

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 February 9, 2026, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Westwood Administration Office.

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.

1. **Call to Order and Establish Quorum**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Action Items**
4. **Board to Consider and Approval of Agenda**
5. **Closed Session**
 - 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
 - B. Personnel
 - C. Acknowledge Professional Contracts
 - D. Intruder Detection Audit
 - E. Real Property
6. **Invocation**
7. **Pledge of Allegiance/ Texas Pledge**
8. **Recognition of Students and Staff**
9. **Public Comments**
10. **Board to Vote on Items Discussed in Closed Session**
11. **Information Items**
 - A. Finance Update

Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: February 9, 2026

Subject: Finance Update

Administrator Responsible: Mr. Alford

Summary: 2025-26 Budgetary Overview (Third 6-Weeks).

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

Board Approval Required YES **X** NO



Westwood ISD

Finance and Budget Update

February 9, 2026

Third 6-Weeks Student Enrollment Data

WESTWOOD ISD ENROLLMENT HISTORY AND PROJECTION								
Third Six Weeks								
Grade Level	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26		26-27 Est	27-28 Est	
EE	5	6	2	10		5	5	
PK	82	75	75	63		75	75	
K	96	100	104	80	106.67%	67	66	
1	104	102	96	98	94.23%	80	80	
2	76	101	101	96	100.00%	95	95	
3	111	84	106	87	86.14%	95	95	
4	103	109	86	97	91.51%	89	89	
5	92	98	111	77	89.53%	97	97	
6	102	84	101	102	91.89%	77	77	
7	97	95	92	102	100.99%	104	104	
8	108	107	108	95	103.26%	101	101	
9	129	121	105	106	98.15%	93	93	
10	113	107	108	102	97.14%	107	107	
11	107	91	109	94	87.04%	102	102	
12	89	85	83	94	86.24%	96	96	
Total	1,414	1,365	1,387	1,303		1,283	1,282	
				(84)		(104)	(1)	
				-6.06%		-7.97%	-0.083%	

Third 6-Weeks Student ADA Data

Year	District ID	District Name	Instructional Track	First Six Weeks		Second Six Weeks		Third Six Weeks	
				ADA	PIA	ADA	PIA	ADA	PIA
2026	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01	1,199.196	95.5%	1,206.033	95.5%	1,202.029	95.3%
2025	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01	1,290.80	95.9%	1,272.50	94.6%	1,253.000	94.5%
2024	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01	1,252.907	94.8%	1,264.370	95.8%	1,256.889	94.0%
2023	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01	1,263.944	94.8%	1,285.607	94.5%	1,283.771	94.0%
2022	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01	1,166.370	90.7%	1,224.286	95.0%	1,235.604	95.2%
2021	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01	1,002.315	92.6%	999.643	92.7%	1,009.333	92.2%
2020	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01	1,393.926	96.6%	1,389.946	95.6%	1,361.958	94.0%
2019	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01	1,453.463	96.4%	1,422.739	95.7%	1,402.500	95.6%

Year	District ID	District Name	Instructional Track	Fourth Six Weeks		Fifth Six Weeks		Sixth Six Weeks		Refined Total	
				ADA	PIA	ADA	PIA	ADA	PIA	ADA	PIA
2026	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01							1,202.471	95.4%
2025	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01	1,190.556	91.0%	1,225.464	94%	1,225.982	94.4%	1,242.192	94.1%
2024	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01	1,240.317	93.4%	1,245.339	93.9%	1,253.945	94.0%	1,252.294	94.3%
2023	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01	1,267.955	93.5%	1,278.286	94.3%	1,272.839	94.7%	1,275.400	94.3%
2022	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01	1,170.734	90.5%	1,223.818	93.6%	1,252.630	95.2%	1,212.241	93.2%
2021	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01	1,082.389	94.0%	1,151.982	94.6%	1,144.554	94.6%	1,065.036	93.5%
2020	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01	1,375.723	94.3%	Covid-19		Covid-19		1,380.388	95.0%
2019	1908	Westwood ISD	00,01	1,373.167	93.8%	1,395.409	95.3%	1,411.543	96.1%	1,409.804	95.4%

