

**Castleberry Independent School District**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**December 15, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

The Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, December 15, 2025. Members present were Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, Tracy Gallman, Linda Aguillón, Ariela Martinez, and Janice Carrell. Dewey Taliaferro, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Castleberry Administration Building, 5228 Ohio Garden Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76114, 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.

There were no questions regarding the consent agenda.

Whitney Harper, Lead Elementary Coordinator, presented an update on the 2025–2026 District Improvement Plan focused on the third-grade math literacy priority and answered questions from Board Members.

Scott Hutchings, Lead Secondary Coordinator, presented an update on the 2025–2026 District Improvement Plan focused on the seventh-grade math priority and answered questions from Board Members.

Kelly James, Social Studies Coordinator, presented an update on the 2025–2026 District Improvement Plan focused on eighth-grade social studies and answered questions from Board Members.

Stephanie Martinez, Director of Career and Technical Education (CTE), and Steven Riewe, College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) Counselor, provided an update on Early College High School implementation and answered questions from Board Members.

Denise Chedville, District Testing Coordinator; Whitney Harper, Lead Elementary Coordinator; and Scott Hutchings, Lead Secondary Coordinator, presented information related to the instructional materials adoption for the 2026–2027 school year and answered questions from Board Members.

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

Board President Dewey Taliaferro called the Board into Closed Session at 7:18 p.m. for the purpose of private consultation with the Board’s attorney on matters authorized by law and for the consideration of the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear complaints against a public officer.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:40 p.m. following Closed Session, which concluded at 7:35 p.m. No action was taken.

Adriel Ramirez and Chelsea Camarillo, students from REACH High School, led the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

Alternative Learning Center students recognized students and staff who were en route to Destination Success.

Student athletes from Castleberry High School presented to the Board, recognizing fellow athletes for academic achievement, athletic honors, including All-District selections, and record-setting accomplishments.

William Wooten, Chief Financial Officer, provided a snapshot of the 2025–2026 revenue collections and expenditures by fund and function as of November 21, 2025. This report provided an overview of district finances and ensured

transparency in revenue generation and expenditure alignment with budget projections.

Wes Jackson, Director of School Policy and Student Support, presented Board Policy Update 126 and answered questions from Board Members.

Kathryn Walker, Director of Talent Acquisition and Development, provided information regarding new legal restrictions on outside employment for district administrators and reviewed disclosure requirements for employees with a second job that could potentially pose a conflict of interest.

Dewey Taliaferro, Board President, presented the consent agenda items as follows:

Consider approval of Board Minutes from the November 10, 2025 Regular Meeting.

The Board considered approval of the consent agenda as presented. Mary Lou Martinez made a motion, seconded by Linda Aguillón, to approve the consent agenda. The motion was carried by a vote of 7–0.

The Board considered approval of the Castleberry ISD library books to be purchased or donated. Tracy Gallman made a motion, seconded by Mary Lou Martinez, to approve the list as presented. The motion was carried by a vote of 7–0.

The Board considered approval of ordering a General Election for Place 1 (Dewey Taliaferro) and Place 2 (Tracy Gallman) for three-year terms to be held jointly with Tarrant County and the City of Sansom Park. Tracy Gallman made a motion, seconded by Janice Carrell, to approve the ordering of a General Election for Place 1 and Place 2 as presented. The motion was carried by a vote of 7–0.

Board Members reviewed key dates.

The Board considered possible board action to update School Board Operating Procedures.

The Board considered removing a sentence from the School Board Operating Procedures that reads: “For a Board member’s expenses to be reimbursed by the district for any convention, conference, or similar event, the member must have attended at least 80% of regular and special Board meetings.” Tracy Gallman made a motion, seconded by Ariela Martinez, to remove the sentence as presented. The motion was carried by a vote of 3–0, with four abstentions. Board Members abstaining were Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, and Janice Carrell.

The Board considered possible board action to add reporting requirements for communication with Castleberry ISD’s attorney or law firms. No action was taken.

The Board considered possible board action to incorporate Latin curriculum in grades K–12. No action was taken, and the item was tabled.

The Board considered possible board action to form an America250 Celebration Committee. No action was taken, and a revised resolution will be brought for consideration at the January 12, 2026 Board meeting.

Board Members discussed Board committees and Local Policy BDB.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2026, for a Regular Board Meeting.

The Board adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

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



Dewey Taliaferro  
Board President  
Castleberry Independent School District  
Date Approved: January 12, 2026



Cathy Gatica  
Board Secretary  
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