

# Agenda of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Westwood Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westwood Independent School District will be held October 16, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM Westwood Primary  
1701 West Point Tap Road  
Palestine, TX 75803.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

Due to health and safety concerns related to COVID-19 coronavirus, the meeting will be conducted by video-conference. At least a quorum of the Board will be participating by videoconference or telephone call in accordance with the provisions of Sections 551.123 or 551.127 of the Texas Government Code that have not been suspended by order of the governor.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **INVOCATION**
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS PLEDGE**
5. **ACTION ITEM**
  - 5.A. Board to consider approval of the agenda as presented
6. **CLOSED SESSION**
  - 6.A. **Reconvene from Closed Session**
    - 6.A.1. Board to possibly vote in open session on items discussed in closed session
7. Swearing in Westwood ISD Police Officers - Courtney Katz, Jonathan Conley and Aaron McDonald  
**Presenter:** Brenda Bing
8. Recognition of Principals
9. Recognition of Students and Faculty

Teacher of the month

October

Board Meeting – October 16, 2023

Primary - Cassidee Mercer

Elementary - Talia Hodge

Junior High - Matthew Smith

High School - Kyle Frith

# Student/Teacher/Para of the Month

## October

I nominate \_

**Mrs. Mercer** \_\_\_\_\_

Student of the Month      Teacher of the Month      Para of the Month

(Please Highlight/Circle One)

Nominated by \_\_\_Beth Boger\_\_\_\_\_

Positive-Remains focused on the opportunities available in every challenge.

Active-Creates a positive environment by being engaged and involved.

Noble-Treats others kindly and does the right things even when no one is watching.

Teamwork-Works together and lifts others up.

Heartful-Compassionate and always thinking of others.

Excellence-Performs at their personal best and believes in themselves and others.

Ready-Ready to learn.

In the space below, please give examples of how this person exhibits PANTHER characteristics.

**She is a good team leader. She helps me when I have computer problems. She cheers us on.**

# Student/Teacher/Para of the Month

I nominate Currera of the Month(october)  
(Please Circle One)

Student

Teacher

Para

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Please give examples of how this person models PANTHER behavior.

# Student/Teacher/Para of the Month

~~April~~

I nominate Jeremiah Benton

Student of the Month

Teacher of the Month

Para of the Month

(Please Highlight/Circle One)

Nominated by D Jenkins

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Jeremiah is a <sup>great</sup> role model in the classroom.

He works well with others.

Always has a smile on his face.

Very caring - if others need help - he offers to help. If they are sad he lets them know he cares.

He performs well on test + is Always ready to learn.

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## October

I nominate      Emarie

Jenkins \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please Highlight/Circle One)

Nominated by      Jennifer Wright \_\_\_\_\_

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Emarie is the picture of a PANTHER! She is up beat and happy. She makes our class so much more pleasant and helps whenever she can. She is such an important part of our team in our class and an example to the rest of the class. She excels at everything and is always ready to learn something new. I couldn't ask for a better student and example of a true

# Student/Teacher/Para of the Month

**PANTHER!** It is such a blessing to have her in my class. I can't wait to see all the amazing things she will accomplish.

# Student/Teacher/Para of the Month

## October

**I nominate: Emilyynn Elias**

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(Please Highlight/Circle One)

Nominated by Mrs. Prempeh

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Emilyynn is a student who is focused and willing to go above and beyond to get the work done. She is sweet and such an honest child. She is one of those students who can be overlooked because of how well behaved she is. Those students need to be noticed as well. I walked to her seat one day and I said "I notice all of your hard work" and Emilyynn lit up. When you look at the description of

# Student/Teacher/Para of the Month

I nominate Ethan Powell

**Student of the Month**

Teacher of the Month

Para of the Month

(Please Highlight/Circle One)

Nominated by Rebekah Stevens

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**Ethan exhibits a positive attitude in every activity we complete in class. He is always engaged and giving his best effort displaying excellence in not some, but all assignments. I can always count on him to be helpful and caring towards his classmates.**



# Westwood Elementary

## Student of the Month Nomination Form

### Proud to be a Panther!

- Prepared:** Punctual with good attendance, participates in class, and maintains grades.
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- Determined:** Strives to make each day a great day. Self motivated.

<b>Student:</b>	<b>Vanellope Rose</b>	<b>Grade:</b>	<b>3 rd</b>
<b>Nominated By:</b>	<b>Mrs. Bayless</b>		

### What **PROUD** characteristics has this Panther exhibited?

The 3rd Grade Student of the Month is Vanellope Rose. In my opinion, Vanellope is an excellent example of a Proud Panther. She comes to school everyday smiling and ready to learn. When I greet the students in the mornings, she always makes sure to high five, fist bump and give me a hug. Vanellope is an excellent student and excels at everything she does. She told me her favorite things about school are Math, Reading and her friends. She treats everyone with respect and compassion. She is willing to help when needed and works well with other students. I can't wait to see what Vanellope accomplishes in the future. I am blessed to have Vanellope in my classroom this year.