Summary of Finance Overview

Third 6-Weeks

- **The decrease in Enrollment and ADA is projecting that the district will potentially receive less state revenue than originally projected.**
- **Projected Enrollment vs. Actual Enrollment**
 - 1,387 Projected
 - 1,303 Actual
 - **Decrease** of 84 students (YTD Net Change)
 - No change reported for the Third 6-Weeks
- **Projected ADA vs. Actual ADA**
 - 1,242.192 Projected
 - 1,202.471 Actual
 - **Decrease** of 39.72 students/day (YTD Net Change)
 - Overall, ADA remained steady over the Third Six Weeks

Summary of Finance Overview

Third 6-Weeks

- WISD Projected State Revenue vs. SOF Projection
 - WISD Projected = \$13,789,507
 - SOF Projection = \$13,382,170
 - **Decrease** of \$407,337 from our initial projection (Deficit was decreased by \$233,643 since the First Six Week period)
 - This is 100% driven by Enrollment and Attendance
- M&O Revenue From State
 - **Decrease** of \$502,194 from our initial projection (Deficit was Increased by \$80,072 since the First Six Week period)
 - This projection from the SOF is based on the new \$140K Homestead

Summary of Finance Overview Third 6- Weeks

Where do we go from here?

- Use a conservative approach to spending
- Closely monitor Enrollment and ADA each 6-weeks
- Prioritize projects





Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: February 9, 2026

Subject: Curriculum Moment

Administrator Responsible: Laura Jones

Summary:

Administration's Recommendation:

This month's Curriculum Moment focuses on LASO 4: the Lift Grant, what it means for Westwood ISD, and how we are responding to student needs identified in our Middle-of-Year MAP data.

Board Approval Required YES **NO**

[Curriculum Moment](#)

February 2026 Curriculum Update

Laura Jones

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Leadership

February 9, 2026



What is LIFT?



Leadership and Instructional
Foundations for Texas

LIFT (Leadership and Instructional Foundations for Texas) is a **three-year program** designed to support Texas school systems in building the instructional and systems-level capacity needed to deliver high-quality learning experiences for all students. LIFT brings together the highest leverage components of **Strong Foundations**, **Texas Instructional Leadership**, and **Texas Lesson Study**, providing comprehensive support for districts to adopt HQIM and implement Bluebonnet Learning over multiple years.



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- ✓ Strong Foundations
- ✓ Texas Instructional Leadership (TIL)
- ✓ Texas Lesson Study

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LIFT: Built on Proven Programs

LIFT is the next evolution of TEA's most impactful instructional programs. It integrates the planning rigor of **Strong Foundations**, the leadership development of **Texas Instructional Leadership**, and the collaborative learning of **Texas Lesson Study** into one cohesive, multi-year initiative.



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Strong Foundations

- Instructional Framework Design
- HQIM Adoption & Implementation
- Systems Planning & Diagnostics

Texas Instructional Leadership (TIL)

- Observation & Feedback Cycles
- Leadership Coaching & Calibration
- Performance Management Routines

Texas Lesson Study (TXLS)

- Lesson Internalization Protocols
- Student Work Analysis Routines¹³
- Collaborative PLC Structures



Curriculum and Instruction

Leadership & Instructional Foundations for Texas (LIFT)

LIFT Add-On: School Improvement PLC Supports (LIFT SI PLC)

School Improvement Curriculum and Instruction Support Grant (SI CISG)

Blended Learning Grant (BLG)

Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles (AP CSP)

Education and Training

PREP Residency Preservice Program

PREP Grow Your Own (GYO) Program

PREP Mentorship Program

Texas Strategic Staffing (TSS) for Residencies Grant

More Time

Additional Days School Year Planning and Execution Program (PEP)

Innovative School Models

School Action Fund (SAF)

Navigating Excellence through Targeted Supports (NEXT)

Early College High School (ECHS)

Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH)

Virtual and Hybrid Program Accelerator (VHPA)



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR WESTWOOD ISD?

