

Agenda of Board Workshop

The Board of Trustees Jarrell ISD

A Board Workshop of the Board of Trustees of Jarrell ISD will be held February 3, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Jarrell ISD Administration, 504 N. 5th Street, Jarrell, TX 76537.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

1. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum
2. Pledge to American and Texas Flags
3. Public Comments
4. Action Items
 - A. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Board Resolution Regarding Wage Payments During Emergency School Closings presented by Bob Mabry 3
 - B. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Alternate Education Campus (AEC) presented by Laura Buckley 6
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5. Board of Trustees Team of Eight Training
6. Adjourn to Closed Session: The Board may recess into Closed Session for purposes permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code Sections 551.001 et seq., 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.082, 551.083, 551.084
 - A. Discussion of Personnel, Gov't. Code 551.074
 - B. Discussion of Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property, Tex. Gov't Code 551.072
 - C. Discussion of Superintendent's Contract Extension, Gov't. Code 551.074
7. Return to Open Session and Take Action if Needed on Closed Session Items
 - A. Possible Action on Personnel
 1. Consideration and Possible Action on Approving Additional Positions
 2. Consideration and Possible Action on Accepting Resignations
 3. Consideration and Possible Action on Employing Personnel
 - B. Consideration and Possible Action on Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JARRELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
JARRELL, TEXAS**

Date: February 3, 2026

Reported by: Bob Mabry

Subject: Resolution of the Board Regarding Wage Payments during Emergency School Closings

Discussion/Action

Background Information:

Due to inclement weather from January 26–28, 2026, all Jarrell ISD campuses were closed to ensure the safety of students and staff.

Item Addressed:

When the District is closed and employees are instructed not to report to work, they may experience a loss of pay. District administration has determined that continuing wage payments for all regular employees—contractual and non-contractual, salaried and hourly—who would otherwise experience a loss of pay during an emergency closure serves important public purposes. These purposes include maintaining employee morale, reducing turnover, and ensuring continuity and stability in District operations.

Recommended Action:

Based on the considerations outlined above, the administration recommends approval of the Resolution authorizing wage payments to all eligible staff members for the emergency school closure dates of January 26–28, 2026.

Suggested Motion: I move to approve the recommended Jarrell ISD Resolution of the Board regarding wage payments during emergency school closings.



Jarrell Independent School District

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Jarrell ISD Resolution of the Board Regarding Wage Payments during Emergency School Closings

WHEREAS, recent inclement weather resulted in the closure of all schools and facilities in the Jarrell ISD on January 26, 2026, through January 28, 2026 (a total of 3 workdays);

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by Texas Education Code section 45.105 to expend funds of Jarrell Independent School District for purposes necessary in the conduct of the public schools as determined by the Board;

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that during an emergency closing, most District employees are instructed not to report for work;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that a need exists to address wage payments for employees who are idled;

WHEREAS, the Board determines that employees who are instructed not to report to work may suffer a loss of pay if the District is closed; and

WHEREAS, the Board concludes that continuing wage payments to all regular employees—contractual and non-contractual, salaried and non-salaried—who suffer a loss in pay due to an emergency closing serves the public purposes of maintaining morale, reducing turnover, and ensuring continuity of District staffing when schools reopen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Jarrell Independent School District

1. authorizes continued wage payments to all regular employees—contractual and non-contractual, salaried and non-salaried—who are instructed not to report to work during an emergency closing;
2. The Board determines that the District will not require employees to make up work days missed due to the closure of school facilities or operations as a result of emergency closure due to inclement weather on January 26, 2026, through January 28, 2026; and
3. The Board finds that a public purpose and a benefit to the JISD exist to compensate JISD employees for 3 work day(s) missed due to the closure of school facilities or operations as a result of inclement weather on January 26, 2026, through January 28, 2026 and that this expenditure is necessary to serve a legitimate public purpose; and,

4. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to identify employees and absences covered by this Resolution and to take any action necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Resolution.

The authority granted by this resolution to continue wage payments to idled employees is effective for closure with a maximum duration of five days unless the Board takes action to authorize payment for a longer duration.

Adopted this 3rd day of February 2026, by the Board of Trustees.

