

Castleberry Independent School District
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
July 24, 2025
7:15 a.m.

The Board of Education met in Special Session on Monday, July 24, 2025. Members present were Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, and Janice Carrell. Board Members absent were Tracy Gallman, Linda Aguillón, and Ariela Martinez. Dewey Taliaferro, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 a.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.”

Janice Carrell, Board Member, gave the invocation.

Janice Carrell, Board Member, led the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

There were no questions regarding the Consent Agenda.

Wes Jackson, Director of School Policy and Student Support, presented Board Policy Update 125.

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.

Board President, Dewey Taliaferro, called the Board into Closed Session at 7:43 a.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 and reconvened into Open Session at 7:53 a.m.

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

- Consider approval of the 2025-2026 Capital Improvements Projects
- Consider approval of the 2025-2026 Replacement Plan
- Consider approval of the purchase of a Special Education bus from Longhorn Bus Sales, not to exceed the amount of \$158,557

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

The Board approved the amended 2025-2026 Compensation Plan. Mary Lou Martinez made a motion, and Janice Carrell seconded it, to approve the amended 2025-2026 Compensation Plan as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved the 2025-2026 Grading Guidelines. Janice Carrell made a motion, and Mary Lou Martinez seconded it, to approve the 2025-2026 Grading Guidelines as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct. Mary Lou Martinez made a motion, and Cathy Gatica seconded it, to approve the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

The Board approved Local Policy Updates: EFB(LOCAL), FD(LOCAL), FM(LOCAL), and FNCE(LOCAL). Mary Lou Martinez made a motion, and Cathy Gatica seconded it, to approve the Local Policy Updates as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

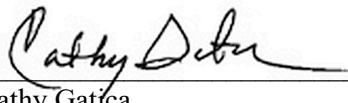
The next meeting will be on Monday, August 18, 2025, for a Regular Board Meeting.

The Board adjourned at 7:58 a.m.

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



Dewey Talaferro
Board President
Castleberry Independent School District



Cathy Gatica
Board Secretary
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