

Minutes of the June 8, 2026,
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Abilene Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting at 5:00 p.m., June 8, 2026, in the Boardroom at One AISD Center 241 Pine Street, Abilene, Texas 79601. Mrs. Angie Wiley, President of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m., observed that a quorum was present, and stated that notice of the meeting had been duly posted in the time and manner prescribed by law.

Trustees present for all or part of the meeting: Mrs. Angie Wiley, President; Mr. Rodney Goodman, Vice President; Mrs. Cindy Earles, Secretary; Mr. Bill Enriquez, Assistant Secretary, Dr. Danny Wheat, Mr. Blair Schroeder, and Dr. Taylor Tidmore. Members absent: None.

Administrators present for all or part of the meeting: Dr. John Kuhn, Superintendent; Dr. Joseph Waldron, Superintendent-Designate; Dr. Gustavo Villanueva, Chief of Schools; Mrs. Jennifer Hinds, Chief Financial Officer; Mrs. Alison Sims, Chief Talent Officer; Dr. Jordan Ziemer, Chief Communications Officer; Mr. Jay Ashby, Chief of Strategic Operations; and Mrs. Robin Jones, Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Installation of Newly Elected Board Members

Dr. John Kuhn recognized Cindy Earles and Bill Enriquez for their service on the Board. They were also recognized by Texas State Representative Stan Lambert, and Taylor County Judge Phil Crowley.

Dr. John Kuhn introduced and recognized newly elected Board Members, Dr. Danny Wheat, Mrs. Amanda Pittman, and Mrs. Alana Jeter. They were each sworn into office by Representative Stan Lambert.

Mrs. Angie Wiley welcomed the newly elected Board Members and recognized Dr. John Kuhn for his service to Abilene ISD as Superintendent.

Mrs. Angie Wiley welcomed Dr. Joseph Waldron as the new Superintendent of Abilene ISD.

- III. Closed Session: A Closed Session may be held under the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 including but not limited to Section 551.071, Section 551.072, Section 551.074, Section 551.076, and Section 551.082, and Section 551.0821.

Mrs. Angie Wiley announced that a Closed Session would be held under the provisions of Texas Code, Chapter 551. The Board convened in Closed Session at 5:47 p.m.

- A. The Board may deliberate matters of Personnel, i.e. appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee. (Section 551.074)
 - I. Professional Employment Contracts
 - II. The Board will consider the Rescission of Resignation of Keri Thornburg.
 - III. Organization of Board of Trustees
- B. The Board may consult with Legal Counsel regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation and/ or Privileged Legal Advice. (Section 551.071)
- C. The Board may discuss matters of Safety and Security. (Section 551.076)
 - I. The Board will consider approval of a Security Service.
- D. The Board may discuss matters pertaining to Students necessarily involving personally identifiable information, e.g. Student Discipline. (Sections 551.082, 551.0821)
- E. The Board may discuss the Value, Exchange and/or Disposition of Real Property. (Section 551.072)

- IV. Reconvene from Closed Session (Approximately 6:30 p.m.)

The Board reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

- A. Invocation

Mrs. Angie Wiley called on Mrs. Alison Camp, Executive Director for Student Services, to give the invocation and lead the pledges.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas
- C. Board/Superintendent Announcements

Dr. Joe Waldon shared the following:

- Highlighted the extraordinary work done by Student Services, principals and staff for all three high school graduations.
- Our Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) staff was recognized by Region XIV for their outstanding service this school year.

- Read letter of recognition and gratitude for our JROTC students' outstanding assistance at the Abilene Heritage Square Opening Donor Dinner.

V. Organization of Board of Trustees - Election of Officers

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if there was a motion regarding the Organization of Board of Trustees. Dr. Danny Wheat made a motion that the Officers for the Abilene ISD Board of Trustees are as follows:

- President – Mr. Blair Schroeder
- Vice President – Dr. Taylor Tidmore
- Secretary – Mr. Rodney Goodman
- Assistant Secretary – Mrs. Angie Wiley

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Amanda Pittman and passed 7-0.

