

**WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WFISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – BOARD ROOM  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MARCH 16, 2026**

***CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING STATEMENT:***

The Board of Trustees of the Wichita Falls Independent School District met in a work session meeting on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Mark Lukert, board president.

Board members present: Mr. Mark Lukert, Ms. Susan Grisel, Ms Diann Scroggins, Mr. Jim Johnson and Ms Katherine McGregor. Ms. Sandy Camp and Mr. John Barnard were absent. Mr. Lukert noted that a quorum was present and the meeting had been duly called and notice of the meeting had been posted for the time and manner required by law.

Staff members present: Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Scot Hafley, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Ms. Ashley Thomas, Communications Officer, Ms. Vanessa Dishman, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Ms. Keli Sims, Administrative Assistant to the HR Director, Mr. Jeff Hill, Director of Elementary Schools, Ms Jennifer Spurgers, Director of Human Resources, Dr. Cody Blair, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, Chief Anthony Smith, WFISD PD, Mr. Curtis Shahan, Director of Technology, Mr. Chris Strader, Support Service Manager, Ms Ashley Murdock, Franklin Elementary Principal, Ms Rebecca Alfert, Franklin Elementary Assistant Principal, Maj. (Ret) David Jensen, Legacy Senior JROTC Instructor, Ms. Melisse McCartney, Franklin Librarian, Ms. Rachel Perry, Franklin Instructional Coach and Dr Jackie McCartney, Interim Rider Principal.

Also present: Legacy JROTC students, parents and media.

***PRESENTATION OF COLORS:***

Legacy High School JROTC

***INVOCATION:***

Ms. Diann Scroggins gave the invocation.

***PUBLIC COMMENT:***

None

***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:***

Dr. Donny Lee, Superintendent of Schools, gave a report on the following:

- Strategic Objective 1.2.1: Monthly attendance tracking
  - March Enrollment: 12,332
    - 65 early graduates
  - ADA: 92.93%
- Strategic Objective 1.1 Every student grows academically every year
  - TEA to assign conservator; who is still TBD
- Strategic Objective 3.3 Community Partnerships
  - Staff toured new Amazon distribution facility
  - Amazon donated \$10,000 to WFISD
- Priority 4.2: (Stewardship)—Systematic, Long-Range Facility Planning
  - Updates with photos of McNiel Elementary remodel
- Upcoming Events
  - 3/20/26 @ 9:30 am, Leaders 5 at Fain
  - 3/20/26 @ 1:30 pm, Academy 4 at Fain
  - 3/25/26 @ 4:30 pm, STEAM night at Sheppard
  - 3/29/26 @ 3:00 pm, Military Connected Graduation at SAFB
  - April: Month of the Military Child
  - 4/3/26 Student Holiday
- Winter Weather Days
  - April 6, previously a Teacher work day/student holiday, will now be an instructional day and students will be expected to attend school
- Next Board Meeting
  - 4/13/26 @ 5:00 pm

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Award of CAT2 Network Switching (E-Rate)  
Purchase of District Wide Phone System upgrade  
Purchase of IXL Learning (2026-2027)  
Purchase of Bluebonnet Math  
February Meetings Minutes

Ms. Susan Grisel, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve items placed on the Consent Agenda at the March 2, 2026 meeting.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0

***SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:***

**FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRESS UPDATE**

Mr. Jeff Hill, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, introduced Ms. Ashley Murdock, Franklin Principal, who presented information about Franklin campus activities and student academic growth.

**RIDER MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRESS UPDATE**

Dr. Cody Blair, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, introduced Dr. Jackie McCartney, Rider Interim Principal, who presented information about Rider student academic growth and how the staff is addressing those that need additional support.

**MODIFICATIONS OF THE THIRD FUTURE SCHOOLS CONTRACT WITH WICHITA FALLS ISD FOR BOOKER T WASHINGTON AND SOUTHERN HILLS**

Ms. Katherine McGregor, seconded by Ms. Diann Scroggins, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the TEA required modifications to the contract between Third Future Schools and Wichita Falls ISD for Booker T Washington and Southern Hills Elementary Schools, as submitted by Dr. Cody Blair, Executive Director of Secondary Schools and as recommended by Dr. Lee, WFISD Superintendent of Schools.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0

***HUMAN RESOURCES:***

**TEACHER APPLICANT POOL**

Ms. Susan Grisel, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the proposed teacher applicant pool addendum.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0

***BOARD MATTERS:***

**RECESS:**

Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, recessed to go into closed session at 7:12 pm.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

1. Personnel Matters Including the Appointment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, Dismissal and/or Compensation of Individual District Employees (Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074)
2. Deliberation Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee: Superintendent Evaluation and Contract

**OPEN SESSION:**

Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, called the meeting back into open session at 8:18 pm.

**SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION AND CONTRACT**

Ms. Katherine McGregor, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, motioned that the Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees extend Dr. Donny Lee's contract for one year as discussed in closed session. Mr. Mark Lukert, President, will handle all communications with board attorney to the changes to the written contract.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0

**ADJOURNMENT:**

No further action was taken and Mr. Mark Lukert, board president, adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

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President, Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Board of Trustees