Presiding Officer

Secretary

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JARRELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
JARRELL, TEXAS**

Date: February 3, 2026

Reported by: Laura Buckley

Subject: Alternative Education Campus (AEC)

Discussion/Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

An Alternative Education Campus (AEC) in Texas is a public school designed to serve at-risk students through nontraditional learning environments and targeted supports. These campuses provide flexible pathways to graduation for students experiencing challenges such as homelessness, parenting responsibilities, or difficulty succeeding in traditional high school settings. AECs emphasize individualized instruction, accelerated or focused coursework, and supportive resources, including online learning options and character education, to help students successfully prepare for college, careers, or military service.

STRATEGIC GOAL: Provide all students with foundational academic knowledge and skills by meeting their individual needs.

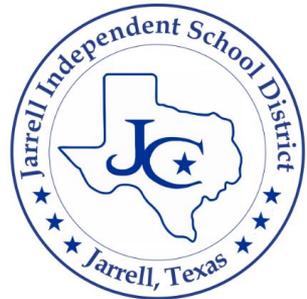
ITEM ADDRESSED: Alternative Education Campus

BUDGET INFORMATION: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the alternative education campus, JISD Achieve Academy.

Alternative Education Campus (AEC)

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Laura Buckley
Assistant Superintendent
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Planning Committee

- Kelly Blair
- Laura Buckley
- Bob Mabry
- Kelly Madden
- Andrew Maddox
- Chelsea Mahlik
- Tiffany Weiss



What is an AEC?

An AEC is a campus that

- serves at-risk students.
- offers nontraditional learning environments and targeted supports.
- provides flexible pathways to graduation.
- emphasizes individualized instruction.
- focuses on accelerated or focused coursework.
- offers supportive resources.



Program Eligibility

Students must be:

- 15-21 years of age,
- currently enrolled at Jarrell High School,
- have completed at least one full semester at Jarrell High School, and meet ONE of the following criteria:
 - a fifth-year senior
 - in jeopardy of not graduating with the TEA Cohort
 - have dropped out of school for over a semester
 - a pregnant or parenting teen
 - have been retained one or more times
 - have been placed in DAEP two or more times
 - qualify to receive services through McKinney-Vento
 - other: administrative discretion

Admissions Process

- Step 1:** Work with the campus counselor to complete the application to Jarrell Achieve Academy.
- Step 2:** Submit the application to a campus counselor.
- Step 3:** Receive notification of acceptance or denial to the program. ¹¹
- Step 4:** Commit to Jarrell Achieve Academy for the remainder of your high school career.



Keys to Student Success

- Student should be a self-starter, as most work at Jarrell Achieve Academy is online.
- Student must recover credits promptly.
- Student must maintain 90% attendance to earn credit for a course.
- Student must adhere to the Jarrell ISD Code of Conduct.
(Jarrell Achieve Academy is not a campus for poor behavior.)

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Portables & Infrastructure for Alternate Education Campus (AEC)

