

Castleberry Independent School District
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
April 6, 2026
6:02 p.m.

The Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, April 6, 2026. Members present were Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Tracy Gallman, Linda Aguillón, Ariela Martinez, and Janice Carrell. Board member absent was Cathy Gatica, Board Secretary. Dewey Taliaferro, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 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.”

Dewey Taliaferro, Board President, gave the invocation.

Renee Smith-Faulkner, Superintendent of Schools, answered questions regarding the Consent Agenda.

Kristen Schmitt, 3rd–5th ELA Coordinator, and Whitney Harper, Lead Elementary Coordinator, presented an update on the 2025–2026 District Improvement Plan Priority 8: 3rd Grade Reading and 3rd Grade Math and answered questions from Board Members.

William Wooten, Chief Financial Officer, presented Budget Work Session III: School Finance. The session focused on key components of the budget development process, including revenue estimates, expenditure planning, and compensation priorities for the 2026–2027 school year. Mr. Wooten 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.

Renee Smith-Faulkner, Superintendent of Schools, presented information on a needs assessment related to potential cost savings for the District.

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.

Adrian Galvan, Director at Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, presented information regarding the transition to Baker Tilly Municipal Financial, provided a summary of bond investments, and answered questions from Board Members.

Board President, Dewey Taliaferro called the Board into Closed Session at 7:23 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 officer or employee or to hear complaints against a public officer.

The Board came out of Closed Session at 7:43 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

The Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags were led by Natalie Zavala, CHS student.

Joseph Kelly, Assistant Principal of Castleberry High School, and Michelle Hoselton, CTE Instructional Coach, introduced students who recognized staff and students at Castleberry High School and in the Career and Technical Education Program who are en route to Destination Success.

William Wooten, Chief Financial Officer, provided a snapshot of the 2025–2026 revenue collections and expenditures by fund and function as of March 31, 2026.

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

- Consider Approval of Board Minutes from March 9, 2026, for a Regular Meeting
- Consider Approval of the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Tarrant County Elections
- Consider Approval of TEKS Certification
- Consider Approval of the District Auditor's Engagement Letter
- Consider Approval of the Professional Learning Plan
- Consider Approval of Castleberry ISD Library Books to be Purchased
- Consider Approval to Purchase HVAC Equipment: The Department of Student Services, Facilities, and Operations recommends purchasing HVAC equipment from TRANE, Inc., for Castleberry High School, not to exceed \$255,000
- Consider Approval to Purchase Video Surveillance Equipment: The Department of Student Services, Facilities, and Operations recommends purchasing 63 cameras (24 exterior and 39 interior) for the Castleberry High School new addition from Security Technology Solutions (STS) 360, not to exceed \$59,767

Tracy Gallman motioned and Janice Carrell seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Item 9.H was pulled from the Consent Agenda. This item was for the purchase and installation services at Castleberry High School from LBK Roofing, not to exceed \$1,552.00.

No action was taken on Item 10B, the Energy Savings Performance Contract.

The Board considered the Superintendent's recommendation to approve one-year term contract renewals for Campus Academic Leaders, Assistant Principals, and Other Professionals, per attached list, subject to assignment. Tracy Gallman motioned, and Linda Aguillón seconded the motion to approve the renewals as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Board Members reviewed Key Dates.

Dewey Taliaferro, Board President, read the 2025–2026 Continuing Education Credit Announcement, stating:

“Under State Board of Education Rule, completing required continuing education each year of service is a basic obligation and expectation of any sitting board member.

All board members successfully completed the required courses, except for the team-building training; therefore, all board members are considered deficient in their continuing education hours for this year. Specifically:

- Dewey Taliaferro – completed all courses except Team Building; 24 hours of additional continuing education.
- Mary Lou Martinez – completed all courses except Team Building; 24 hours of additional continuing education.
- Cathy Gatica – completed all courses except Team Building; 12 hours of additional continuing education.
- Tracy Gallman – completed all courses except Team Building; 0 hours of additional continuing education.
- Linda Aguillón – completed all courses except Team Building; 12 hours of additional continuing education; will complete remaining hours at the Annual Conference.
- Ariela Martinez – completed all courses except Team Building; 17 hours of additional continuing education.
- Janice Carrell – completed all courses except Team Building; 25.5 hours of additional continuing education.

The three hours of team-building training were not credited this year because one board member was unable to attend. As a result, the Board did not receive credit for those hours, and all Board members are therefore considered deficient in their continuing education requirements for this year. The Board will ensure the missed team-building training is completed at the next available opportunity to remain fully compliant.”

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The Board adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by Angela Branch, Executive Assistant and Public Information Officer to the Board of Education, and reviewed by Board Vice President Mary Lou Martinez.

Dewey Taliaferro
Board President
Castleberry Independent School District
Date Approved: May 4, 2026

Cathy Gatica
Board Secretary
Castleberry Independent School District
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