FEBRUARY 2 UPDATE



WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN SINCE MOY MAP DATA?



QUESTIONS?







Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: February 12, 2026

Subject: Westwood Elementary School Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP)

Administrator Responsible: Laura Jones

Summary:

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[Westwood Elementary TIP](#)

Administration’s Recommendation:

Administration recommends approval of the Westwood Elementary Targeted Improvement Plan to address accountability requirements and support continuous campus improvement.

Possible Motion:

I move that the Board of Trustees approve the Westwood Elementary Targeted Improvement Plan as presented.

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



Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: February 12, 2026

Subject: Consideration and Action Regarding Senate Bill 11 (Prayer and Religious Text Reading)

Administrator Responsible: Laura Jones

Summary:

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The law does not require districts to implement prayer or Bible reading.

It does require that the board formally consider and vote on the policy.

Administration’s Recommendation:

Vote not to adopt the SB 11 prayer and religious text reading policy.

Possible Motion:

I move that the Board of Trustees, in compliance with Senate Bill 11, formally consider and vote not to adopt a policy providing for a period of prayer and the reading of the Bible or other religious texts during the school day.

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



Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: February 9, 2026

Subject: Consideration and Action on HB 2 Certification Waiver Request

Administrator Responsible: Laura Jones

Summary:

House Bill 2 (89th Texas Legislature) amended requirements related to teacher certification in foundation curriculum areas and limited the use of District of Innovation exemptions.

HB 2 allows school districts to request a waiver from the Texas Education Agency to delay full implementation of these certification requirements until the 2029–2030 school year.

Approval of this waiver allows the district additional time to support current uncertified teachers in completing certification requirements while maintaining instructional continuity. The waiver request includes a transition plan outlining certification pathways, timelines, and district supports.

Administration’s Recommendation:

Administration recommends approval of the HB 2 certification waiver request to delay full implementation of certification requirements until the 2029–2030 school year.

Possible Motion:

I move that the Board of Trustees approve submission of the House Bill 2 certification waiver request to the Texas Education Agency to delay implementation of certification requirements until the 2029–2030 school year.

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



Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: February 9, 2026

Subject: Resolution To Pay Employees For Bad Weather Days – Jan 26 & 27, 2026 (Info Only)

Administrator Responsible: Mr. Alford

Summary: This resolution is meant to provide authorization to pay district employees for the days the District was closed due to bad weather.

Administration's Recommendation and Possible Motion: No action needed. Information item only.

Board Approval Required YES NO



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Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Westwood Independent School District Regarding Employee Pay During Weather Emergency

Whereas, inclement weather conditions across Texas resulted in freezing temperatures, sleet, ice and snow during January 26-January 27, 2026; and

Whereas, freezing temperatures in Palestine, Texas and surrounding areas resulted in necessitating school closures; and

Whereas, the Board finds that there is a public purpose served, and a benefit to Westwood ISD, for the District to: (1) demonstrate support of its employees, (2) enhance employee morale, (3) support the retention of employees, by paying employees for the days that Westwood ISD was closed during the weather emergency:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Westwood Independent School District as follows:

1. All the above-referenced recitals are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution.
2. There is a public purpose served, and a benefit to Westwood ISD for the District to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to compensate school district employees who remained ready, willing and able to work during the week of January 26-January 27, 2026, but who were prohibited from working due to emergency weather closures.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of February 2026, by the Board of Trustees of the Westwood Independent School District.

