

WHITE SETTLEMENT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICIAL MINUTES
April 20, 2026

Members Present

Ms. Krystal Arnold, Mr. John Bradley, Mr. Ben Davis, Mr. Glen Lowry, Mr. John Morton, and Ms. Amanda Sanchez.

School Officials Present

Mr. Frank Molinar, Ms. Brandilyn DePalma, and Ms. Heather Crow

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Following roll call, the announcement was made by Mr. Ben Davis, Board President, that 6 members of the Board of Trustees present constitutes a quorum.

Campus Spotlight- Brewer Middle School

Principal, Ms. Joanie Shields gave an update on Brewer Middle School, recognizing several students with perfect attendance awards, and two students with NJHS awards.

Recognition of Instructional All-Stars

Carmen Castillo, Liberty Elementary Teacher, and Carly Lolless, Brewer Middle School Teacher, were recognized as “Instructional All-Stars”.

B. Public Comments

Briley Hicks addressed the board regarding the upcoming School Board Election.

C. Closed Meeting

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:45 p.m.

D. Reconvene to Open Session

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:05 p.m.

E. Information Items

Superintendent’s Report

a. Financial Update

Ms. Brandilyn DePalma, Chief Financial Officer, gave a financial update to the Board for March 2026.

1. Mr. Randy Summerhill, then gave a construction update on the expected summer construction projects.

b. Instructional Update

Ms. Heather Crow, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Construction, introduced Ms. Emily Estes in her new role as Coordinator of Data & Strategic Initiatives. Ms. Estes then gave a presentation on Teacher Incentive Allotment.

c. Announce Board of Trustees Training

Mr. Ben Davis, Board President, announced that the board is deficient in Team Building continuing education, which is anticipated to be completed this summer. Additionally, Ben Davis, Glen Lowry, Amanda Sanchez, Krystal Arnold, and Raymond Patterson are deficient in the required hours for Evaluating and Improving Student Outcomes; this training is scheduled for completion on May 27th. John Morton completed all new-member training and exceeded the required continuing education hours. Amanda Sanchez, Ben Davis, John Bradley, Krystal Arnold, and Raymond Patterson have exceeded the number of required continuing education hours, and Glen Lowry has completed the required continuing education hours.

F. Consent Items

The motion was made by Ms. Amanda Sanchez and seconded by Ms. Krystal Arnold to approve the 7 consent items as presented.

F.1 Approve Minutes of March 23, 2026 Regular Meeting

F.2. Consider Monthly Expenditures for March 2026

F.3. Consider Approval of Amended Budgets

F.4. Consider Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Tarrant County Elections for May 2, 2026 General Election

F.5. Consider Approval of Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification for 2026-2027

F.6. Consider Approval of Teacher Incentive Allotment Spending Plan

F.7. Consider Approval of Vendor to Purchase Forklift

Motion carried with 6-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Bradley, Davis, Lowry, Morton, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

G. Separate Items

1. Consider an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds

Ms. Brandilyn DePalma, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Mr. Nick Bulaich of Hilltop Securities, who gave a presentation to the board regarding the Order Authorizing the Issuance of Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds. Mr. John Morton made the motion and seconded by Mr. John Bradley to approve the Order as presented.

Motion carried with 6-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Bradley, Davis, Lowry, Morton, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

I. Consider Items Discussed in Closed Meeting Including Personnel

The motion was made by Mr. John Morton and seconded by Ms. Amanda Sanchez to approve the appointments of Precious Devall, Sandra McGaughy, and Amy Rodriguez, the resignations of Clinton Bartel, Kurt Basa, Blescid Blake, Jennifer Carr, Bret Cockerham, Jonathan Cox, Jenifer Crawford, Diana Cruz, Chandler Freehill, Rebekah French, Raquel Hasty, Donald Kaestner, Ashley Kemp, Katrina Leonard, Vanessa Lester, Courtney Mathis, Brandon Ortega, Caroline Quinn, Michael Salerno, Dorthea Shirinian, Allison Simpson, Colleen Snyder, Angela Starr, Christopher Timms, Nathan Wester, Elizabeth Winslow, Felicia Young, and Aliasgher Yusufali, the retirement of Lisa Collett, and contract extensions for 2026-2027 listed below as presented.

Blue Haze Elementary

Probationary

Bethany Bailey
Shane Cutshall
Jennifer Partain
Landry Rogers

Brewer High School

Dual Probationary

Emily Berryhill

Dual Term

Daniel Richey

Probationary

*Wendi Dowden
Karen Shiue
Clara Sorensen

Brewer Middle School

Dual Probationary

Austin Parks
Peyton Patterson
Bailee Whitener

Dual Term

Jazmine Lumbrera

Probationary

Ana Contreras
Aaron Dias
Alecia Jeffries
Mason Molinar

Fine Arts Academy

Probationary

Casandra Duran
Melissa Koehnlein

Tiffany Wester
Macey Wicks

Liberty Elementary

Probationary
Kamryn Doolittle
Zugelly Espinosa
Celina Gonzalez
Nestor Muro
Maria Sandoval
Christan Torres

Term
Ofelia Chavez

North Elementary

Probationary
Emily Lemons
Haley Ward

West Early Learners

Probationary
Precious Devall

Motion carried with 6-0
Those in favor: Arnold, Bradley, Davis, Lowry, Morton , and Sanchez
Those opposed: 0

J. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

President

Secretary