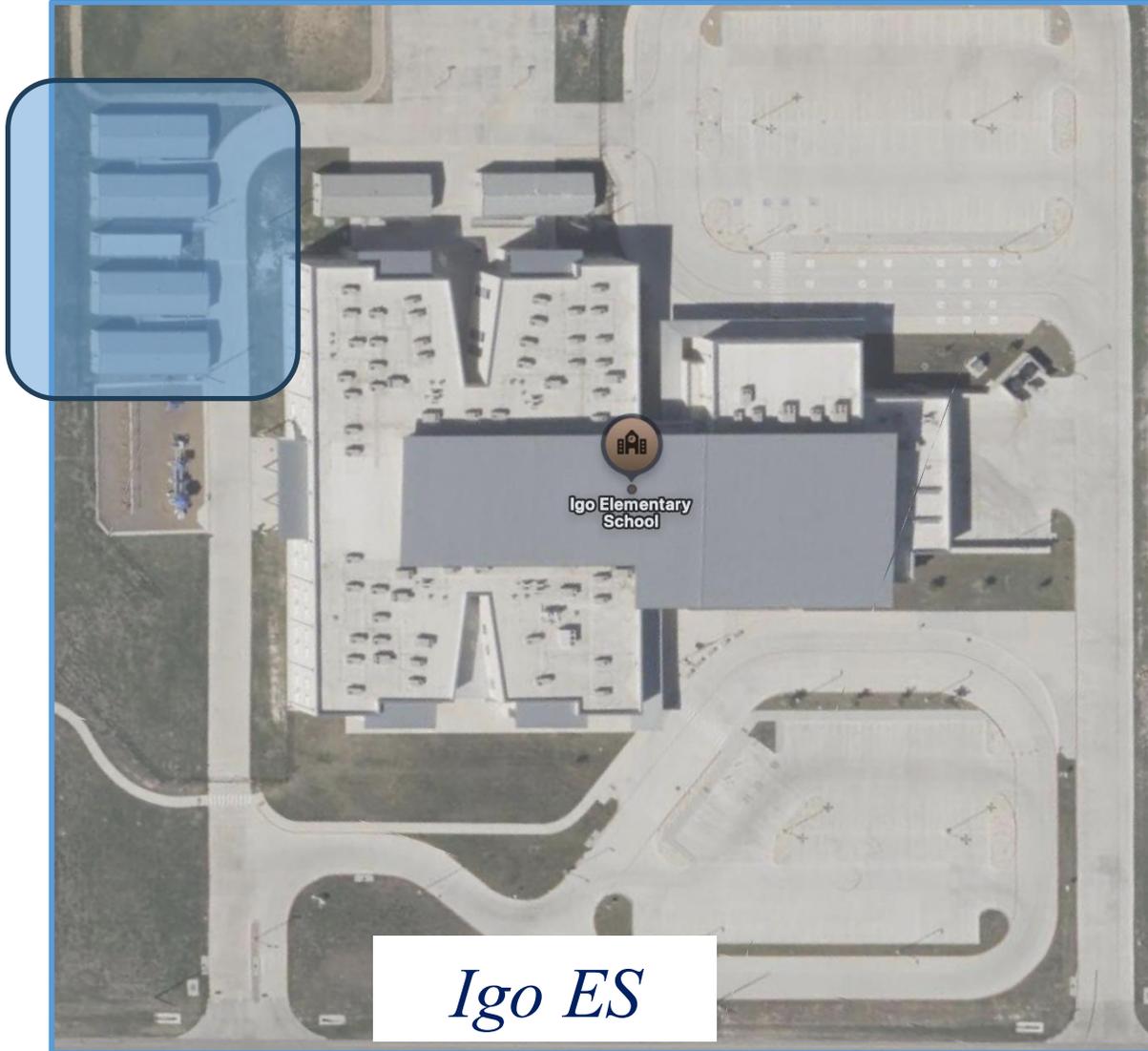
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Stephen Dorman, P.E.
Vice-President, Sledge Engineering
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Existing Portables at Igo ES