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<b>Student:</b>	<b>Sophia Hernandez</b>	<b>Grade:</b>	4 th
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Mr. Boyd		

### What PROUD characteristics has this Panther exhibited?

Sophia Hernandez has shown remarkable determination these six weeks. Her diligence enabled her to increase as both student and citizen. This scholar approaches every assignment with critical thought and weighted effort. Daily interactions with others are composed of benevolence and awareness. Not only does she care to learn, she offers to teach others. Sophia has shown us that she has grasped the idea of wanting correction and treatment of character. She is the archetypal student, for she has an uncomplaining energy for what needs to be done. I present to you, the one and only Sophia Hernandez. (applause)



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<b>Student:</b>	<b>Trenity Warfield</b>	<b>Grade:</b>	<b>5 th</b>
<b>Nominated By:</b>	<b>Fifth Grade Team</b>		

### What PROUD characteristics has this Panther exhibited?

Raelynn Sanders has shown great improvement since I became her teacher in January. She does a good job with her work and shows great leadership. She is always well behaved and is a good example to the other students on how to be a great citizen in our room. She is very respectful to everyone she comes into contact with and is always including others. Raelynn is always ready and willing to do anything that is asked of her. She is a delightful student who has a bright future ahead of her.



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**Student:**

**Marcelo Gonzalez**

**Grade:**

**6 th**

**Nominated By:**

**Ms. Emanuel**

### What **PROUD** characteristics has this **Panther** exhibited?

**Marcelo has such a big heart! Selfless, caring, and hardworking are just a few ways to describe what a great student he is. Marcelo consistently puts the best interest of others ahead of his own. He is a friend to all and offers a helping hand to any student or teacher in need. We are proud to have Marcelo represent our sixth grade class as our Student of the Month.**



**Westwood Junior High**  
**Student of the Month Nomination Form**

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**Determined:** Strives to make each day a great day. Self-motivated.

I nominate: **Kadye Cretsinger**  
Grade: **7**  
Nominated by: **Jeremy Brown**  
What Panther **PROUD** characteristics has this student exhibited: **She is always respectful and willing to work hard. I rarely have to repeat instructions to her.**



**Westwood Junior High**  
**Student of the Month Nomination Form**

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- Determined:** Strives to make each day a great day. Self-motivated.

I nominate: **Tereee weaver**

Grade: **8**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Link**

What Panther **PROUD** characteristics has this student exhibited:

**Tereee** is a conscientious, hard-working student, and is self-motivated. She is very pleasant to be around; a person whose behavior and work habits serve as good examples to her peers. Tereee will be successful in whatever challenges she meets because of her willingness to work hard, her responsibility, and her strong character. Tereee is a model P.A.N.T.H.E.R.



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I nominate Austin Cooper, grade 9th

He/She has proven to be an excellent, PROUD candidate exhibiting

He is making an "A" in  
my class. He participates in  
every discussion with the class. He  
also pushes himself above and  
beyond

Nominated by: Destiney Brown



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I nominate Kayson Dial, grade 10

He/She has proven to be an excellent, PROUD candidate exhibiting

Kayson is a positive influence in  
Class. He is always polite and he  
works hard. He is obviously a leader  
as others look up to him. Good  
grades - Goal oriented

Nominated by: Amanda Haney



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I nominate Christian Hatfield grade 11

He/She has proven to be an excellent, PROUD candidate exhibiting

Christian is a great student, who demonstrates virtually all of the qualifications above. He is respectful, maintains good grades and is an excellent example for others

Nominated by:

K. J. LaFleur  
U.S. History



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I nominate CHRISTAN HAFFORD, grade 11

He/She has proven to be an excellent, PROUD candidate exhibiting  
DEDICATION, RESPECT, & AN EXCEPTIONAL WORK ETHIC,  
BOTH ACADEMICALLY & PERSONALLY. HIS STRONG  
DRIVE TO EXCEL IN THE CLASSROOM & IN PERSONAL  
CHARACTER MAKES HIM A STANDOUT INDIVIDUAL WHO  
IS WELL DESERVING OF THIS RECOGNITION.

Nominated by: ZACH ATENCIO, ALGEBRA II



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I nominate Ethon Dugan, grade 12<sup>th</sup>

He/She has proven to be an excellent, PROUD candidate exhibiting interest in course content,  
the ability to help others,  
attentiveness, and the desire to  
be present, active, and engaged.

Nominated by: JKidd



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I nominate Ethon Dugan, grade 12

He/She has proven to be an excellent, PROUD candidate exhibiting

leadership, determination, and Teamwork.

He is an officer in BPA, chosen by his peers

because of the leadership he displays not only

in the classroom but in our organization as well. He is

always willing to help others and is always asking

what's next.

Nominated by: Tyler Hebert

10. **Public Comments**

11. **Information Items**

11.A. Bond Update

**Presenter:** Trey Greer

# Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information

**Meeting Date: October 16, 2023**

**Subject: Bond Update**

**Administrator Responsible: Wade Stanford**

**Summary: Representatives from Fitzpatrick Architects will present a construction update on Bond 2021.**

**Administration's Recommendation: N/A**

**Attachments:**

**Board Approval Required**

**YES**

**NO**

11.B. Annual ESL Program Evaluation  
**Presenter:** Tiffany Carwell



# Annual English as a Second Language (ESL) Program Evaluation

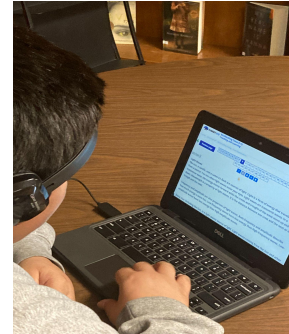
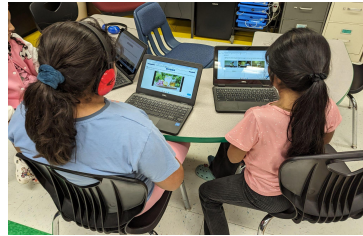
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Tiffany Carwell  
October 16, 2023



# Westwood ISD ESL Program

## \*\*Campus Administration and Instructional Support\*\*



Summit K12 is Built Specifically for Texas  
K-12 TEKS, STAAR, ELPs, PLDs, and TELPAS

 <p>STAR State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness</p>	 <p>TELPAS Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System</p>
STAAR Reviews Growth in Approaches, Meets and Masters	Covering Four Domains Writing Rubrics Speaking Rubrics
Domain 1 Achievement, Domain 2 Growth, and Domain 3 Closing the Gaps	



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# Academic Progress in the Language of Instruction

- **Report Grades**
- **Grade Promotion**
- **Benchmark Scores**

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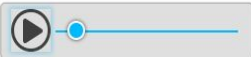
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GUEST, GUEST

Read the directions. When you are ready to speak, tell as much as you can. You may watch the video again before you speak.

In this story, Abby plays a trick on Kate.

- First explain what the trick was.
- Next give your opinion about Abby's trick. Do you agree with what Abby did? Why or why not? 29
- Finally explain how you think Kate felt about Abby's trick, and why.



90s

Remaining Attempts: 2



Students are studying different features of Texas landscapes.



Big Bend National Park, Texas



Caddo Lake, Texas

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GUEST, GUEST

- Describe these two pictures. What features are in each picture?
- Compare both pictures. What features are different from each other? What features are similar to each other?
- Which landscape would you like to take a trip to and why?



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# English Learners' Proficiency in English

TELPAS: Kindergarten through 2 (13 students)

*TEXAS English Language Proficiency Assessment System Spring 2023*

	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Advanced</b>	<b>Advanced High</b>
<b>Listening</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Speaking</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Writing</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>0%</b>

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# English Learners' Proficiency in English

TELPAS: 3 through 12 (89 students)

*TEXAS English Language Proficiency Assessment System Spring 2023*

	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Advanced</b>	<b>Advanced High</b>
<b>Listening</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Speaking</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Writing</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>4%</b>



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# Reclassification Criteria

## *Components of 2022-2023 Reclassification Criteria*

- TELPAS Advanced High in each domain of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing
- Satisfactory performance on STAAR or State Standardized Reading Assessment (without certain Designated Supports)
- Subjective Teacher Evaluation

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# Students who met Reclassification Criteria 2022-2023

We didn't have any students meet the criteria to exit from the district's ESL program for the 2022-2023 school year.

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**\*\*New TELPAS reclassification criteria\*\***



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# ESL Waiver

<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
<p>5 teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Elementary - 2 teachers</li><li>● Junior High - 2 teachers</li><li>● High School - 1 teacher</li></ul>	<p>6 teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Primary - 1 teacher</li><li>● Elementary - 1 teacher</li><li>● Junior High - 1 teacher</li><li>● High School - 3 teachers</li></ul>

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Two teachers who were under the waiver last year obtained their ESL certification.



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# Alternative Language Program

- Students are provided supplemental support from teachers who meet ESL certification criteria
- Teachers under the waiver and all core content teachers are provided with ongoing professional learning to further support our students

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## The Comprehensive Professional Development Plan

- Ongoing, job-embedded professional learning
- Region 7 workshops
- TEA online, self-paced ESL exam preparation course
- [Supporting English Learners in Texas](#) TEA webpage

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## Parent, Family and Community Engagement

- TEA Virtual Opportunities
- Connecting with campus family engagement events
- Newsletters and communication sent out periodically via ParentSquare



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11.C. Curriculum Moment

**Presenter:** Tracie Robinson

## **Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information**

**Meeting Date:** October 16, 2023

**Subject:** October 2023 Curriculum Moment

**Administrator Responsible:** Dr. Tracie Robinson

**Summary:** This month the curriculum moment will focus on the Culture and Systems of Support in Westwood ISD. The moment will also show the Beginning of the Year early literacy data and include strategies that we will use to improve literacy in WISD that support student achievement.

**Administration's Recommendation:** N/A

**Possible Motion:** NA

**Board Approval Required**    YES    X NO

11.D. Finance Update

**Presenter:** Kyle Johnson

# Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information Agenda Item Information

**Meeting Date:** October 16, 2023

**Subject:** Finance Update

**Administrator Responsible:** Mr. Johnson

**Summary:** Finance Update on the beginning of the TEA Summary of Finance Near Final and legislative updates.

**Administration's Recommendation:** This is for information purposes only.

**Board Approval Required**      YES      **X** NO

11.E. Proud Panther

**Presenter:** Wade Stanford

# Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information

**Meeting Date: October 16, 2023**

**Subject: Proud Panther**

**Administrator Responsible: Wade Stanford**

**Summary: The purpose of the Proud Panther Hall of Recognition is to recognize Westwood Independent School District alumni, staff, volunteers, and other individuals who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to the school district and the community.**

**Administration's Recommendation: N/A**

**Attachments:**

**Board Approval Required**

**YES**

**NO**



*Wade Stanford – Superintendent*

*Kyle Johnson- Director of Finance & Operations*

The purpose of the Wall of Honor is to recognize Westwood Independent School District alumni, staff, volunteers, and other individuals who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to the school district and the community.

### **Nomination Criteria**

An individual may be considered for nomination for inclusion in the Proud Panther Hall of Recognition if the following criteria have been met:

**Student:** There is a ten-year waiting period from the time of their WHS graduation.

**Administrator:** May be considered anytime - post retirement or leaving the District.

**Donor:** May also be considered at the discretion of the Wall of Honor Nomination Committee

**Supporter:** People who have greatly contributed to the Westwood High School community will be eligible for induction

**Staff member:** Must have been removed from their employment with the Westwood Independent School District for a minimum of three years prior to nomination and whose efforts have contributed significantly to the Westwood Community School District.

**Graduate (Alumnus):** May be eligible for nomination ten years following graduation and whose accomplishments have been recognized as significant since their graduation to the Westwood Independent School District and the community.

**Community Member:** Individuals who may or may not have been a graduate of the Westwood Community High School, but who have made a significant contribution, which helped make the Westwood Community School District a better place for children.

A nominee may be living or deceased. Each person nominated must be or was of outstanding character and able to serve as a positive, inspiring role model to young people and our community.

Recognition as a distinguished Proud Panther shall be limited to those individuals, retired, living or deceased, and have made significant accomplishments in one or both of the following areas while maintaining high standards in personal integrity and character:

- An outstanding leader in his/her field
- Significant contributions to the District and whose virtues or characteristics will serve as role models to students, staff, and the community.
- Significant contribution to public education or has made some significant connection with the District either as a student, an alumnus, as staff member, an administrator, a donor, or a supporter.
- Substantial contributions to his or her field of endeavor or to society in general.
- Service to his/her community through local, state, and national organizations
- Outstanding contribution to the Westwood School District or our community through partnership, leadership, monetary contribution, or volunteer service.

### **Nomination Process**

Any adult who resides within the Westwood Independent School District may make a nomination. The completed nomination form must be returned to the Office of the Superintendent no later than December 15th of that year. The nominating individual **should** include supporting documentation such as records, newspaper clippings, tapes, and letters of support with the nomination form.

1. Provide biographical, geographical, or regional/environmental data to support the nomination. In order to be considered by the nominating committee, a nomination form must be completed and include the following:
  - Description of career and professional achievements.
  - List of volunteer and philanthropic activities.
  - Recognition and awards received from local, state, and national level.
  - Supplemental materials such as news clippings, letters of recommendation, and/or other printed resources should be attached for consideration during the selection process by the nominator.
2. State what significant contribution or symbolism the person, event, place, or area has made to education or to the local community.



*Wade Stanford – Superintendent*

*Kyle Johnson- Director of Finance & Operations*

Nominations will be accepted September 1<sup>st</sup> through December 15th each year for consideration by the selection committee for inclusion on the Proud Panther hall of Recognition for that school year. Nominees are considered based on the significant contributions they have made to our community, state, nation or world.

Nomination forms should provide as much detail as possible regarding the nominee, including background information, supporting evidence for nomination, special honors and notable achievements. Incomplete submissions and those without sufficient information may not be considered. The selection committee may choose up to 2 honorees each year, but not limited to, in special situations as determined by the committee. Each nominee must receive at least two thirds vote by the selection committee. The selection committee chair will recommend the honorees to the School Board in the spring of each school year.

Applications may be found on our website at <http://www.westwoodisd.net> , or you may obtain one in person at the administrative offices of Westwood ISD.