President, Board of Trustees

Attest:

Secretary, Board of Trustee

Wade Stanford
Superintendent

Laura Jones
Assistant Superintendent -
Curriculum

Chris Alford
Assistant Superintendent -
Finance & Operations

- G. Policy Update
- 12. **Board to Consider Approval of Consent Agenda;**
 - A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting January 12, 2026 and February 2, 2026

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Regular Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2026 5:15 PM Central

Westwood Administration Office

Jed Barron: Present
Carolyn Booker: Present
Angela Choate: Present
Jeff Cooper: Present
Kay Denison: Present
Jess Huddleston: Absent
Bryan Jones: Present
Present: 6, Absent: 1.

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

2. Roll Call

3. Action Items

3.A. Board to consider and approve the agenda

4. Closed Session

To Approve Agenda. This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Angela Choate, Passed.

Jess Huddleston: Absent, Jed Barron: Yea, Carolyn Booker: Yea, Angela Choate: Yea, Jeff Cooper: Yea, Kay Denison: Yea, Bryan Jones: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4.A. Superintendent's Mid-year Evaluation

4.B. Personnel

4.C. Acknowledge Professional Contracts

4.D. Intruder Detection Audit

4.E. Real Property

4.F. ELC Director

5. Invocation

Started at 6:10am.

6. Pledge of Allegiance/ Texas Pledge

The board went ahead and recognized the staff and students first before the Board Appreciation Recognition.

7. Recognition of School Board - School Board Appreciation

8. Recognition of Students and Staff

9. Public Comments

No public comments

10. Board to vote on items discussed in closed session

10.A. Consider and possibly approve ELC director

To approve MiKayla Benson as the new ELC Director for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Bryan Jones, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

For the 2026-2027 school year

10.B. Real Property – 4524 W. Oak Palestine TX 75801

Take the offer of 210 for the property of 4524 W Oak St. Palestine TX 75803. This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Bryan Jones, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Two offers. taking 210 offer.

11. Information Items

11.A. Finance Update

11.B. Curriculum Moment

11.C. Proud Panther Nominations

11.D. Discussion of guidelines and criteria for establishing a Bond Committee

Request of the Board to put this on the agenda. What does this criteria look like? how do we establish it? what we gotta do? Pfluger is offering a training about bonds, to help narrow the scope for the board. No dates yet, but it's a valuable training. Wade's encouragement and Pfluger encouragement is to take the training for long term impact.

Jeff said: get dates

11.E. Discuss the possible submission of an RFP for contracting out the district's lawncare services for the 2026-2027 school year.

Jeff Cooper brought this forward to use third party vendor to help with maintenance, with possible belief of saving district some money, as well as appointing the maintenance employed at westwood to focus on maintenance duties.

Ground Keeper paygrade is level 2. Pay: min 14.65 mid 16.06 max 17.46. 2080 hours. At the minimum salary for one emp 31,528 per year is what one employee cost , including all the insurance and stuff. Mid is 31,562, Max is 37,574. All based out of 25-26 school year.

12. Board to Consider Approval of Consent Agenda;

12.A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, December 8, 2025

12.B. Campus Fundraisers

12.C. Quarterly Investment Report

To approve consent agenda. This motion, made by Bryan Jones and seconded by Angela Choate, Passed.

Jess Huddleston: Absent, Jed Barron: Yea, Carolyn Booker: Yea, Angela Choate: Yea, Jeff Cooper: Yea, Kay Denison: Yea, Bryan Jones: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13. Action Items

13.A. Annual Investment Approval Resolution

To approve current investments. This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Bryan Jones, Passed.

Jess Huddleston: Absent, Jed Barron: Yea, Carolyn Booker: Yea, Angela Choate: Yea, Jeff Cooper: Yea, Kay Denison: Yea, Bryan Jones: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13.B. Board to call a school board of trustee election on May 2, 2026, for Districts 2, 5 and 6

To call the school board election for Districts 2, 5, and 6. This motion, made by Jeff Cooper and seconded by Carolyn Booker, Passed.

