



## Annual MOU meeting May 22, 2025



Meeting was called to order at 11:42am in person in the Main Training room at 200 Wilco Way.

Attendees included:

Scott Matthew WCJS	John Pelczar WCJS	Tara Stewart S.T.E.P./GISD	Jamie Maas WCJS	Wes Vanicek GISD
Kimberly Nesmith WCJS	Rich Andreucci RRISD	Kyle Ruggirello Hutto ISD	Daniella Ogundare Taylor ISD	John Rinn WCJS
Amy Jordan WCJS	Deandra Jones WCJS	Bryan Miller Leander ISD	Devin Padavil GISD	Bobby Mabry Jarrell ISD
Latriesha Grandy RRISD	Denise Carlson WCJS			

No representative from Liberty Hill ISD, Florence ISD, Granger ISD, Bartlett ISD, Thrall ISD or Coupland ISD attended.

Chief Matthew provided a welcome and handed it off to Tara Stewart.

Tara Stewart, S.T.E.P. Principal, provided a recap noting there were not many changes within the SY 25/26 MOU agreement and highlighted some important sections such as the school calendar, transportation responsibility and special education services:

- Tara spoke on Edgenuity, engaging kids, proud of the teachers.
- Our JJAEP is the first juvenile facility to become a National Showcase School through Capturing Kids' Hearts
- Instructional Aide, LeAnne Hengst, was nominated and in the top three for GISD Employee of the Year.
- There will be summer school for CORE.
- SPED and 504 students increased dramatically, 54% of the kids need some sort of special programming. At one point the number was 65%.

Going through the MOU

- Pg 3 VAii should have read 1:3 vs the 1:4
- Pg 4 Question from RRISD on I.c, can there be an exception clause when it is necessary to have a student's longer than the max of 30 days. Can the ISD and JJAEP come up with a mutual agreement based on the severity of the offense. This change will be sent with the final version.
- Pg 5 H. Expulsion Criteria – when a kid is sent to JJAEP, the length of time needs to be stated in days
- Pg 6 – Updated contact info of case managers and other contacts
  - All Wilco email addresses are changing to [firstname.lastname@wilcotx.gov](mailto:firstname.lastname@wilcotx.gov)

Watching House Bill 6, it could change expulsion, when it is set in stone, Tara will send out an update

- Pg 8 I. Transition services must happen prior to JJ completion
- Pg 9 – Pointing out Per legislature, the JJAEP will operate at least 7 hours per day and no less than 180 days per school year
- Pg 10 – Please sign and return to [kimberly.nesmith@wilcotx.gov](mailto:kimberly.nesmith@wilcotx.gov) ASAP or no later than Sept 1st.
- Pg 12 – Expulsion Offense list could change with legislative session, will send update once complete
- Pg 14 – This chart represents the highest numbers but is all dependent upon what raise is approved.
- Pg 15 – April 2024 – March 2025
  - Budget - \$25,000 GISD handling fee is split between everyone, except for GISD.
    - 1 teacher moved mid-year with 40yrs experience so the decrease in salary is due to that fact
  - Removed line item for training
  - Districts do not pay anything for mandatory expulsions, they are picked up by the state
  - Billable days do not include mandatory expulsions, only discretionary, CORE and Detention

- SPED numbers represent SPED only, not 504

A revisit to the MOU funding may need to occur with the new voucher program.

Hearing no other questions, Chief Matthew called for a preliminary vote in favor of approving the 2025/2026 MOU and budget between Williamson County Juvenile Services and all ISD's in Williamson County. The vote was unanimous in support of the MOU and budget.

Chief Matthew thanked GISD and all the districts for their support.

Dr. Devin Padavil, GISD superintendent, commended the environment, Tara Stewart, JJAEP principal, and teachers.

JJAEP had 4 graduating seniors this year.

The final version of the MOU was emailed out on May 30, 2025 for all districts to get board approval. All districts will need to sign and return to WCJS, deadline of September 1, 2025 to [kimberly.nesmith@wilcotx.gov](mailto:kimberly.nesmith@wilcotx.gov).

Meeting was adjourned at 12:24pm.