

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORTHWEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 12, 2026
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 6:11 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) presented by Dr. Melissa DeSimone.

OPEN SESSION

The regular meeting resumed at 6:40 P.M. 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 led by students from Berkshire Elementary School.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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. School Board Appreciation Month: Northwest ISD Board of Trustees.
- B. UIL 6A Cross Country State Meet Qualifiers: Byron Nelson High School.
- C. TASSP Principal of the Year: Kara Lea Deardorff, Byron Nelson High School.
- D. 2025-2026 First Semester GEM Winner: Kila Bach.

- E. Northwest ISD December Volunteer of the Month: Ashley Smyrl.
F. Northwest ISD Education Foundation November Volunteer of the Month: Kristina Klauser.

REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS:

NO. 8625 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 December 2025 Board meeting.
- B. Amendments to the 2025-2026 operating budget.
- C. Districtwide Intruder Assessment Report.
- D. Retaining Wall Maintenance Agreement with the City of Fort Worth for the Northwest ISD Transportation Facility.
- E. Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding with ESC Region XI for Poverty Simulation Training.
- F. Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding with ESC Region XI for Reading by Design Training.
- G. RFP #026-037-10-003 for NISD Internet Access (eRate).
- H. Memorandum of Understanding with University of Tulsa for Nursing Clinical Rotation.
- I. Tax Increment Financing Development Agreement with the City of Fort Worth.
- J. Construction Delivery Method for Clara Love Elementary School Drainage Improvement.
- K. RFP #025-028-07-001 Fine Arts Miscellaneous Services.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

NO. 8626 FACILITY NAMING OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES CENTER #2: It was moved by Ms. Copp and seconded by Ms. Hatfield to name Agricultural Sciences Center #2 E.C. Brock Agricultural Sciences Center as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

NO. 8627 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025: It was moved by Ms. Hatfield and seconded by Mr. Dearing to approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 and approve the fund balance resolution as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

NO. 8628 2026-2027 AND 2027-2028 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDARS: It was moved by Dr. Rauch and seconded by Mr. Dearing to approve the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 instructional calendars as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

NO. 8629 ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATIONS: It was moved by Mr. Schluter and seconded by Mr. Sprowls to approve the attendance boundary recommendations as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

NO. 8630 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 (AS): It was moved by Mr. Schluter and seconded by Ms. Hatfield that the Board finds that good cause did not exist under Section 21.210 (c) of the Texas Education Code for Amber Sprouse to resign her contract for the 2025-2026 school year, that the Board did not consent to her resignation, and that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to file a complaint with the State Board for Educator Certification to seek sanctions for her abandonment.
Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

NO. 8631 FORMATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE ON SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACTS: It was moved by Ms. Copp and seconded by Dr. Rauch to establish the Superintendent Contract Committee, a 3-person committee, voted on by the Board, whose responsibilities are to annually study superintendent contracts and compensation and make recommendations to the Board on contract terms for recruiting, valuing and retaining the Superintendent, in alignment with District Strategic Goal 2. Members will serve one-year terms ending on May 1 each year, with the first committee serving until May 1, 2026.

This motion is to appoint these three trustees to serve on the Superintendent Contract Committee for 2025-2026:

1. DeAnne Hatfield
2. Jeff Dearing
3. Jennifer Murphy

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

No action was taken to nominate a candidate to fill the Denton Central Appraisal District Board of Directors vacancy.

Jonathan Pastusek presented the November financial report.

Sarah Stewart presented the monthly facilities, planning and construction report.

Ms. Murphy presented the Board President's report.

Dr. Foust presented the Superintendent's report.

NO. 8632 ADJOURN: It was moved by Dr. Rauch and seconded by Ms. Hatfield to adjourn at 8:05 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously 7-0.


Board President

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Board Vice President