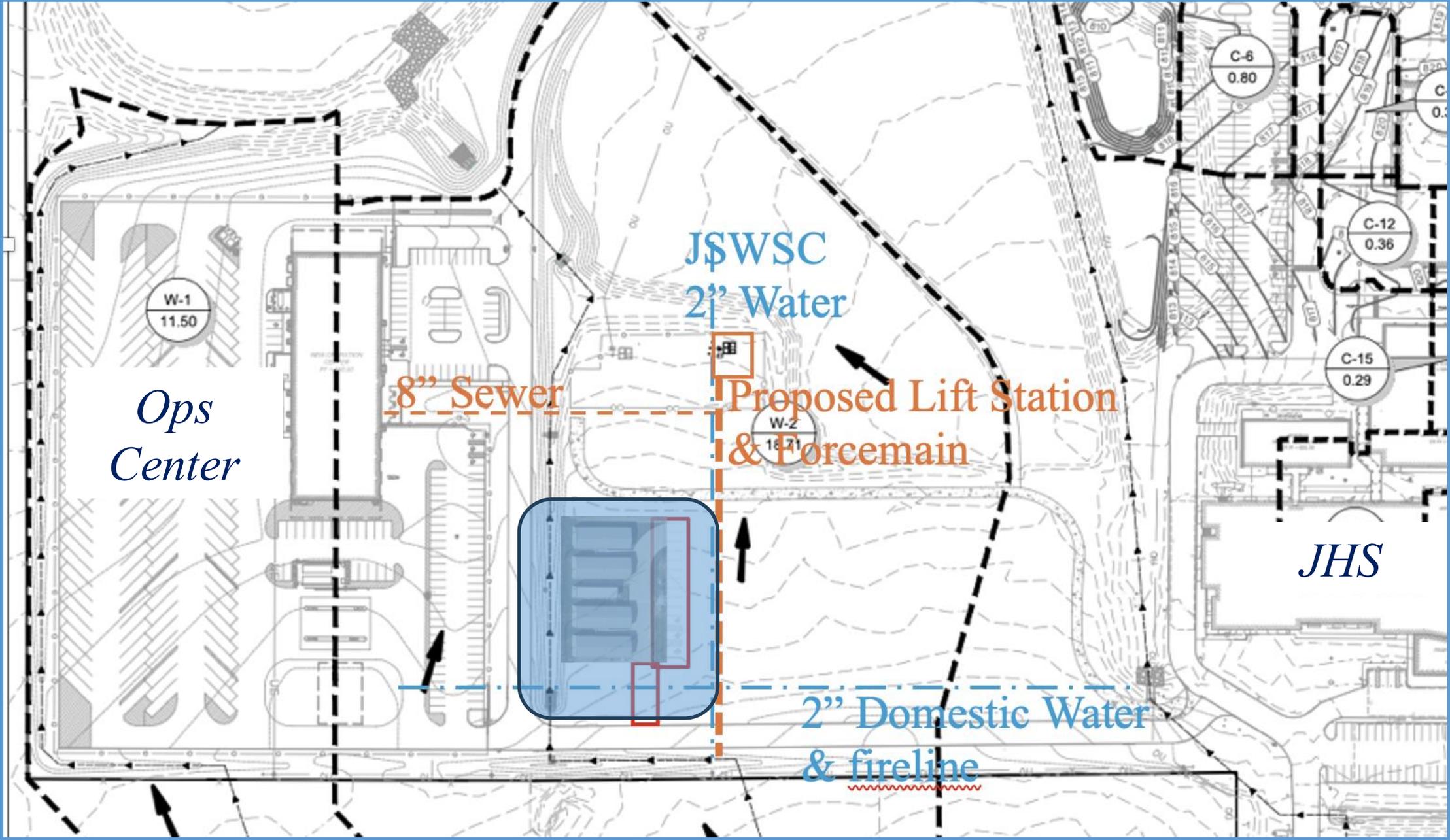
*Relocate 4 Portables (8 classrooms)
& Group Restroom*



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Alternate Education Campus – Location at JHS



Portable Complex - Cost Estimate

Item	Cost Estimate
Four (4) Portables (8 classrooms)	\$0
One (1) Group Restroom Portable	\$0
Move 5 Portables from Igo ES to JHS (includes underpinning, skirting, and ramps)	\$105,000
Site Grading	\$55,000
Site Concrete (parking, sidewalk, driveway)	\$125,000
Plumbing and site utilities (water & sewer)	\$115,000
Electrical	\$150,000
Technology	\$50,000
Engineering (Electrical and Civil for TCEQ Permit)	\$50,000
Subtotal =	\$650,000
Contingency =	\$100,000
Total =	\$750,000

Recommendation for Portables & Infrastructure

- 1. Recommend approval of "Not to Exceed" of \$750,000**
 - a) Relocate existing portables from Igo ES*
 - b) funded via 2023 Bond*

- 2. Authorize the Superintendent to finalize vendor contract negotiations with vendors as needed (*procured through bids, quotes, or purchasing co-op*)**





JARRELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Memo to the Board of Trustees



Date: February 3, 2026
Reported by: Stephen Dorman at Sledge Engineering
Subject: Consideration and possible approval of Portables and Infrastructure for Alternate Education Campus as presented by Sledge Engineering

Background Information:

Alternate Education Campus (AEC) is scheduled to open August 2026. The Academy will be separate from JHS. A portable complex is proposed at Jarrell High School (near the Operations Center).

Igo Elementary School has 4 portables (8 classrooms) plus 1 group restroom that is not currently being utilized. The proposed plan is to relocate these portables to JHS thus saving \$700,000.

