

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Argyle ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Argyle ISD was held Monday, **April 20, 2026**, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Argyle ISD Board Room, 6701 Canyon Falls Dr, Flower Mound, TX 76226.

Board Members Present at Call to Order: Sam Slaton, Board President; Craig Hawkesworth, Vice President; Matt Slaton, Board Secretary; Rich McDowell; Dr. Leona McDade; Josh Westrom; Leigh Ann Artho

Argyle ISD Staff Present: Dr. Courtney Carpenter, Superintendent; Dr. Chris Daniel, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Dawn Jordan, Assistant Superintendent; Liz Stewart, CFO; Rick Herrin, CCO; Greg Royar, CTO; Yvolene McGarvey, Administrative Assistant; Shannon Knowles, AHS Principal; Lauren Tullos, JRE Principal; JRE Leeann Rudolph, Asst. Principal; Kristen Haynes, ASE Principal; Dona Lumsden, AMS Principal; Heather Van Noy, 6thGC Principal; Katie Hayden, AWE Principal; Holly Williams, Hilltop Elementary Principal; Whitney Wheeler, GMS Principal; Hillary Laird, HT Asst. Principal; Jeff Koehn, AISD Construction Manager, Tommy Ledford, Executive Director of Operations; Chris Saylor, AISD Digital Content Specialist; Todd Rodgers, AISD Athletic Director; Erin Lemish, District PEIMS Coord, Michael Lemish, Network/Security Coord; Jason bird, AISD Band Director

1. 5:00pm Call to Order - Determine if a Quorum is Present
2. Special Recognition ~
Argyle High School - National Honor Society
3. 5:06 pm. Board adjourned to Executive Session as authorized by Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E:
 - A. PERSONNEL MATTERS & PUBLIC OFFICERS: To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including Board members, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.074).
 1. Personnel Report
 - B. REAL PROPERTY: To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Board's position in negotiations with a third person. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.072)
 - C. LEGAL COUNSEL: To consult with its attorney when the Board seeks advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer, or when the attorney will have an ethical duty of confidentiality. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.071).
 1. To discuss participation in multi-district litigation involving youth social media usage and related litigation and entering into a contingency fee contract with Eiland

& Bonnin, PC and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC to represent the District (Texas Government Code §551.071)

D. STUDENT & EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE: involving discipline of a public school child; or in which a complaint or charge is brought against an employee of the school district by another employee and the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing. Subsection (a) does not apply if an open hearing is requested in writing by a parent or guardian of the child or by the employee against whom the complaint or charge is brought. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.082)

E. PHYSICAL SAFETY & SECURITY: To deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices, or to deliberate a security audit. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.076)

F. CYBER SECURITY: Security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; network security information as described by Section 2059.055(b); or the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.089)

G. PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT: To deliberate a matter regarding a public school student, if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation unless an open meeting about the matter is requested in writing by the student's parent (Tex. Gov't Code 551.0821)

6:26pm. Board returned from Executive Session

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags
~ Argyle South Elementary ~

5. Opening Prayer

6. Performance
~ Hilltop Elementary Choir ~

7. Public Forum/Comments to the Board. For Regular Board Meetings, the Board will hear public comments regarding agenda and non-agenda items. (limit 5 minutes each or 30 minutes total)

1. Arianna Pilone
2. Kirk Rohde

8. Consider and take any action deemed necessary upon discussion in the closed meeting

A. Consideration and Adoption of Resolution Approving Contingent Fee Legal Services Contract, including Findings Needed for Submission of Contingent Fee Legal Services Agreement and Request for Expedited Review by the Texas Attorney General

1. Matt Slaton made a motion that the Board adopt a Resolution approving the contingent fee legal services contract, that includes the findings required by Texas Government Code 2254, Subchapter C, and that are needed for submission of a contingent fee legal services agreement and a request to the Texas Attorney General for expedited review.