The nomination committee consists of the WISD Superintendent, and Westwood School Board.

Please send completed nomination forms to: Westwood Independent School District  
Attn: Wade Stanford  
4524 West OAK  
Palestine, TX 75801  
[wstanford@westwoodisd.net](mailto:wstanford@westwoodisd.net)



Wade Stanford – Superintendent



KYLE JOHNSON --Finance & Operations Director

## AWARD CRITERIA PURPOSE

The purpose of the Proud Panther Hall of Recognition is to recognize Westwood Independent School District alumni, staff, volunteers, and other individuals who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to the school district and the community.

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- Service to his/her community through local, state, and national organizations.



*Wade Stanford – Superintendent*



*Kyle Johnson-Finance & Operations Director*

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The board appointed nominating committee could be representatives from board members, superintendent, past inductees, community leaders, retired faculty/administrator, and past trustees. These members will be asked to serve up to a period of three (3) years on a rotating term by the Board President. Purpose to have a broader awareness (knowledge) of who has contributed significantly to Westwood ISD. The nominating committee's duties will be to select a Committee Chair yearly and review all nominations received.

This nominating committee shall present to the Board of Trustees and Superintendent each year one (1) and no more than two (2) nominees.

## Nominating Selection Process:

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2. State what significant contribution or symbolism the person, event, place, or area has made to education or to the local community

## VOTING PROCESS

- Distinguished Proud Panther Award recipient(s) shall be selected by a vote of the Westwood School Board and the current Westwood Schools Superintendent.
- Nominee packets will be distributed at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled School Board meeting.
- To be eligible to vote, Board member must be present at the election meeting. No proxy ballot shall be accepted.
- Prior to any voting, at least five (5) minutes per nominee shall be allowed for discussion of the nominee.
- The Board President will call for a vote.
- Each Board member shall rank the nominees in order of preference by secret ballot.
- The President of the School Board and the current Westwood Schools Superintendent will count the tally of the voting results with all members present.
- During review of the voting results, the School Board will determine the number of recipients for that current year.
- In the event of any tie, the President of the School Board shall call for a re-vote by secret ballot of the names in question. If unable to break this tie, the President of the School Board will make the final determination.
- A quorum shall be considered as those members present and voting. No elections shall take place absent a quorum of four (4) School Board members.
- After the selected nominee(s) have been determined by the Board of Education, the Westwood Schools Superintendent will make the proper recommendations to the Board of Education regarding the recipient(s) of the Distinguished Proud Panther Award.



*Wade Stanford – Superintendent*

*Dr. Kyle Penn-Finance & Operations Director*

## **INDUCTION CEREMONY**

- The recipient/recipients will be honored each year at a time and place to be determined.
- The recipient/recipients and their immediate family/families will be the guest/guests of Westwood High School at the induction ceremony.
- A current photograph of the recipient/recipients will be placed on the designated Wall of Honor within the school to commemorate the honor, and the recipient/recipients name will be added to the Distinguished Proud Panther plaque.
- The design of the Distinguished Proud Panther plaque and its location will be determined by the Westwood Board of Education

## **SPONSORSHIP**

The Westwood Independent School District Distinguished Proud Panther Award plaque(s) will be financially underwritten by the Westwood Independent School District.

## **MODIFICATION PROCESS**

Any modifications, additions, or deletions to the rules, regulations and procedures of this award must be approved by a majority of the voting members of the Westwood School Board.

11.F. Resolution of the Westwood ISD addressing Public School Finances and the 88th  
Legislative Session 3rd Special Called Session On Public Education

**RESOLUTION OF THE Westwood INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCES AND THE 88<sup>TH</sup> SESSION  
3<sup>RD</sup> SPECIAL SESSION ON PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**State of Texas**§

**County of Anderson**§

WHEREAS, the Texas Constitution clearly charges the state legislature for providing the citizenry with a free quality public education; and

WHEREAS, Texas public schools have been historically underfunded, and are currently funded 44<sup>th</sup> lowest out of the 50 U.S. States; and

WHEREAS, public schools in Texas produce learner outcomes that are consistently higher than the funding level, currently at 35<sup>th</sup> out of the 50 U.S. States; and

WHEREAS, the higher-than-average levels of inflation since 2019 have led to deficit spending by ISDs in order to continue fully funding the quality public education our community demands; and

WHEREAS, the funding of Educational Savings Accounts or Vouchers for Private School Education in Texas are being tied to debates and legislation aimed to increase funding for public schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Westwood ISD Board of Trustees calls on Texas Legislators to fund public schools at the national average as a minimum standard; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Westwood ISD Board of Trustees is calling on Legislators to discuss, debate, and vote on public school funding separately from any voucher debate, funding, or legislation. Tying these two individual issues together is unfair to the 350,000 Texas Teachers and the 5.5 million public school students who are being negatively impacted by these schemes.

ADOPTED AND RESOLVED this 16th day of October 2023.

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BOARD PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY

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BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

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MEMBER

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MEMBER

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MEMBER

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MEMBER

12. **ACTION ITEMS**

- 13. Board to consider approval of Consent Agenda
  - 13.A. Fundraisers

WESTWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Authorization to Conduct Fund Raising Event

Organization: WNE Campus: Elem Date submitted 10/10/23

Fundraising Event: School shirt sales

Requested fundraising date/dates: 10/18 - ~~10/20~~ 11/17

Vendor (if applicable) Great American T shirt Co.

2005 Crockett Rd: Pallastine, TX 75801 903.723.8898  
Address City/State Telephone

List specific items that will be sold: T-shirts

Price per item: \$20.<sup>00</sup> + \$1.<sup>00</sup> for every x Will customer pay in advance? yes

Profit to organization should never be less than 50%; otherwise, explain \_\_\_\_\_

What will money raised from this fundraiser be used for? Activity Fund  
for student celebrations

If NO vendor is involved; list location of event: \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated cost to organization to start fundraiser \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
How much will you charge your customer? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Will you accept donations? \_\_\_\_\_

I, Karla Walker, am submitting this fund raising request before my organization starts raising funds. I understand that I am held responsible for ordering and distributing merchandise and collecting all funds submitting funds to the office, to be deposited in my activity account. With the conclusion of this fund raiser, I will complete this form and return to the campus office.

PERMISSION IS GRANTED TO CONDUCT THIS EVENT:

[Signature] 10/10/23 / \_\_\_\_\_  
Campus Principal's Signature Date WISD Superintendent's Signature Date

Total Proceeds collected \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Deposited in activity account \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total invoice from vendor \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Expenses incurred for a successful fundraiser \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (advertising, t-shirts, supplies, etc.)  
Total Profit my organization benefitted from this fundraiser \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that these funds will not be available until this form is completed and returned to the campus office

**WESTWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FUNDRAISING/SALES ACTIVITY APPLICATION**

*rec'd  
09/11/2023  
YB*

Date: 9-8-23  
 Campus: WJH  
 Group/Organization: Campus  
 Sponsor: Meyer  
 Type\*: Fundraiser or Sale  
 Start date: 7-10-23  
 End date: All thru the years  
 Describe the purpose of this sale (i.e. how does this activity benefit): Make extra for Activity to Purchase for Staff and Student events  
 Describe the product or activity: Candy to just to ~~sell~~ sell to Teachers and Staff that we buy in bulk.  
 Vendor: Walmart or Amazon  
 Sale/activity location: JH

Is the item being sold considered taxable?*	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Does your group/club qualify for 2 tax-free sales days	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
If the item is considered taxable, will this sale count as one of the two tax-free sales days?	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
If you qualify for two tax-free sales days, is this your 1st or 2nd tax-free sale to date?	1st	2nd

Estimate the following:  
 Approximate cost per item/activity: \$27-Per box  
 Estimated profit: ~~30~~ 38 Per box

I certify that I will exercise strict control over all products in my possession and will remit all collections on a timely basis. I recognize that any losses due to my failure to follow established rules and procedures may become my personal responsibility.

Submitted by (Sponsor): Meyer  
 Approved by (Principal/Director): [Signature]

Approved by (Superintendent): \_\_\_\_\_

**FUNDRAISING RECAP**

\*\*Due to Business Office within 4 weeks of ending sale/activity date.\*\*

Total deposits:	
Less: Total cost of sale/activity (invoices)	
Net profit:	

Quantity of inventory received:	
Less: Inventory sold	
Less: Inventory giveaway*	
Inventory remaining*	

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assistant Business Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* Explanation for giveaway items and/or plan for remaining inventory must be attached

WESTWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Authorization to Conduct Fund Raising Event

Westwood High School  
FUNDRAISER FORM

Organization: Band Boosters Campus: HS Date submitted 9/22/23

Fundraising Event: Winter Bazaar

Requested fundraising date/dates: 12/2 - 12/3

Vendor (if applicable) N/A

Address

City/State

Telephone

List specific items that will be sold: Booth space, tables, concessions

Price per item: \$ \$50 - 140 (Booth space) Will customer pay in advance? yes

Profit to organization should never be less than 50%; otherwise, explain \_\_\_\_\_

What will money raised from this fundraiser be used for? Band Booster expenses and needs of Band members, trips etc.

If **NO** vendor is involved; list location of event: WHS Gym, Cafeteria, Hallways

Estimated cost to organization to start fundraiser \$ 0

How much will you charge your customer? \$ \$50 - 140 Will you accept donations? yes

I, Tyler Nebent, am submitting this fund-raising request before my organization starts raising funds. I understand that I am held responsible for ordering and distributing merchandise and collecting all funds submitting funds to the office, to be deposited in my activity account. With the conclusion of this fund raiser, I will complete this form and return to the campus office.