The installation costs for portables will also require electrical, plumbing, technology, sidewalks, and site cleanup. These costs are in addition to the relocation, delivery, and install of the portable units.

The cost estimate is provided below for portables and infrastructure:

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Procurement for all work required will be via bids, quotes, or purchasing co-op(s).

The purpose of this action item is to approve a “not to exceed” value for all the infrastructure costs associated with Jarrell Achieve Academy.

Strategic Goal:

Item Addressed:

This item addresses the portables and infrastructure for the new Jarrell Achieve Academy.

Budget Information:

All costs will be paid from the 2023 Bond funds as competitively procured through bids, quotes, or purchasing co-op(s).

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval of the portables and infrastructure in support of the Jarrell Achieve Academy. Suggested motion:

I move to authorize a maximum not to exceed of \$750,000 for the portables and associated infrastructure for the Alternate Education Campus and authorize the Superintendent to finalize negotiations and execute contracts with all vendors as required.

Board Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

The Board of Trustees

Jarrell ISD

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Jarrell ISD was held Tuesday, February 3, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Jarrell ISD Administration, 504 N. 5th Street, Jarrell, TX. 76537.

Members Present: Jenny Arnold, Ginger Martinez, Tamara Dozier, Jennifer Gadison, and Cliff Tschoerner

Members Absent: Mindee Hernandez and Dave Lovelace

1. **Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum**

Jenny Arnold Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She affirmed a quorum of board members was present and the notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

2. **Pledge to American and Texas Flags**

3. **Public Comments**

No public comments were received or presented.

4. **Action Items**

4.A. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Board Resolution Regarding Wage Payments During Emergency School Closings presented by Bob Mabry.

A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by Tamara Dozier to approve the recommended Jarrell ISD Resolution of the Board regarding wage payments during emergency school closings. Motion passed unanimously.

4.B. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Alternate Education Campus (AEC) presented by Laura Buckley.

A motion was made by Tamara Dozier and seconded by Ginger Martinez to approve the Alternate Education Campus (AEC), JISD Achieve Academy. Motion passed unanimously.

Mindee Hernandez arrived at 6:09 p.m.

4.C. Consideration and Possible Approval of Portables and Infrastructure for Alternate Education Campus (AEC) as presented by Sledge Engineering.

A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by Jennifer Gadison to authorize a maximum not to exceed of \$750,000 for the portables and associated infrastructure for the Alternate Education Campus and authorize the Superintendent to finalize negotiations and execute contracts with all vendors as required. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Board of Trustees Team of Eight Training**

At 6:10 p.m. the Board of Trustees adjourned to Closed Session to receive Team of Eight training and legal advice from the District's attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 and other applicable provisions of the Texas Open Meeting Act as posted on the agenda. Dave Lovelace arrived at 6:10 p.m.

6. **Adjourn to Closed Session: The Board recessed into Closed Session at 7:40 p.m. for purposes permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code Sections 551.001 et seq., 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.082, 551.083, 551.084.**
- A. Texas Government Code 551.074; Discussion of Personnel
 - B. Texas Government Code 551.072; Discussion of Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property
 - C. Texas Government Code 551.074; Discussion of Superintendent's Contract Extension
The Board remained in Closed Session for the purposes permitted by Texas Government Code §551.071-551.084.
7. **Return to Open Session and Take Action if Needed on Closed Session Items**
The Board of Trustees concluded its closed session and reconvened in open session at 7:47 p.m. Mr. Dave Lovelace arrived at the meeting at 6:10 p.m.
- A. Possible Action on Personnel
 - 1. Consideration and Possible Action on Additional Positions.
A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by Mindee Hernandez on accepting additional positions as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 2. Consideration and Possible Action on Accepting Resignations.
A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by Tamara Dozier on accepting resignations as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 3. Consideration and Possible Action on Employing Personnel.
A motion was made by Dave Lovelace and seconded by Jennifer Gadison on personnel recommendations for employment as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
 - C. Consideration and Possible Action on Superintendent's Contract Extension.
A motion was made by Ginger Martinez and seconded by Jennifer Gadison to approve Superintendent's contract extension as discussed in closed session. Motion passed unanimously.
8. **Adjournment**
A motion was made by Mindee Hernandez and seconded by Cliff Tschoerner to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY