



# Agenda of Special Session September 28, 2021 The Board of Trustees Wichita Falls Independent School District

In Compliance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter C, the Board of Trustees of the Wichita Falls Independent School District will meet for a Special Session at 6:00 PM, on September 28, 2021, in the Board Room at the Education Center, 1104 Broad St, Wichita Falls, TX 76301.

The subjects to be discussed, considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below.

<b>I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING STATEMENT</b>	
<b>II. INVOCATION</b>	
<b>III. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	
<b>IV. INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES</b>	
A. Class-Size Exception Waiver	2
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<b>V. HUMAN RESOURCES</b>	
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<b>VI. BOARD MATTERS</b>	
A. Closed Session:	
1. Discussion of Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property ( <i>Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072</i> )	
2. Personnel Matters Including the Appointment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, Dismissal and/or Compensation of Individual District Employees ( <i>Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074</i> )	
3. Deliberations Regarding Abandonment of Contract by Teachers and the Attempt to Resign	
4. Deliberations Regarding Notifications to the State Board for Educator Certification of Teacher Contract Abandonment	
B. Open Session:	
1. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Abandonment of Contract by Teachers and the Attempt to Resign	
2. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Notifications to the State Board for Educator Certification of Teacher Contract Abandonment and/or Probationary Teacher Abandonment	
C. Discussion on STAAR Results	
D. Discussion on Facility Utilization	
<b>VII. ADJOURNMENT</b>	

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Friday, September 24, 2021 at 10:00 am.

**WICHITA FALLS ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**September 28, 2021**

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	Class-Size Exception Waiver		
<b>Administrator Responsible:</b>	Peter Griffiths, Associate Superintendent Misti Spear, Director of Elementary Curriculum		
<b>Attachments:</b>	Class-Size Exception Waiver		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Future Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/> Report

**Administrative Recommendation:**

That the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approves class-size exception waivers for the campuses on the attached list as submitted by Peter Griffiths, Associate Superintendent and Misti Spear, Director of Elementary Curriculum, and as recommended by Michael S. Kuhrt, Superintendent of Schools.

**Explanation:**

- Class-size exception waivers must be requested for any class in kindergarten through fourth grade that exceeds the 1:22 ratio.  
5 classes at 4 campuses will require a waiver.

# Class-Size Exception Waivers

September 14, 2021

Campus	Campus No.	Grade Level	Current Enrollment	Number of Teachers	Names of Teachers	# of Students
Jefferson	243905118					
		4	67	3	Teacher A	23
					Teacher B	22
					Teacher C	22
Sheppard	243905123					
		4	44	2	Teacher A	21
					Teacher B	23
West	243905126					
		K	68	3	Teacher A	23
					Teacher B	23
					Teacher C	22
Zundy	243905131					
		2	66	3	Teacher A	22
					Teacher B	23
					Teacher C	21

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  - 5 classes at 23
    - 2 Kinder
    - 1 Second grade
    - 2 Fourth grade

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<b>Agenda Item:</b>	Carnegie Learning: Fast ForWord and Reading Assistant		
<b>Administrator Responsible:</b>	Tim Sherrod, Chief Financial Officer		
<b>Attachments:</b>	Carnegie Learning Proposal		
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**Administrative Recommendation:**

That the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the purchase of Carnegie Learning’s Fast ForWord and Reading Assistant programs in the amount of \$122,950 as submitted by Tim Sherrod, Chief Financial Officer and as recommended by Michael S. Kuhrt, Superintendent of Schools.

**Explanation:**

Carnegie Learning’s ( formerly Scientific Learning) Fast ForWord and Reading Assistant Program has been utilized in our district for grades K-5 since 2017-2018, and is expanding to grades 6-8 for 2021-2022. The program focuses on reading and language skills, as well as cognitive skills such as: memory, attention, processing and sequencing. It improves both reading and mathematical reasoning skills. It also delivers diagnostic reports with scaffolding system for teacher utilization. The procurement is via Allied States Cooperative Contract # 18-7281.

**Fiscal Note:**

The expenditures will be paid with Local budgeted funds and \$60,000 in ESSER III Funds. Expenditures exceeding \$100,000 require Board approval per Policy CH (Local).

**Pricing Options:**

<b>Product/ Service</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Fast ForWord Per Student License Price discount available by volume	\$50 PSL
Fast ForWord Perpetual Site License Renewal Per Campus (WFISD currently has 16 Elem campuses that qualify)s	\$5,775 annually
Professional Development - Recommendation based on implementation - includes 4 onsite/in-classroom support days and 8 virtual coaching/office hours sessions	\$13,000

<b>Current Proposal</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Fast ForWord (up to 2000 student users across any campuses)	<b>\$78,000</b> <i>Includes \$22,000 savings for volume and partnership</i>
Professional Development - Recommendation based on implementation - includes 4 onsite/in-classroom support days and 8 virtual coaching/office hours sessions	\$13,000
<b>TOTAL PRICE</b>	<b>\$91,000</b>

<b>Optional Perpetual Site Renewal Plus MS Per Student Add On</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Fast ForWord Renewal of 16 Sites	<b>\$92,400</b>
Fast ForWord Per Student Licenses for 3 Middle Schools - 450 users	<b>\$17,550</b> <i>Includes \$4,950 savings for volume and partnership</i>
Professional Development - Recommendation based on implementation - includes 4 onsite/in-classroom support days and 8 virtual coaching/office hours sessions	<b>\$13,000</b>
<b>TOTAL PRICE</b>	<b>\$122,950</b>

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**WICHITA FALLS ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**September 20, 2021**

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	Applicant Pool		
<b>Administrator Responsible:</b>	Cyndy Kohl, Director of Human Resources		
<b>Attachments:</b>	Applicant Pool		
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**Administrative Recommendation:**

That the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the proposed applicant pool as submitted by Cyndy Kohl, Director of Human Resources, and as recommended by Michael S. Kuhrt, Superintendent of Schools.

**APPLICANTS TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
September 28, 2021**

**CERTIFIED APPLICANT POOL**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Certification</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>Yrs of Exp</b>	<b>Position/Assignment</b>	<b>Previous District</b>
Ohmstede, Laura	Registered Nurse	Vernon College	0	RN Ed Center Floater Nurse, New Position	WFISD (Sub, LVN Positions)
Sabine, Kathryn	Registered Nurse	Midwestern State University	4	RN Farris Replacing: Marilyn Dever	WFISD (Sub Nurse)
Vanbockel, Jessica	Core Subjects EC-4	Augsburg College	5	Curriculum Facilitator Sheppard Replacing Catherine Graven	Catalina Foothills School District

*Asterisk indicates Contract Addendum Required. See key below.*

*\* Enrolled in an Alternative Certification Program*

*\*\* One-year out-of state Certification*

*\*\*\*Probationary Certificate*

*\*\*\*\* Non-Renewal Permit*

*DOI = District Of Innovation*