PERMISSION IS GRANTED TO CONDUCT THIS EVENT:

[Signature] 9/25/23  
Campus Principal's Signature Date WISD Superintendent's Signature Date

Total Proceeds collected \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Deposited in activity account \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total invoice from vendor \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Expenses incurred for a successful fundraiser \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (advertising, t-shirts, supplies, etc.)

Total Profit my organization benefitted from this fundraiser \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that these funds will not be available until this form is completed and returned to the campus office

13.B. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting September 11, 2023

## Regular Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2023 5:15 PM  
Westwood Administration Office

Carolyn Booker: Present  
Angela Choate: Absent  
Jeff Cooper: Present  
Sam Estes: Absent  
Jess Huddleston: Present  
Bryan Jones: Present  
Ronnie Stanhope: Absent

Others present: Dr Tracie Robinson, Tiffany Carwell, Kyle Johnson, Nathan Allen, Trey Greer

Jeff Cooper arrived at 6:01 pm

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

### 2. INVOCATION

**Discussion:** Invocation given by Mr. Stanford.

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS PLEDGE

### 4. ACTION ITEMS

4.A. Board to consider approval of the Agenda as presented **Presenter:** Board

**Action(s):**

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

**Voting Detail:**

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Absent

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Sam Estes: Absent

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

Ronnie Stanhope: Absent

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

### 5. CLOSED SESSION

**Discussion:** Meeting went into closed session by Dr. Booker at 7:01 pm.

### 5.A. Acknowledge professional contracts

### 6. Public Comments

**Discussion:** None

7. **Board to vote on items discussed in closed session**

**Discussion:** No closed session.

7.A. Board to acknowledge professional contracts

**Discussion:** No professional contracts to acknowledge

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8.A. **Bond 2021 Update**

**Discussion:** Did not have

**Presenter:** Trey Greer

8.B. **2022-2023 Accountability Update**

**Discussion:** Dr. Robinson went over the 2022-2023 STAAR results (preliminary) and the projections of accountability ratings from Region 7. There is no accountability manual available and the ratings are scheduled to come out at the end of September.

**Presenter:** Tracie Robinson

8.C. **Curriculum Update**

**Discussion:** Dr. Robinson updated the board on the monthly curriculum calendar and the progress so far at the beginning of the year.

**Presenter:** Tracie Robinson

8.D. **Finance Update**

**Discussion:** Mr. Johnson updated the board on beginning of the year budget processes. He also gave the board an audit preparation update as the 22-23 books are closed.

**Presenter:** Kyle Johnson

8.E. **SLI Update**

**Discussion:** Different board members gave an update on what they learned at the board Summer Learning Institutes from the summer. Dr. Booker recapped the presentations she went to and wants the district to discuss policy on Chat GPT. All board members discussed how proud they were of our students that presented at both conferences. Mr. Cooper was impacted most by the safe and secure schools presentation in general session.

8.F. **Notice of intent to separate from the Anderson County Special Education Coop**

**Discussion:** Mr. Stanford discussed the notice of intent to separate from the Anderson County Special Ed Coop. Have to have notice in by Oct 4th.

8.G. **Legislation Update**

**Discussion:** Mr Stanford updated the board on legislative issues. Impeachment trial of Paxton is in September. Special session over voucher and school funding will likely happen in October. Accountability release right around special session and would guide discussions over school funding. State is trying to show public schools as failing. Proposed action steps: Contact representatives now and often Raise your hand Texas hosting advocacy session at Elementary on October 2nd District is preparing to send staff and students to the capitol during the special session

**Presenter:** Wade Stanford

**8.H. Accountability Lawsuit filed against Texas Education Agency**

**Discussion:** Mr. Stanford updated the board on the possibility of joining the lawsuit filed against the state of Texas over the accountability system change so suddenly this year. Commissioner has broken several laws already that are in the Texas Education Code. Relief wanted from lawsuit Use methods and standards from last year's accountability Use a not rated status (like during COVID) for a year

**8.I. Anderson County Extension Office extracurricular status consideration**

**Discussion:** Mr. Stanford updated the board on the passing of a resolution naming the Anderson County Extension Office as an extracurricular status.

**8.J. Board Committee Update**

**Discussion:** Dr. Booker and Mr. Huddleston gave an update on the legislative bootcamp they took part in through Raise your hand Texas. The learned what it means to advocate for public education students and staff. Dr. Booker wants the whole board to join the advocacy cohort, which is an 18 month, 6 session, group that trains boards on how to advocate for their district.