Jess Huddleston: Absent, Jed Barron: Yea, Carolyn Booker: Yea, Angela Choate: Yea, Jeff Cooper: Yea, Kay Denison: Yea, Bryan Jones: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13.C. Consider and possibly charge the Superintendent with forming a Bond Committee

To consider and possibly charge the Superintendent with forming a Bond Committee with the same guidelines of the last successful bond. This motion, made by Bryan Jones and seconded by Jeff Cooper, Passed.

Jess Huddleston: Absent, Jed Barron: Yea, Carolyn Booker: Yea, Angela Choate: Yea, Jeff Cooper: Yea, Kay Denison: Yea, Bryan Jones: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13.D. To Consider and Possibly Approve the Submission of an RFP to contract out the District's lawncare services for the 2026-2027 school year.

To approve the submission of an RFP. This motion, made by Bryan Jones, Unseconded.

14. Future Agenda Items and Requests

15. Adjournement

Done at 8:26pm. and possible Feb 2 board meeting.

Special Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2026 5:30 PM Central

Westwood Administration Office

Jed Barron: Present
Carolyn Booker: Present
Angela Choate: Absent
Jeff Cooper: Absent
Kay Denison: Present
Jess Huddleston: Present
Bryan Jones: Present
Present: 5, Absent: 2.

1. Open Forum

2. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

3. Action Items

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

no public comments.

5. Information Items

5.A. Annual Financial Audit Report 2024-2025

6. Action Items

6.A. Board to approve 23-24 Audit Report
to approve the 2023-2024 audit report. This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded
by Bryan Jones, Passed.
Angela Choate: Absent, Jeff Cooper: Absent, Jed Barron: Yea, Carolyn Booker: Yea, Kay
Denison: Yea, Jess Huddleston: Yea, Bryan Jones: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
Motion made by: Dr. Booker
Seconded by: Bryan Jones

6.B. Consider and Possibly Approve the District of Innovation Health Science Teacher

7. Adjournment



WESTWOOD ISD FUNDRAISER APPROVAL FORM

DEADLINE: Fundraiser request forms are **due** to the campus office **one week prior** to the Board meeting. Forms submitted after this deadline may be deferred to a future meeting.

Organization: Media Center / Library Campus: WMS Date Submitted: 1/20/26
Fundraising Event: Bookfair Requested Date(s): 2/16-2/20
Vendor (if applicable): Scholastic

Address	City/State	Telephone
Items to be Sold: <u>Books, posters, misc items</u>		
Price per Item: \$ <u>land up</u> Will Customers Pay in Advance?: <u>NO</u>		
Minimum profit to organization: 50% (explain if less): <u>See attached sheet</u>		

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If no vendor is involved, list event location: WMS makerspace
Estimated start-up cost to organization: \$ 0
Price charged to customers: \$ varies \$1 plus
Will donations be accepted? Yes No

Crystal Feagins, am submitting this fundraising request prior to the start of any fundraising activities. I understand that I am responsible for ordering and distributing merchandise, collecting all funds, and submitting those funds to the office for deposit into my activity account. At the conclusion of the fundraiser, I will complete this form and return it to the campus office.

PERMISSION IS GRANTED TO CONDUCT THIS EVENT:

[Signature] 1/20/26,
Campus Principal's Signature Date WISD Superintendent's Signature Date

Total proceeds collected: \$ _____ Total deposited into activity account: \$ _____
Total vendor invoice: \$ _____
Expenses incurred for fundraiser (advertising, t-shirts, supplies, etc.): \$ _____
Total profit to organization: \$ _____

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

WESTWOOD ISD FUNDRAISER APPROVAL FORM

DEADLINE: Fundraiser request forms are due to the campus office **one week prior** to the Board meeting. Forms submitted after this deadline may be deferred to a future meeting.

Organization: BPA Campus: HS Date Submitted: 1/23/2026

Fundraising Event: Bake Sale Requested Date(s): 2/21/2026

Vendor (if applicable): N/A

Address _____ City/State _____ Telephone _____

Items to be Sold: Baked Goods

Price per Item: \$3-5 Will Customers Pay in Advance?: NO

Minimum profit to organization: 50% (explain if less): The profit should be 100%.

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<p>If <u>no</u> vendor is involved, list event location: <u>Ivan Smith Furniture</u></p> <p>Estimated start-up cost to organization: \$ <u>0</u></p> <p>Price charged to customers: <u>\$3-5</u></p> <p>Will donations be accepted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

I, Shelby Allen, am submitting this fundraising request prior to the start of any fundraising activities. I understand that I am responsible for ordering and distributing merchandise, collecting all funds, and submitting those funds to the office for deposit into my activity account. At the conclusion of the fundraiser, I will complete this form and return it to the campus office.

PERMISSION IS GRANTED TO CONDUCT THIS EVENT:

_____	/	_____	_____
Campus Principal's Signature	Date	WISD Superintendent's Signature	Date

<p>Total proceeds collected: \$ _____ Total deposited into activity account: \$ _____</p> <p>Total vendor invoice: \$ _____</p> <p>Expenses incurred for fundraiser (advertising, t-shirts, supplies, etc.): \$ _____</p> <p>Total profit to organization: \$ _____</p> <p>I, _____, understand that these funds will not be available until this form is completed and returned to the campus office.</p>
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WESTWOOD ISD FUNDRAISER APPROVAL FORM

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Organization: BPA Campus: HS Date Submitted: 1/23/2026
Fundraising Event: Rock Paper Scissors Requested Date(s): 2/20/2026
Vendor (if applicable): N/A

Address _____ City/State _____ Telephone _____

Items to be Sold: Necklaces for chances to play.

Price per Item: \$ 1 Will Customers Pay in Advance?: Yes

Minimum profit to organization: 50% (explain if less): The profit should be more than 50%. The only cost is the beads.

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If no vendor is involved, list event location: High School Campus
Estimated start-up cost to organization: \$ 75.00
Price charged to customers: \$ 1.00
Will donations be accepted? Yes No

I, Shelby Allen, am submitting this fundraising request prior to the start of any fundraising activities. I understand that I am responsible for ordering and distributing merchandise, collecting all funds, and submitting those funds to the office for deposit into my activity account. At the conclusion of the fundraiser, I will complete this form and return it to the campus office.

PERMISSION IS GRANTED TO CONDUCT THIS EVENT:

Campus Principal's Signature Date / WISD Superintendent's Signature Date

Total proceeds collected: \$ _____ Total deposited into activity account: \$ _____
Total vendor invoice: \$ _____
Expenses incurred for fundraiser (advertising, t-shirts, supplies, etc.): \$ _____
Total profit to organization: \$ _____
I, _____, understand that these funds will not be available until this form is completed and returned to the campus office.

13. **Action Items**

A. Possibly Name Proud Panther Recipient

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

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Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information

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Administrator Responsible: Laura Jones

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[Westwood Elementary TIP](#)

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Possible Motion:

I move that the Board of Trustees approve the Westwood Elementary Targeted Improvement Plan as presented

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



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Administrator Responsible: Laura Jones

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Administration’s Recommendation:

Vote not to adopt the SB 11 prayer and religious text reading policy.

Possible Motion:

I move that the Board of Trustees, in compliance with Senate Bill 11, formally consider and vote not to adopt a policy providing for a period of prayer and the reading of the Bible or other religious texts during the school day.

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

- D. Consideration and Action on HB 2 Certification Waiver Request to TEA
- E. Resolution to Compensate Employees for Bad Weather Days

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Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: February 9, 2026

Subject: Resolution To Pay Employees For Bad Weather Days – Jan 26 & 27, 2026 (Info Only)

Administrator Responsible: Mr. Alford

Summary: This resolution is meant to provide authorization to pay district employees for the days the District was closed due to bad weather.

