

Castleberry Independent School District
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
March 9, 2026
6:01 p.m.

The Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, March 9, 2026. 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 6:01 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 Communications from Citizens.

There were no questions regarding the Consent Agenda.

Jennifer Garcia, Secondary RLA Coordinator, and Kristen Schmitt, 3rd–5th ELA Coordinator, presented an update on the 2025–2026 District Improvement Plan Priority 4 Extended Constructed Responses and answered questions from Board Members.

Dr. June Ritchlin, Executive Director of Educational Leadership, provided an overview of the ADSY Summer School offerings for 2026.

Kathryn Walker, Director of Talent Acquisition and Development, presented an overview of Castleberry ISD’s Teacher Incentive Allotment plan, including the timeline and 2026 preliminary designations pending class roster winter submission verification, 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.

Zach Christensen, General Manager of Centrix, presented the findings of a needs assessment on LED lighting and HVAC equipment and controls, outlining potential funding opportunities to reduce long-term operational costs.

William Wooten, Chief Financial Officer, presented Budget Work Session II: School Finance. The session focused on the basic components of the school finance budget development process, including revenue projections, taxable assessed values, and the shared partnership with the state funding formula. Mr. Wooten 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 February 28, 2026. This report provided an overview of district finances and ensured transparency in revenue generation and expenditure alignment with budget projections.

Board President Dewey Taliaferro called the Board into Closed Session at 6:59 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, 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.

The Board reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags were led by Evan Garza and Simone Rosado, students

at Castleberry Elementary.

Castleberry Elementary recognized students and staff who were en route to Destination Success.

Kristen Schmitt, 3rd–5th ELA Coordinator, and Vianey Lemus, Elementary Emergent Bilingual Coordinator, recognized the 2025–2026 Spelling Bee winners.

Kelly James, Social Studies Coordinator, presented campus activities celebrating Black History Month, and Wesley McCall, 9th–12th Grade Assistant Director, led the Jazz Band in a musical rendition to celebrate Black History Month.

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

- Consider Approval of Board Minutes from February 9, 2026, for a Regular Meeting.
- Consider Approval of the Castleberry ISD Library Books to be Purchased.
- Consider Approval to Purchase Student Technology Devices: The Technology Operations Department recommends purchasing 675 student one-to-one devices with protective cases for incoming 1st and 6th grade students at a cost not to exceed \$263,960.
- Consider Approval to Purchase BenQ Interactive Flat Panels for Joy James Academy of Leadership: The Technology Operations Department recommends purchasing 45 BenQ 65in. interactive flat panel displays for Joy James Academy of Leadership at a cost not to exceed \$132,303.
- Consider Approval of the Food Service Management Company (FMSC) Contract Extension with Sodexo.
- Consider Approval of Proposed Contract Renewal Recommendations 2025-2026.
- Consider Approval to Purchase CHS Computer Lab Equipment and Student Laptops: The Technology Operations Department recommends purchasing 180 computer science and construction technology workstations from Dell Technologies, and 325 student one-to-one devices for incoming 9th grade students from Summus Industries, at a combined cost not to exceed \$509,267.

Mary Lou Martinez motioned and Tracy Gallman seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Lenny Lasher, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Facilities and Operations, discussed the LYSA Sports program report and answered questions from Board members.

Board Members reviewed Key Dates.

Board Members discussed having a workshop every quarter. The first workshop will be with Carey Carter over Evaluating and Improving Student Outcomes (EISO) training.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The Board adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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