

**Castleberry Independent School District**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**September 8, 2025**  
**6:22 p.m.**

The Board of Education met in Special Session on Monday, September 8, 2025. Members present were Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, Linda Aguillón, and Janice Carrell. Board Members absent were Dewey Taliaferro, Tracy Gallman, and Ariela Martinez. Board Vice President Mary Lou Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:22 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.”

There were no questions regarding the Consent Agenda.

Cameron Hollomon, Bond Program Manager, along with representatives from Buford Thomas Construction (BTC), presented a construction update on the 2024 Castleberry High School Bond Program.

Dr. June Ritchlin, Executive Director of Educational Leadership, presented the 2025–2026 District Improvement Plan, highlighting priority areas and answering questions from Board members.

Whitney Harper, Elementary Lead Coordinator; Becky Putney, Early Literacy Coordinator; Stephanie Martinez, Director of CTE; and Dr. Darla Barnes, CHS Academic Dean, presented the recommended HB3 Goals in Early Literacy, Mathematics, and College, Career, and Military Readiness, and answered questions from Board members.

Renee Smith-Faulkner, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Superintendent Scorecard and answered questions from Board members.

Board Vice President, Mary Lou Martinez called the Board into Closed Session at 7:31 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 office or employee or to hear complaints against a public officer.

The Board came out of Closed Session at 7:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

The Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags were led by Camila Najera and Yaretzi Pasillas, students at Irma Marsh Middle School.

Irma Marsh Middle School and STEM Academy students recognized students and staff who are en route to *Destination Success*.

Diana Colby, Lead Librarian, presented the District and Community Reading Incentive.

Wes Jackson, Director of School Policy and Student Support, presented a resolution regarding Senate Bill 12 and Parent Rights. The Board decided to vote on the resolution at the next meeting.

Lenny Lasher, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Facilities, and Operations, discussed the amended 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Projects.

Mary Lou Martinez, Board Vice President, presented the Consent Agenda items as follows:

- Approval of Board Minutes from August 18, 2025, Regular Meeting.
- Approval of Parameters for the District Calendar.

- Approval of Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Appraisers in Castleberry ISD.
- Approval of the On-Campus Pregnancy Related Services (PRS) Waiver, which allows Castleberry ISD to offer Compensatory Education Home Instruction (CEHI) to eligible students on a district campus.

Linda Aguillón motioned, and Janice Carrell seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 4–0.

The Board considered the approval of BDB(LOCAL) and decided to take action at the next meeting.

The Board considered the approval of the amended Capital Improvement Projects. Janice Carrell motioned, and Cathy Gatica seconded, to approve the amended Capital Improvement Projects as presented. The motion carried 4–0.

Board Members reviewed Key Dates.

Board Members discussed the Board Christmas Dinner.

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 6, 2025, for a Regular Board Meeting.

The Board adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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



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Dewey Tabafarro  
Board President  
Castleberry Independent School District



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Cathy Gatica  
Board Secretary  
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