

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

The Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, October 6, 2025. Members present were Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, Tracy Gallman, Linda Agullón, and Janice Carrell. Board Member absent was Ariela Martinez. 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.”

Dewey Taliaferro, Board President, gave the invocation.

There were no questions regarding the Consent Agenda.

Christi Patton, Executive Director of Special Programs, presented an update on the 2025-2026 District Improvement Plan, focusing on the EOC re-tester priority, and answered questions from Board members.

Kathryn Walker, Director of Talent Acquisition and Development, provided a presentation on the Principal Strategic Compensation System and 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.

Laura Guzman, Secondary Emergent Bilingual Coordinator, presented the Bilingual/ESL Program Evaluation and answered questions from Board members.

William Wooten, Chief Financial Officer, provided a snapshot of the 2025-2026 revenue collections and expenditures by fund and function, as of September 22, 2025.

Board President Dewey Taliaferro called the Board into Closed Session at 7:12 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 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 came out of Closed Session at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags were led by Mariachi Band members Azael Solis and Jesalyn Chavez.

Laura Guzman, Bilingual/ESL Coordinator, Stacia Ryckman, Director of Fine Arts, Juan Sigala, CHS Mariachi Director, Jairo Salazar, IMMS Mariachi Director, and Mariachi Los Leones highlighted how Hispanic Heritage Month was being celebrated in Castleberry ISD.

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

- Consider approval of Board Minutes from September 8, 2025, for a Special and a Regular Meeting
- Consider approval of the purchase of elementary staff laptops from Dell for an amount not to exceed \$206,908.95
- Consider approval of network infrastructure purchases for Castleberry High School from Solid IT Networks, Inc., and STEP CG, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$348,940.
- Consider approval of the Retainer Agreement with Eichelbaum Wardell Powell & Munoz, effective November 1, 2025. Beginning on November 1, 2025, monthly fees will increase by 6%, a \$342 monthly increase (from \$5,700 to \$6,042), with an annual retainer fee of \$72,500.

- Consider approval of a resolution adopting the 2025 Certified Property Tax Roll
- Consider approval of TEA ESL Waiver and Bilingual Exception
- Consider approval of the 2025–2026 District Improvement Plan

The Board considered approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mary Lou Martinez made a motion, seconded by Janice Carrell, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with a vote of 6–0.

The Board considered approval of BDB(LOCAL). Tracy Gallman made a motion, seconded by Mary Lou Martinez, to approve BDB(LOCAL) as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 6–0.

The Board considered approval of the Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 12 and Parent Rights. Tracy Gallman made a motion, seconded by Mary Lou Martinez, to approve the resolution as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 6–0.

The Board considered approval of HB3 five-year goals for Early Childhood Literacy, Mathematics, and College, Career, and Military Readiness, along with annual milestones. Tracy Gallman made a motion, seconded by Janice Carrell, to approve the five-year goals and annual milestones as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 6–0.

The Board considered approval of asbestos abatement at Castleberry High School from Abadon Environmental, not to exceed the amount of \$36,520. Mary Lou Martinez made a motion, seconded by Linda Aguillón, to approve the asbestos abatement as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 6–0.

The Board considered approval of the list of Castleberry ISD library books to be purchased or donated. Mary Lou Martinez made a motion, seconded by Janice Carrell, to approve the list as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 6–0.

The Board discussed school board operating procedures regarding board member attendance at board meetings.

Board members reviewed key dates.

Board members discussed the board-sponsored Christmas Dinner to be held on December 8, 2025.

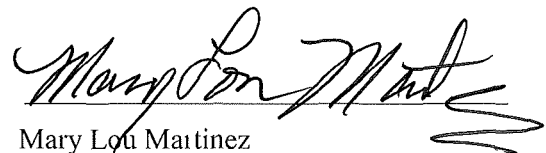
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2025, for a Regular Board Meeting.

The Board adjourned at 9.35 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 Tallaferro  
Board President  
Castleberry Independent School District



Mary Lou Martinez  
Board Vice President  
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