- 2. Craig Hawkesworth seconded.
- 3. Board voted 6-1, Josh Westrom opposed
 - Sam Slaton Yea
 - Craig Hawkesworth Yea
 - Matt Slaton Yea
 - Dr. Leona McDade Yea
 - Rich McDowell Yea
 - Leigh Ann Artho Yea
 - Josh Westrom Nay

B. Consideration and Adoption of Contingent Fee Legal Services Agreement with Eiland & Bonnin, PC and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC.

- 1. Craig Hawkesworth made a motion that the Board of Trustees adopt and approve entering into a contingent fee legal services agreement with Eiland & Bonnin, PC and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC to represent the District in youth social media usage and related litigation.
- 2. Rich McDowell seconded
- 3. Board voted 6-1, Josh Westrom opposed

- Sam Slaton Yea
- Craig Hawkesworth Yea
- Matt Slaton Yea
- Dr. Leona McDade Yea
- Rich McDowell Yea
- Leigh Ann Artho Yea
- Josh Westrom Nay

9. Consent Items

- A. Minutes
- B. Donations
- C. General Operating Checks and Financial Reports
- D. Consider Proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2026-2027
- E. Teacher Residency MOU
- F. Region XI - Benefits Interlocal Agreement

- 1. Josh Westrom made a motion that the Board approve consent items as presented
- 2. Dr. Leona McDade seconded
- 3. Board voted 7-0

- Sam Slaton Yea
- Craig Hawkesworth Yea
- Matt Slaton Yea
- Dr. Leona McDade Yea
- Rich McDowell Yea
- Leigh Ann Artho Yea
- Josh Westrom Yea

10. Reports

- A. Construction Report
- B. Superintendent Report
- C. AMS/LHS RedHawks Logo Reveal
- D. Board of Trustees Annual Continuing Education Report

11. Information Only

- A. Waste Management Services
- B. Consider Localized Policy FDB (LOCAL)
- C. Discussion on the Opening Configuration of Argyle Legacy HS Planning

12. Discussion/Action Items

- A. Consider and Approve CMAR Selection for New ES #6
 - 1. Item 12-A Tabled, No Action Taken

- B. Consider and Approve CMAR Selection for MS #2
 - 1. Item 12-B Tabled, No Action Taken

- C. Consider and Approve Professional Contracts

- 1. Josh Westrom made a motion that the Board approve action item 12-C as presented

- 2. Matt Slaton seconded

- 3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea

- D. Consider for Approval Budget Amendment

- 1. Craig Hawkesworth made a motion that the Board approve action item 12-D as presented

- 2. Dr. Leona McDade seconded

- 3. Board voted 7-0

Sam Slaton	Yea
Craig Hawkesworth	Yea
Matt Slaton	Yea
Dr. Leona McDade	Yea
Rich McDowell	Yea
Leigh Ann Artho	Yea
Josh Westrom	Yea

- E. Consider and Approve Purchases above \$100,000 CH (LOCAL) - April 2026

- 1. Josh Westrom made a motion that the Board approve action item 12-E as presented

- 2. Rich McDowell seconded
- 3. Board voted 7-0
 - Sam Slaton Yea
 - Craig Hawkesworth Yea
 - Matt Slaton Yea
 - Dr. Leona McDade Yea
 - Rich McDowell Yea
 - Leigh Ann Artho Yea
 - Josh Westrom Yea

F. Consider and Approve Seatbelt Retrofitting on 6 of our Buses

- 1. Dr. Leona McDade made a motion that the Board approve action item 12-F as presented
- 2. Matt Slaton seconded
- 3. Board voted 7-0
 - Sam Slaton Yea
 - Craig Hawkesworth Yea
 - Matt Slaton Yea
 - Dr. Leona McDade Yea
 - Rich McDowell Yea
 - Leigh Ann Artho Yea
 - Josh Westrom Yea

13. President Sam Slaton adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm.

Board President

Board Secretary