Administration’s Recommendation and Possible Motion: That the Board of Trustees will approve the resolution to authorize the Superintendent of WISD to pay employees for the two bad weather days on January 26th and 27th, 2026.

***Possible Motion:** “I make a motion to approve the resolution to authorize the Superintendent of WISD to pay employees for the two bad weather days on January 26th and 27th, 2026.”*

Board Approval Required X YES NO



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Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Westwood Independent School District Regarding Employee Pay During Weather Emergency

Whereas, inclement weather conditions across Texas resulted in freezing temperatures, sleet, ice and snow during January 26-January 27, 2026; and

Whereas, freezing temperatures in Palestine, Texas and surrounding areas resulted in necessitating school closures; and

Whereas, the Board finds that there is a public purpose served, and a benefit to Westwood ISD, for the District to: (1) demonstrate support of its employees, (2) enhance employee morale, (3) support the retention of employees, by paying employees for the days that Westwood ISD was closed during the weather emergency:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Westwood Independent School District as follows:

1. All the above-referenced recitals are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution.
2. There is a public purpose served, and a benefit to Westwood ISD for the District to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to compensate school district employees who remained ready, willing and able to work during the week of January 26-January 27, 2026, but who were prohibited from working due to emergency weather closures.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of February 2026, by the Board of Trustees of the Westwood Independent School District.

President, Board of Trustees

Attest:

Secretary, Board of Trustee

Wade Stanford
Superintendent

Laura Jones
Assistant Superintendent -
Curriculum

Chris Alford
Assistant Superintendent -
Finance & Operations

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

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RESOLUTION NO. R.03.26
JOINT ELECTION RESOLUTION

Between
The City of Palestine (the "City")
And
Westwood Independent School District (the "District")

This agreement establishes the terms under which the City and the District will conduct a joint election on May 2, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and the Texas Education Code.

The City and the District will each hold early voting separately from April 20, 2026, to April 28, 2026. The City will hold early voting at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas. The District will hold early voting at the Westwood I.S.D. Administration Building, 4513 W. Oak Street, Palestine, Texas.

On the uniform election date of May 2, 2026, the City and the District will not share a common polling place.

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The City will hold voting on Election Day at the following locations:
Freedom Fellowship Church - 125 Kickapoo Street
Washington Early Childhood Center - 1020 Hamlett Street
Palestine I.S.D. Administrative Offices 1007 E. Park Avenue

The District will hold voting on Election Day at the following location:
Westwood I.S.D. Administration Building - 4513 W. Oak Street

The City and the District agree to separately be responsible for the expenses applicable to their early voting location and election day polling locations.

The City and the District agree to name and maintain a separate custodian of election records and bear any costs of these tasks separately.

The City and the District agree to maintain separate election forms and records.

The City and the District agree to separately be responsible for their election orders, resolutions, notices, pre-clearance submissions to the Department of Justice, official canvass, and other necessary documents for adoption by the appropriate office or body.

This agreement will be effective immediately upon the date of signing.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT in its meeting held on the ___ day of _____ 2026 and executed by its authorized representative.

Jeff Cooper, President
Westwood I.S.D. Board of Trustees

Date

PASSED, APPROVED, and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas, in its meeting held on the 26th day of January 2026 and executed by its authorized representative.



Mitchell Jordan, Mayor
City of Palestine

01-26-2026
Date

- 14. **Future Agenda Items and Requests**
- 15. **Adjournment**

Texas Government Code Section:

- 551.071 Private consultation with the Board's Attorney.
- 551.072 Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- 551.073 Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations.
- 551.074 Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.
- 551.075 To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions.
- 551.076 Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.
- 551.082 Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.
- 551.083 Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the Board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups.
- 551.084 Excluding witnesses from a hearing.

Texas Education Code:

- 39.030(a) To discuss or adopt individual assessment instruments or assessment instrument items.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- (a) In the open meeting covered by the notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or
- (b) At a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof: as the School Board shall determine.