

## Agenda of Regular Meeting

### The Board of Trustees Westwood Independent School District

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westwood Independent School District will be held February 10, 2025, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Westwood Middle School  
1801 Panther Blvd.  
Palestine, TX. 75803.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice.

1. **Call to Order and Establish Quorum**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Action Items**
4. Board to Consider Approval of Agenda
5. **Closed Session**
  - A. Consider Principals, Asst. Principals, Asst. Superintendent of Finance, PEIMS Director, Athletic Director, Special Programs Director, Director of SPED, Director of Support Services, Chief of Police, Director of Transportation and Director of Technology,
  - B. Personnel
  - C. Acknowledge Professional Contracts
  - D. Intruder Detection Audit
6. **Invocation**
7. **Pledge of Allegiance/ Texas Pledge**
8. Board to vote on items discussed in closed session
9. Recognition of Students and Staff
10. **Public Comments**
11. **Information Items**
  - A. Finance Update

# Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information Agenda Item Information

**Meeting Date:** February 10, 2025

**Subject:** Financial Update

**Administrator Responsible:** Mr. Alford

**Summary:** Review results of the Property Value Study

**Administration's Recommendation:** Information Item Only

**Board Approval Required**      YES            NO



# Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information Agenda Item Information

**Meeting Date:** February 10, 2025

**Subject:** Westwood ISD Annual Financial Audit Report

**Administrator Responsible:** Mr. Alford/Molly Abele from Axley & Rode

**Summary:** Molly Abele from Axley and Rode will present the Annual Financial Audit Report to the board of directors. Westwood ISD received a Clean Audit.

**Administration's Recommendation:** The board to make a motion, "to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Audited Financial Report as presented by Axley & Rode."

**Board Approval Required**     YES                      NO



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**Meeting Date:** February 10, 2025

**Subject:** Targeted Improvement Plans

**Administrator Responsible:** Wade Stanford and Laura Jones

**Summary:**

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We will implement the awarded components if any piece of the LASO 3 grant is not awarded. If no components are awarded, we will continue with our Literacy Initiative and purchase OER materials through additional funding that the state will provide with consideration to potential master schedule review. Grant awards are scheduled to be announced February 20, 2025.

**Administration's Recommendation:** Information Item.

**Board Approval Required**      **YES**                      **NO**



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**Summary:**

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In the event that any piece of the LASO 3 grant is not awarded, we will implement the components that are awarded. In the event that no components are awarded, we will continue with our Literacy Initiative as well as purchase OER materials through additional funding that will be provided by the state with consideration to potential master schedule review. Grant awards are scheduled to be announced February 20, 2025.

**Administration's Recommendation:**

**Board Approval Required**      **YES**                      **NO**

12. **Board to Consider Approval of Consent Agenda;**  
A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting January 13, 2025

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## Regular Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2025 5:15 PM

Westwood Middle School, 1801 Panther Blvd., Palestine, TX. 75803

Carolyn Booker: Present  
Angela Choate: Present  
Jeff Cooper: Present  
Mindy Cretsinger: Absent  
Joe Garza: Present  
Jess Huddleston: Present  
Bryan Jones: Present

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

**Discussion:** The Board meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Dr. Booker

### 2. ROLL CALL

### 3. ACTION ITEM

#### 3.A. Board to consider approval of the Agenda

**Action(s):**

Motion was made to approve the board agenda. This motion, made by Bryan Jones and seconded by Jess Huddleston, Passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Mindy Cretsinger: Absent

Joe Garza: Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### 4. CLOSED SESSION

**Discussion:** Closed session began at 5:17 and was dismissed at 6:00

#### 4.A. Superintendent's Mid-year Evaluation

#### 4.B. Personnel

#### 4.C. Acknowledge professional contracts

#### 4.D. Intruder Detecton Audit

#### 4.E. Director of Transportation

#### 4.F. Board to discuss DOI Contract

5. **INVOCATION**

**Discussion:** Innvocation was given by Dr. Booker

6. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS PLEDGE**

7. **Board to vote on items discussed in closed session**

7.A. Board to consider and vote on Director of Transportation

**Action(s):**

Board approved Mike Bentley as Director of Transportation. This motion, made by Bryan Jones and seconded by Jess Huddleston, Passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Mindy Cretsinger: Absent

Joe Garza: Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.B. Board to consider DOI contract

**Action(s):**

Board approved DOI contract for Kendall Hardin. This motion, made by Angela Choate and seconded by Jeff Cooper, Passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Mindy Cretsinger: Absent

Joe Garza: Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8. **Recognition of School Board - School Board Appreciation**

