

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2026 5:30 PM
Westwood Administration Office

Jed Barron: Absent
Carolyn Booker: Present
Angela Choate: Present
Jeff Cooper: Present
Kay Denison: Present
Jess Huddleston: Present
Bryan Jones: Present

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

2. Roll Call

Discussion: Jed Barron is absent.

3. Action Items

4. Board to Consider and Approval of Agenda

5. Closed Session

5.A. Consider Principals, Asst. Principals, Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Leadership, Asst. Superintendent of Finance, PEIMS Director, Special Programs Director, Director of SPED, Director of Support Services, Chief of Police, Director of Transportation and Director of Technology **Presenter:** Wade Stanford

Action(s):

to approve 26-27, 27-28 contracts, including Cassie Huddleston (Jess Huddleston to abstain). This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Jeff Cooper, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Jed Barron: Absent
Carolyn Booker: Yea
Angela Choate: Yea
Jeff Cooper: Yea
Kay Denison: Yea
Jess Huddleston: Abstain (With Conflict)
Bryan Jones: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

5.B. Personnel

5.C. Acknowledge Professional Contracts

5.D. Intruder Detection Audit

5.E. Real Property

6. **Invocation**

7. **Pledge of Allegiance/ Texas Pledge**

8. **Recognition of Students and Staff**

9. **Public Comments**

Discussion: no public comments.

10. **Board to Vote on Items Discussed in Closed Session**

Action(s) :

to approve contract of Leeah Rose for the 26-27, 27-28 school year. also passed all contracts listed. Jess Huddleston abstained from vote for Cassie Huddleston due to spousal conflict. This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Bryan Jones, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Jed Barron: Absent
Carolyn Booker: Yea
Angela Choate: Yea
Jeff Cooper: Yea
Kay Denison: Yea
Jess Huddleston: Yea
Bryan Jones: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

11. **Information Items**

11.A. Finance Update

Discussion: we continue to conservative spending approach. staff is doing great w keeping ADA up. it's really our enrollment.

11.B. Curriculum Update

Discussion: Grow Your Own program is for our paras to be able to work during the day while also working on their teacher certification. Good idea to possible add a contract to be working for WISD for at least two years.

Teachers get walkthrus every week with feedback, but they're especially reaching out to Region 7 for support. What can we do to involve the board more in these classroom settings?

11.C. Discussion of Elementary TIP (Targeted Improvement Plan)

Presenter: Laura Jones

Discussion: Good plan for students and staff, with support for everybody and this will be submitted to TEA.

11.D. Senate Bill 11

Presenter: Laura Jones

Discussion: We are focusing on instruction while parents focus on religious things.

11.E. HB 2 Teacher Certification Requirements

Presenter: Laura

and Waiver Option

Jones

Discussion: That in foundational courses, you MUST have a certified teacher in each classroom.

11.F. Resolution to Compensate Employees for Bad Weather Days

11.G. Policy Update

12. Board to Consider Approval of Consent Agenda;

Action(s):

to approve consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Bryan Jones and seconded by Jess Huddleston, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Jed Barron: Absent
Carolyn Booker: Yea
Angela Choate: Yea
Jeff Cooper: Yea
Kay Denison: Yea
Jess Huddleston: Yea
Bryan Jones: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

12.A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting January 12, 2026 and February 2, 2026

12.B. Fundraisers

13. Action Items

13.A. Possibly Name Proud Panther Recipient

Presenter: Wade Stanford

Action(s):

To name William Cooper as Proud Panther of 2026. This motion, made by Jess Huddleston and seconded by Angela Choate, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Jed Barron: Absent
Carolyn Booker: Yea
Angela Choate: Yea
Jeff Cooper: Yea
Kay Denison: Yea
Jess Huddleston: Yea
Bryan Jones: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion: Dr. Booker's nominee is Jason Russell.

Jess Huddleston nominee is William Cooper.

Angela Choate seconds Jess, for William.

13.B. Possible Approval of Elementary TIP (Targeted Improvement Plan)

Presenter: Laura Jones

Action(s):

To approve WES TIP. This motion, made by Jeff Cooper and seconded by Carolyn Booker, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Jed Barron: Absent
Carolyn Booker: Yea
Angela Choate: Yea
Jeff Cooper: Yea
Kay Denison: Yea
Jess Huddleston: Yea
Bryan Jones: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13.C. Senate Bill 11

Action(s):

To not adopt policy of reading of prayer, bible, and text during the school day to respect choices of other individuals, and allow parents to handle all religious things. This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Jeff Cooper, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Jed Barron: Absent
Carolyn Booker: Yea
Angela Choate: Yea
Jeff Cooper: Yea
Kay Denison: Yea
Jess Huddleston: Yea
Bryan Jones: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion: All board members are on board.

13.D. Consideration and Action on HB 2
Certification Waiver Request to TEA

Presenter: Laura Jones

Action(s):

To consider and take action on HB, until 2029-2030 school year. This motion, made by Angela Choate and seconded by Carolyn Booker, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Jed Barron: Absent
Carolyn Booker: Yea
Angela Choate: Yea
Jeff Cooper: Yea
Kay Denison: Yea
Jess Huddleston: Yea
Bryan Jones: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13.E. Resolution to Compensate Employees for
Bad Weather Days

Action(s):

To compensate employees for the two bad weather days on Jan 26 and 27, 2025. This motion, made by Jess Huddleston and seconded by Carolyn Booker, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Jed Barron: Absent

Carolyn Booker: Yea
Angela Choate: Yea
Jeff Cooper: Yea
Kay Denison: Yea
Jess Huddleston: Yea
Bryan Jones: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13.F. Consider and Approve Joint Election Resolution with the City of Palestine for the May 2, 2026 Election

Action(s):

To approve the resolution with the City of Palestine for the May 2, 2026 Election. This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Bryan Jones, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Jed Barron: Absent
Carolyn Booker: Yea
Angela Choate: Yea
Jeff Cooper: Yea
Kay Denison: Yea
Jess Huddleston: Yea
Bryan Jones: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

14. **Future Agenda Items and Requests**

Discussion: Team of A training on the 25th of February (special board meeting). Everyone gotta be here unless it's a medical emergency.

15. **Adjournment**

Discussion: Ajourned at 7:27pm.

Board Secretary