Ayes: Wheat, Tidmore, Goodman, Schroeder, Wiley, Jeter, and Pittman

Nays: None

VI. Recognitions

A. AHS UIL Golf State Competitor

Mr. Jim Garfield, Executive Director for Athletics, and Coach Scott Findley recognized Grant Duwe as the first boy golfer to advance to State.

B. AHS UIL Track State Competitor

Mr. Jim Garfield and Coach Justin Gorman recognized Jaden Jackson for being a UIL Track State Competitor for the second time.

C. Abilene High Softball

Mr. Jim Garfield and Coach Jenna Aguirre recognized the AHS Softball team for their great season and success in the playoffs.

D. Region 14 School Nurse of the Year

Mrs. Angela Valentine, Director of Health Services, recognized Sarah Alexander, Nurse at Alcorta Elementary, as the Region 14 School Nurse of the Year.

VII. Oral Communications from the Public

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if anyone wishing to address the Board had completed a public comment card. There was none.

VIII. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if there was a motion regarding the Consent Agenda. Mr. Rodney Goodman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blair Schroeder and passed 7-0.

Ayes: Schroeder, Jeter, Tidmore, Wheat, Goodman, Pittman, and Wiley

Nays: None

- A. The Board will consider approval of the Budget Amendments.
- B. The Board will consider accepting the April Financials.
- C. The Board will consider approval of the Minutes of the May 7, 2026, Workshop and May 11, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.
- D. The Board will consider approval of the 2026-2027 Public Information Act Calendar.
- E. The Board will consider the 2026-2027 Martinez Elementary ADSY Calendar.

IX. Reports

A. STEM Campus Updates

Mr. Jay Ashby, Mr. Justin Rosenquist, Principal at Purcell STEM Academy, Ms. Janaye Wideman, Principal at Bowie STEM Academy, and Mr. Chad Drake, Principal at Mann STEAM Academy, presented an update on the expanding STEM/STEAM strategy in the district which included campus progress, implementation readiness, student experiences, and next steps for the 2026-2027 school year. The presentation showed how each campus is developing within a shared district vision while honoring the unique identity and implementation stage of each school.

X. Business Items Requiring Board Action

A. The Board will consider the SHAC recommendation of SB9 Curriculum.

Mrs. Angela Valentine, Director of Health Services, presented an annual report of the Abilene ISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) along with recommendations of the 2025-2026 SHAC Members. In accordance to the regulations of Senate Bill 9, curriculum was also presented for consideration. Mrs. Angie Wiley made a motion to

approve the Monique Burr Foundation Child Safety Matters curriculum to satisfy Senate Bill 9 requirements as presented. Dr. Taylor Tidmore seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Ayes: Goodman, Schroeder, Pittman, Tidmore, Wiley, and Wheat

Nays: None

Abstain: Jeter

XI. The Board may take action relevant to Items Covered During Closed Session.

A. The Board will consider approval of Personnel Recommendations, if any.

I. The Board will consider the Rescission of Resignation of Keri Thornburg.

Mrs. Angie Wiley asked if there was a motion regarding Personnel Recommendations. Mr. Blair Schroeder made a motion to accept the Rescission of Resignation of Keri Thornburg as presented in Closed Session. Mr. Rodney Goodman seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Ayes: Wiley, Pittman, Wheat, Jeter, Schroeder, Tidmore, and Goodman

Nays: None

B. Matters pertaining to Litigation, if any

C. Matters pertaining to Real Property, if any

D. Matters pertaining to Safety and Security, if any

I. The Board will consider approval of a Security Service.

E. Matters pertaining to Students, if any

Mrs. Angie Wiley announced that the Board was returning to Closed Session at 8:46 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 9:37 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

ATTEST:

Secretary