines include:

- graduating senior
- 90 GPA for all four years of high school

Academic All-State

Cris Rios - TASCOSCO All-State (Honorable Mention)

Tomas Castro - TASCOSCO All-State (Honorable Mention)

Coach: Dustin Holly

TASCOSCO Region 1 Assistant Coach of the Year

Conrad Cooper

LEGACY GIRLS SOCCER AWARDS

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes Legacy High School Girls Soccer players for receiving All-State Honors. Legacy High School had 3 seniors who received Academic All-State honors from the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches. TASCOSCO Academic All-State guidelines include:

- graduating senior
- 90 GPA for all four years of high school

Legacy High School had 3 seniors who received Academic All-State honors from the Texas High School Coaches Association. THSCA Academic All-State guidelines include:

- graduating senior
- 92 GPA for all four years of high school

Academic All-State

Maggie Ketner - TASCOSCO Academic All-State, THSCA Academic All-State (1st Team)

Jaydalin Mendoza - TASCOSCO Academic All-State, THSCA Academic All-State (2nd Team)

Graycen Phillips - TASCOSCO Academic All-State, THSCA Academic All-State (1st Team)

Coach: Carl Wiersema

MEMORIAL BOYS SOCCER AWARDS

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes Memorial High School Boys Soccer for receiving Academic All-State Honors. Memorial High School had 1 senior who received Academic All-State honors from the Texas High School Coaches Association. THSCA Academic All-State guidelines include:

- graduating senior
- 92 GPA for all four years of high school

Academic All-State

Jackson Bohannon - THSCA Academic All-State (2nd Team)

Coach: Adam Jackson

MEMORIAL GIRLS SOCCER AWARDS

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes Memorial High School Girls Soccer players for receiving Academic All-State Honors. Memorial High School had 5 seniors who received Academic All-State honors from the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches. TASCO Academic All-State guidelines include:

- graduating senior
- 90 GPA for all four years of high school

Memorial High School had 4 seniors who received Academic All-State honors from the Texas High School Coaches Association. THSCA Academic All-State guidelines include:

- graduating senior
- 92 GPA for all four years of high school

Academic All-State

Mara Blackmon - TASCO Academic All-State, THSCA Academic All-State (Honorable Mention)

Bellami Coffey - TASCO Academic All-State

Emma Fritsch - TASCO Academic All-State, THSCA Academic All-State (2nd Team)

Brenna Voss - TASCO Academic All-State, THSCA Academic All-State (2nd Team)

Addi Williams - TASCO Academic All-State, THSCA Academic All-State (Honorable Mention)

Coach: Robert Woodard

LEGACY GIRLS BASKETBALL AWARDS

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes Legacy High School Girls Basketball players for receiving Academic All-State Honors. Legacy High School had 2 seniors who received Academic All-State honors from the Texas High School Coaches Association and the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Madilyn Goodner - THSCA Academic All-State

Kaleigha Witherspoon - THSCA & TGCA Academic All-State

Coach: Zachary Davis

LEGACY GOLF AWARDS

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes Legacy Golf for receiving All-State Honors. Legacy High School had 5 seniors who received Academic All-State honors from the Texas High School Coaches Association for golf.

Audri Newberry - THSCA Academic All-State (2nd Team)

Duncan Serrill - THSCA Academic All-State (1st Team)

Charlie Thomas - THSCA Academic All-State (2nd Team)

John Arakelian - THSCA Academic All-State (Honorable Mention)

Bowen Betts - THSCA Academic All-State (Honorable Mention)

Coaches: Sarah Peterson (Girls) Cleveland Wallerich (Boys)

MEMORIAL TRACK AWARDS

Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes Memorial High School Track athletes for receiving State Track Honors. Memorial High School had 2 students who qualified for the State Track Meet in two events.

State Track Qualifier

Braylon Kinzie

- 800 Meter Run
- Regional Champion
- WFISD Record - 1:53.23

Uriah Tucker

- 110 Meter Hurdles

- Regional Champion

Coach: Ross Dillard

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

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

- Strategic Objective 1.2.1: Monthly attendance tracking
 - Enrollment: 12,222
 - Down 175 from beginning of year, smallest drop in years
 - ADA: 92.91%
- Priority 4.2: (Stewardship)—Systematic, Long-Range Facility Planning
 - Zundy construction will begin Thursday, 5/21
 - TAC and a few others toured McNiel, progressing nicely
- STAAR preliminary results for the high schools will be available this Friday, 5/22
- Jefferson closing ceremony went well
 - Thank you to Mr. Lukert and Ms. Camp for speaking as former Jefferson principals
- Graduation moved to Kay Yeager for both Legacy and Memorial
- Ten Commandments probe mentioned media
 - WFISD was randomly selected for review
 - WFISD complies with all mandates in SB10 & SB11
- Summer Leadership Institute (SLI)
 - June 17-20 in Ft Worth

CONSENT AGENDA:

Employee Healthcare Contribution
ILGA for TASB Benefits Cooperative
Purchase of Playground (Franklin)
Purchase of Playground (Zundy)
Purchase of Audio Equipment (Zundy)
April 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 May 11, 2026 meeting.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0, Ms Scroggins absent

HUMAN RESOURCES:

TEACHER APPLICANT POOL

Mr. John Barnard, seconded by Ms. Susan Grisel, moved 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, Ms Scroggins absent

BOARD MATTERS:

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BOARD APPROVAL OF A DELEGATE TO THE 2026 TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (TASB) DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Ms Katherine McGregor, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, moved that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees send Ms Sandy Camp as the WFISD board delegate to the TASB Delegate Assembly.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0, Ms Scroggins absent

ADJOURNMENT:

No further action was taken and Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, adjourned the meeting without going into Closed Session at 7:22 pm.