

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NORTHWEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
August 12, 2025  
REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by President Jennifer Murphy in the Northwest ISD Board Room, 2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76177.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074, the Board convened into Executive Session at 5:05 P.M. in the Northwest ISD Executive Conference Room, 2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76177. Executive session ended at 6:32 P.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing was held at 6:38 p.m. to discuss the 2025-2026 proposed tax rate presented by Jonathan Pastusek.

**OPEN SESSION**

The regular meeting resumed following the public hearing in the Northwest ISD Board Room, 2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76177. Dr. Mark Foust gave the invocation followed by the pledge to the American Flag and the pledge to the Texas Flag.

**REGULAR MEETING** Ms. Murphy, Dr. Rauch, Ms. Copp,  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Schluter, Mr. Dearing, Mr. Sprowls and Ms. Hatfield

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Foust, Ms. Barker, Dr. Griffin, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Tosie, Ms. Cabanski, Ms. Carter, Mr. Pastusek, Ms. Scott and Ms. Stewart.

**RECOGNITIONS**

- A. ASBO Excellence in Financial Reporting, GFOA Excellence in Financial Reporting, TASBO Purchasing Award of Merit, TEA Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas "A" Score, Texas Comptroller Transparency Starts: Northwest ISD Financial Services Department.
- B. Northwest ISD Board of Trustees: Region XI Regional School Board of the Year.

- C. New Leadership Introduction: Nate Roub, Principal of J. Lyndal Hughes Elementary School.
- D. New Leadership Introduction: Shannon Barton, Executive Director of Financial Services.

Mr. Chuck Kelly spoke about his broadcast information business.

Mr. Eric Crile addressed the board regarding road closures around the Eaton High School area, gave an update on Tarrant Appraisal District and commented on the cell phone policy.

#### **REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**NO. 8578 APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:** It was moved by Mr. Schluter and seconded by Dr. Rauch to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

- A. Minutes from the June 2025 Board Meetings.
- B. Amendments to the 2025-2026 operating budget.
- C. Agreement for the purchase of attendance credits.  
For the 2025-2026 school year, the Board delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) 11.1511 (c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purposes of obligating the district under TEC, 48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).
- D. Wise County 4-H Adjunct Faculty Request.
- E. Denton County 3-H Adjunct Faculty Request.
- F. Amendment #3 to Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Trophy Club for School Resource Officer Services for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- G. Amendment #3 to Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Roanoke for School Resource Officer Services for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- H. Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding with Wise County for School Resource Officer Services for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- I. Ratification of Community Facilities Agreement with the City of Fort Worth for the Dr. Leigh Anne Romer Elementary School.
- J. Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Woman's University for Speech Language Pathology Practicum.
- K. Administrator Contracts for Personal Services.
- L. Renewal of Property Insurance with USI Southwest, Inc.
- M. Renewal of Worker's Compensation Excess Coverage Policy with Brown & Brown Insurance.
- N. Memorandum of Understanding with Tarrant County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP).
- O. Memorandum of Understanding with Denton County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP).
- P. Declaration of Surplus Property.

Q. Concussion Oversight Committee.  
R. Final Change Order for Eaton High School Field Turf Renovation.  
S. Final Change Order for Alan and Andra Perrin Elementary School.  
T. Memorandum of Understanding with Dallas Christian College for Student Teaching Practicum.  
U. RFP #C025-028-05-017 Special Education Professional Services.  
V. Ratification of Agreement with BKV Barnett, LLC for Surface Lease for Operations Pad Site at High School #4.  
W. Ratification of Agreement with BKV Barnett, LLC for Surface Lease for Temporary Storage at High School #4.  
X. Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Central Transportation Relocation Project.  
Y. Resolution to Declare a Good Cause Exception for the House Bill 3 - Armed Security Officer Requirement.  
Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

There were no items removed from the consent agenda for consideration.

**NO. 8579 RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ISD LEVYING THE TAX RATE FOR THE NORTHWEST ISD FOR THE TAX YEAR 2025 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE:** It was moved by Mr. Sprowls and seconded by Ms. Hatfield to increase the property tax rate by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.6631 per \$100 valuation of taxable property for the purpose of maintenance and operations, which is effectively a negative 0.35 percent increase in the tax rate.  
Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Sprowls and seconded by Ms. Copp to adopt a tax rate on \$100 valuation for property located within the Northwest ISD for the tax year 2025 as follows: \$0.4210 for the payment of principal and interest on debt of the district.  
Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Sprowls and seconded by Dr. Rauch to adopt the resolution levying the tax rate for the Northwest ISD for the tax year 2025 and providing for an effective date.  
Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**No. 8580 CONSIDER AND ACT ON AN ORDER CALLING A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION:** It was moved by Mr. Schluter and seconded by Ms. Hatfield that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.0841 which is effectively a negative 0.35 percent increase in the tax rate.  
Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Sprowls and seconded by Dr. Rauch to adopt an order to hold a tax ratification election.  
Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**NO. 8581 2025-2026 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT:** It was moved by Dr. Rauch and seconded by Mr. Dearing to approve the 2025-2026 student code of conduct as recommended by the administration.  
Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**NO. 8582 CONSIDERATION OF A TEACHER'S LATE RESIGNATION WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE AND PROPOSED COMPLAINT TO THE STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION FOR HER ABANDONMENT OF CONTRACT (NB, ST, AW, MD, SP):** It was moved by Mr. Schluter and seconded by Ms. Copp that the Board finds that good cause did not exist under Section 21.210 (c) of the Texas Education Code for Nicole Bernat, Sarah Titus, Ande Wallace, Meagan Davis, and Shanelle Perez to resign their contract for the 2025-2026 school year, that the Board did not consent to their resignation, and that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to file a complaint with the State Board for Educator Certification to seek sanctions for their abandonment.  
Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**NO. 8583 LOCAL DISTRICT POLICY UPDATE 2025.03: EFB (LOCAL) ON LIBRARY MATERIALS, FNCE (LOCAL) ON CELL PHONES:** It was moved by Mr. Sprowls and seconded by Dr. Rauch to approve the Local District Policy Update 2025.03: EFB (Local) on Library Materials and FNCE (Local) on cell phones as recommended by the administration and TASB Policy Services.  
Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**NO. 8584 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL:** It was moved by Ms. Copp and seconded by Ms. Hatfield to approve the resolution to establish a school library advisory council as recommended by the administration and nominating the following people to serve on the committee:

Natalie Spann  
Stephanie Leslie  
Brittnie Bragg  
Amanda Conley  
Lauren Smith  
Desiree Pignatelli - alternate  
Jamie Eickenberry - alternate

**NO. 8585 RESOLUTION REGARDING A PERIOD OF PRAYER AND READING OF RELIGIOUS TEXTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY:** It was moved by Mr. Schluter and seconded by Dr. Rauch to decline to adopt a resolution regarding a period of prayer and reading of religious texts during the school day pursuant to Senate Bill 11.  
Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Mr. Chris Hill and Ms. Kim Becan presented the elementary and secondary education district effectiveness report.

Ms. Kelley Henderson presented the College, Career & Military Readiness district effectiveness report.

Mr. Mike Conklin presented the safety and Security update report.

Mr. Pastusek presented the June 2025 bond sale results report.

Ms. Murphy presented the Board President's report.

Dr. Foust presented the Superintendent's report.

**NO. 8586 ADJOURN:** It was moved by Dr. Rauch and seconded by Ms. Hatfield to adjourn at 9:01 P.M.  
Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

  
Board President

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Board Secretary