

Regular Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026 6:00 PM Central

Meeting Room
960 E. Commerce Street
Fairfield, TX 75840

J. Kevin Benedict: Present
Eric Chavers: Present
Ashlee Daniel: Present
John Fryer: Present
Penny Meredith: Present
Kim Whitaker: Present
Jeff Wright: Present
Present: 7.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.a. Announce Quorum

Mr. Benedict called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1.b. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Fryer gave the invitation and led the pledge of allegiance.

2. RECOGNITIONS

2.a. TIA Teachers

Mr. Craig recognized the teachers who earned distinctions for Fairfield ISD's first ever TIA checks. Intermediate - Shanon Block. Junior High - Nanceen Hoskins and Jill Schick. At the High School, Katie Wade, Joel Kuehl, and Gay Lynn Swan. We also recognized two teachers who came to us with distinctions earned in other districts - Sarah Block from the Intermediate, and Kimberly Vargas at the Junior High.

2.b. FCCLA State Qualifiers

Mrs. Holland recognized the FCCLA students who recently competed at the state contest and several earned medals. Dallany Peña Reyes - Gold Medal
Paisley Robinson - Gold Medal, Bella Campise - Silver Medal, Kaily Erler - Silver Medal, Solomon Growden - Silver Medal

2.c. Golf - Regional Qualifiers

The golfers were not able to attend the meeting. We will invite them back for the June meeting.

2.d. UIL Regional & State Qualifiers

Mrs. Maciel recognized our academic UIL state qualifiers. Anderson Cruce - (Computer Science), Antonio Jauregui, Aaron Evans, Fernanda Ramirez, and Hudson Little (Current Issues and Events), Callie Morgan - Headline Writing, Noah Hoskins - (Number Sense), Laiken Carlson and Connor Colvert (CX Debate).

2.e. FFA LDE Area & State Qualifiers

Mr. Phillips recognized the FFA CDE teams and individuals that qualified for State.

2.f. Softball All-District Selections

Coach Jones recognized our softball players who were selected to the All-District team.

2.g. State Track Qualifiers

Coach Barger recognized Blayke Brackens for qualifying for the state track meet in the Long Jump and Triple Jump. Mr. Craig recognized Brayden Thornburg for qualifying for the state track meet in the discus.

2.h. Baseball All-District Selections

Coach Tharp recognized the baseball players who were selected to the All-District team.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laiken Carlson addressed the board asking for them to allow him and other military enlistees to be able to wear a sash at graduation.

4. Canvass May 2, 2026 Election Results

The election results were canvassed earlier in the day at a called meeting.

5. Announce Results of Trustee Election

Mr. Craig gave the results from the May, 2, 2026 Board of Trustee election. Keith Whitaker - 285, Kevin Benedict - 411, John Fryer - 338. Mr. Benedict and Mr. Fryer were elected to three year terms.

6. Swear in Elected Board Members

Mrs. Gibson swore in Mr. Benedict and Mr. Fryer.

7. Reorganization of the Board

8. ACADEMIC UPDATE / CAMPUS PRINCIPAL REPORTS

The campus principals gave updates of things going on at their campuses.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.a. Fairfield ISD Financial Report/ Investments/Expenditures/Payment of Bills

9.b. Minutes of Previous Meeting

10. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.a. Consideration & Possible Approval of MOU with Leon County Extension Office

10.b. Consideration & Possible Approval of MOU with Navarro County Extension Office

10.c. Consideration & Possible Approval of Book Order for Intermediate Campus

10.d. Consideration & Possible Approval of Custodial Contract with Service Solutions Corporation

10.e. Consideration & Possible Approval of Giving Superintendent Hiring Authority Until School Starts in August

10.f. Consideration & Possible Approval of Project Manager for 2025 Bond Projects

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

11.a. Enrollment & Attendance

Mr. Craig gave the enrollment numbers (1529) and the attendance percentage (95.65%).

12. CLOSED SESSION - The board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E.

The board entered into executive session at 7:02 PM to discuss personnel matters. The board reconvened into open session at 9:09 PM.

12.a. Personnel Matters (Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, Dismissal, Complaint) - 551.074

13. ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

13.a. Consideration & Possible Approval of Teacher Contract for 2026-27

13.b. Consider Personnel - Recommendations & Resignation accepted by the Superintendent
The board unanimously approved the hiring T'Leah Eicke -Jennings as the new Girls Basketball Coach. This motion was moved by Eric Chavers and seconded by Ashlee Daniel.

14. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM

J. Kevin Benedict, Board President

Kim Whitaker, Board Secretary