

Castleberry Independent School District
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
July 14, 2025
6:01 p.m.

The Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, July 14, 2025. Members present were Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, and Tracy Gallman. Board members absent were Linda Aguillón, Ariela Martinez, and Janice Carrell. Dewey Taliaferro, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. at the Castleberry Administration Building, 5228 Ohio Garden Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76114, by stating the following:

“I call this meeting of the Castleberry Independent School District to order. Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members is present, that this meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.”

Mary Lou Martinez, Board Vice President, gave the invocation.

There were no questions regarding the Consent Agenda.

Elena Fernandez, with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P. presented an annual update of the collection of the district’s delinquent property taxes.

Dr. Darla Barnes, CHS Academic Dean; Stephanie Martinez, Director of CTE; and Manny Saldivar, College-Career Readiness Advisor, presented a summative review of the HB3 goals for 2024-2025 College, Career, and Military Readiness. Mrs. Martinez answered questions from Board members.

Cameron Hollomon, Bond Program Manager, presented an update on the 2024 Castleberry High School Bond Program construction and answered questions from Board members.

William Wooten, Chief Financial Officer, presented the proposed Budget Amendments reflecting the 89th Regular Legislative Session and answered questions from Board members.

William Wooten, Chief Financial Officer, provided a snapshot of the unaudited year-end 2024-2025 revenue collections and expenditures by fund and function, as of the month ending June 30, 2025, and answered questions from Board members.

Dr. June Ritchlin, Executive Director of Educational Leadership, presented a draft of the CISD Grading Guidelines for the 2025-2026 school year and answered questions from Board members.

Lenny Lasher, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Facilities, and Operations, presented the Capital Improvement Projects scheduled to be completed through the 2025-2026 School Year. The information included cost projections for HVAC replacement and roofing improvements throughout the district for the next ten years. Mr. Lasher answered questions from Board members.

Lenny Lasher, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Facilities, and Operations, provided information regarding the 2025-2026 Replacement Plan and answered questions from Board members.

The Board recessed at 7:22 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 7:25 p.m.

Wes Jackson, Director of School Policy and Student Support, presented the policy updates from the 89th Legislative Session. Mr. Jackson, Diana Colby, Lead Librarian, and Didi Pierce, Athletic Director, answered questions from Board members.

Board President, Dewey Taliaferro, called the Board into Closed Session at 8:04 p.m. for the purpose of private consultation with the Board’s attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law and for the purpose of considering appointment, employment, property, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints against a public officer.

The Board came out of Closed Session at 8:49 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 8:50 p.m.

The Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags were led by Tracy Gallman, Board Member.

Kathryn Walker, Director of Talent Acquisition and Development, introduced Dr. Jennifer Garcia, who will serve as the Secondary ELA Content Coordinator.

Board President, Dewey Taliaferro presented the Consent Agenda items as follows:

- Consider approval of Board Minutes from June 16, 2025, for the Special and Regular Meeting.
- Consider approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with JJAEP for the 2025–2026 school year.
- Consider approval of the Workers' Compensation Insurance Plan 2025-2026.

Mary Lou Martinez made a motion, and Tracy Gallman seconded it, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 4–0.

The Board considered the approval of the amended 2025-2026 Compensation Plan. Mary Lou Martinez made a motion, and Cathy Gatica seconded it, to approve the amended 2025-2026 Compensation Plan as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 4–0.

The Board considered the approval of Budget Amendment #1. Tracy Gallman made a motion, and Mary Lou Martinez seconded it, to approve Budget Amendment #1 as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 4–0.

Board Members reviewed Key Dates.

Board Members discussed adding a Special Board Meeting. The chosen date for the meeting is Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 7:15 a.m.


Board Members discussed creating a School Board Self-Evaluation Tool.

Board Members discussed changes to the August Regular Board Meeting date. The Board unanimously agreed to reschedule the meeting from August 11, 2025, to August 18, 2025.


The next meeting will be on Monday, July 24, 2025, for a Special Board Meeting, and Monday, August 18, 2025, for the Regular Board Meeting.

The Board adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by the Executive Assistant and Public Information to the Board of Education, Angela Branch, and reviewed by Board Secretary, Cathy Gatica.



Dewey Taliaferro
Board President
Castleberry Independent School District



Cathy Gatica
Board Secretary
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