9. **Recognition of Students and Staff**

10. **Public Comments**

11. **Information Items:**

11.A. Audit Report 23-24

**Presenter:** Chris Alford

**Discussion:** No Audit report update was given.

11.B. Advanced Marketing class update

**Discussion:** Brtini Calzada and marketing class

presented current and future projects including fall magazine, school bill boards, and spring magazine

11.C. Finance Update **Presenter:** Chris Alford

11.D. 4th Quarter Investment Report

11.E. Proud Panther

**Discussion:** The board was presented with 5 application nominations rot review and reconvene on in february

11.F. SPED Legal Services

**Discussion:** Mr. Stanford presented the Sped legal service options with the board members

**12. Board to consider approval of Consent Agenda;**

**Action(s):**

board approved consent agenda. This motion, made by Bryan Jones and seconded by Jess Huddleston, Passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Mindy Cretsinger: Absent

Joe Garza: Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

12.A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, December 9, 2024

12.B. Campus Fundraisers;

**Discussion:** There were no campus fundraisers to approve

**13. ACTION ITEMS**

13.A. Annual Investment Approval Resolution

**Action(s):**

Board approved annual investment resolution. This motion, made by Jeff Cooper and seconded by Angela Choate, Passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Mindy Cretsinger: Absent

Joe Garza: Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13.B. Board to call a school board of trustee election on May 3, 2025, for Districts 3,5, and 7

**Action(s):**

Board approved school board election. This motion, made by Angela Choate and seconded by Jeff Cooper, Passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Mindy Cretsinger: Absent

Joe Garza: Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13.C. Approval of 4th Quarter Investment Report

**Action(s):**

board approved 4th quarter investment report. This motion, made by Bryan Jones and seconded by Angela Choate, Passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Mindy Cretsinger: Absent

Joe Garza: Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13.D. Consider and possible approval of legal services for Special Education

**Action(s):**

Board approved option 1 of sped legal services. This motion, made by Jess Huddleston and seconded by Jeff Cooper, Passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Yea

Mindy Cretsinger: Absent

Joe Garza: Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

14. **Future Agenda Items and Requests**

**Discussion:** No future agenda items

15. **Adjournment**

**Discussion:** The board adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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Board Secretary



WESTWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Authorization to Conduct Fund Raising Event

Organization: PSG Class of WHS Campus: WHS Date submitted: 2/3/25  
Fundraising Event: -2025- VB game Varsity girls (vs) Varsity Football boys  
Requested fundraising date dates: 3/4/25 - 6PM  
Vendor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Westwood High School  
**FUNDRAISER FORM**

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
List specific items that will be sold: \_\_\_\_\_  
Price per item: \$ 2.00 ticket Will customer pay in advance? at door  
Profit to organization should never be less than 50%; otherwise, explain \_\_\_\_\_

What will money raised from this fundraiser be used for? senior gifts \$  
senior breakfast

If **NO** vendor is involved, list location of event: \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated cost to organization to start fundraiser \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
How much will you charge your customer? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Will you accept donations? \_\_\_\_\_

Emitchoff am submitting this fund-raising request before my organization starts raising funds. I understand that I am held responsible for ordering and distributing merchandise and collecting all funds submitting funds to the office, to be deposited in my activity account. With the conclusion of this fund raiser, I will complete this form and return to the campus office.

**PERMISSION IS GRANTED TO CONDUCT THIS EVENT:**

[Signature] \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ WISD Superintendent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Campus Principal's Signature

Total Proceeds collected \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Deposited in activity account \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total invoice from vendor \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Expenses incurred for a successful fundraiser \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (advertising, t-shirts, supplies, etc.)  
Total Profit my organization benefitted from this fundraiser \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that these funds will not be available until this form is completed and returned to the campus office

13. Action Items  
A. Approval of TIP

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**Administration's Recommendation:** The administration recommends the approval of the targeted improvement plan for the Elementary and Middle Schools as presented.

**Possible Motion:** I move that we approve the targeted improvement plan for the Elementary and Middle Schools as presented.

**Board Approval Required**       YES       NO

- B. Proud Panther
- C. Possible approval of Joint Resolution Election Agreement

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- D. Board to approve 23-24 Audit Report
- 14. Future Agenda Items and Requests
- 15. **Adjournment**

**Texas Government Code Section:**

- 551.071 Private consultation with the Board's Attorney.
- 551.072 Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- 551.073 Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations.
- 551.074 Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.
- 551.075 To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions.
- 551.076 Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.
- 551.082 Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.
- 551.083 Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the Board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups.
- 551.084 Excluding witnesses from a hearing.

**Texas Education Code:**

- 39.030(a) To discuss or adopt individual assessment instruments or assessment instrument items.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- (a) In the open meeting covered by the notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or
- (b) At a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof: as the School Board shall determine.