**9. ACTION ITEMS**

9.A. Board to consider a resolution to allow movement of money within funds without a budget amendment

**Presenter:** Kyle Johnson

**Action(s) :**

Board approved resolution to allow movement of money within funds with a budget amendment. This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Jeff Cooper, Passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Absent

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Sam Estes: Absent

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

Ronnie Stanhope: Absent

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

9.B. Board to consider and possibly approve a resolution with the Anderson County Extension Service as approved eligibility for extracurricular status consideration

**Action(s) :**

Motion to approve the resolution sanctioning the 4H club as an extracurricular status. This motion, made by Jess Huddleston and seconded by Bryan Jones, Passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Absent

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Sam Estes: Absent

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

Ronnie Stanhope: Absent

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

9.C. The board to consider and possibly approve the accountability lawsuit filed against the Texas Education Agency

**Action(s):**

Motion to approve the resolution to join the accountability lawsuit against TEA. This motion, made by Jess Huddleston and seconded by Bryan Jones, Passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Absent

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Sam Estes: Absent

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

Ronnie Stanhope: Absent

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

9.D. Board to consider and possibly approve separation from Anderson County Special Education Coop

**Action(s):**

Motion to approve the intent to separate from the Anderson County Special Education Coop. This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Jeff Cooper, Passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Absent

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Sam Estes: Absent  
Jess  
Huddleston: Yea  
Bryan Jones: Yea  
Ronnie  
Stanhope: Absent

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

9.E. Board to consider and possibly approve the consent agenda

**Action(s):**

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

**Voting Detail:**

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Absent

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Sam Estes: Absent

Jess  
Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

Ronnie  
Stanhope: Absent

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

9.E.1. Minutes of Special Board August 1, 2023, Special Board Meeting and Public Hearing August 28, 2022, and Regular Board Meeting, August 14, 2023

9.E.2. Periodic Investment Reports

9.E.3. Fundraisers

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Discussion:** The board went into closed session at 7:01 pm to discuss personnel.

The board came out of closed session at 7:11 pm.

No action taken after closed session

Adjournment 7:13 pm.

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Board Secretary

**14. ACTION ITEMS**

- 14.A. Board to consider appointing a board representative to the Anderson County Appraisal District

ANDERSON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

801 N. Perry Street  
P.O. Box 289  
Palestine, TX 75801

Phone: 903-723-2949  
Fax: 903-723-5990  
www.andersoncad.net



September 11, 2023

Mr. Wade Stanford  
Westwood ISD  
4524 W Oak Street  
Palestine, TX 75801

Dear Mr. Stanford,

The term of office your Board of Director representative is currently serving for the Anderson County Appraisal District expires on December 31, 2023.

According to Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code, your jurisdiction will need to adopt a resolution appointing a member for the 2024-2025 term and provide a copy of the resolution to the Chief Appraiser.

In order to complete all the necessary paperwork prior to January 1, please notify us of the appointment as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrienne Polk".

Adrienne Polk  
Chief Appraiser

14.B. Board to consider and possibly approve budget amendment  
**Presenter:** Kyle Johnson

# Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information Agenda Item Information

**Meeting Date:** October 16, 2023

**Subject:** 2023-2024 Budget Amendment 24-01

**Administrator Responsible:** Mr. Johnson

**Summary:** This budget amendment is to build money into the budget for the 3 buses we approved to purchase from Rush Bus Center in the Spring. This will increase the budget by a total of \$380,100.

**Administration's Recommendation:** The board make a motion **“to approve Budget Amendment 24-01, which will increase the budget by \$380,100.”**

**Board Approval Required**



**YES**

**NO**

14.C. Board to consider and possibly approve resolution addressing Public School  
Finances

**Presenter:** Wade Stanford

**RESOLUTION OF THE Westwood INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCES AND THE 88<sup>TH</sup> SESSION  
3<sup>RD</sup> SPECIAL SESSION ON PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**State of Texas**§

**County of Anderson**§

WHEREAS, the Texas Constitution clearly charges the state legislature for providing the citizenry with a free quality public education; and

WHEREAS, Texas public schools have been historically underfunded, and are currently funded 44<sup>th</sup> lowest out of the 50 U.S. States; and

WHEREAS, public schools in Texas produce learner outcomes that are consistently higher than the funding level, currently at 35<sup>th</sup> out of the 50 U.S. States; and

WHEREAS, the higher-than-average levels of inflation since 2019 have led to deficit spending by ISDs in order to continue fully funding the quality public education our community demands; and

WHEREAS, the funding of Educational Savings Accounts or Vouchers for Private School Education in Texas are being tied to debates and legislation aimed to increase funding for public schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Westwood ISD Board of Trustees calls on Texas Legislators to fund public schools at the national average as a minimum standard; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Westwood ISD Board of Trustees is calling on Legislators to discuss, debate, and vote on public school funding separately from any voucher debate, funding, or legislation. Tying these two individual issues together is unfair to the 350,000 Texas Teachers and the 5.5 million public school students who are being negatively impacted by these schemes.

ADOPTED AND RESOLVED this 16th day of October 2023.

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BOARD PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY

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BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

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**15. Future agenda items request and special events**

**Presenter:** Wade Stanford

**16. Adjournment**

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For the Board of Trustees