

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NORTHWEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
May 18, 2026  
REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by President Jennifer Murphy in the Northwest ISD Board Room, 2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76177.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.076, the Board convened into Executive Session at 5:05 P.M. in the Northwest ISD Executive Conference Room, 2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76177. Executive session ended at 6:18 P.M.

**OPEN SESSION**

The regular meeting resumed at 6:37 P.M. in the Northwest ISD Board Room, 2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76177. Dr. Mark Foust gave the invocation followed by the pledge to the American Flag and the pledge to the Texas Flag led by students from Lizzie Curtis Elementary School.

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| <b>REGULAR MEETING</b>  | Ms. Murphy, Dr. Rauch, Ms. Copp                                                                                  |
| <b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b> | Mr. Dearing, Mr. Schluter, and Ms. Hatfield, Mr. Sprowls                                                         |
| <b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>  | None                                                                                                             |
| <b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>  | Dr. Foust, Dr. Griffin, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Tosie, Ms. Cabanski, Ms. Carter, Mr. Pastusek, Ms. Stewart, and Ms. Scott |

**RECOGNITIONS**

- A. UIL Regional Basketball Semifinalist: Eaton High School Boys Basketball.
- B. Showtime Grand National Champions: Northwest High School JV Sidekicks.
- C. Advanced Vertical Robotics National Qualifying Team: Eaton High School.

Mr. Dearing left the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

- D. Leadership NISD: Class of 2026 Graduates.
- E. Northwest ISD April Volunteer of the Month: Isabella Cho.

- F. Second Semester GEM Award Winner: Kristi Little.
- G. Volunteers of the Year and Volunteer Campus of the Year.

Ashley Majors spoke to the Board about her child's journey and her thanks to the school board and administration as her son graduates this spring.

Cindy Barksdale thanked the Board for their support of the dyslexia program and shared the benefits to her child.

Jennifer Cabanski, notary public, administered the oath of office to Mr. Steve Sprowls, Dr. Lillian Rauch and Ms. Jennifer Murphy.

### **Election of Officers**

**NO. 8672 APPROVE THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** It was moved by Mr. Schluter and seconded by Mr. Sprowls to nominate Jennifer Murphy as the President of the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees.  
Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Dearing absent and Ms. Murphy abstained.

**NO. 8673 APPROVE THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** It was moved by Mr. Schluter and seconded by Mr. Sprowls to nominate Lillian Rauch as the Vice President of the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees.  
Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Dearing absent and Dr. Rauch abstained.

**NO. 8674 APPROVE THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** It was moved by Mr. Schluter and seconded by Mr. Sprowls to nominate Judy Copp as the Secretary of the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees.  
Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Dearing absent and Ms. Copp abstained.

**NO. 8675 APPROVE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** It was moved by Mr. Sprowls and seconded by Mr. Schluter to approve the Board nominating committee's recommendation for designation of signatories as the President and Secretary, with the Vice President as the alternate and authorizing the District to continue to use the present check-signing plate until a new one can be secured.  
Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Dearing absent.

**NO. 8676 APPROVE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** It was moved by Mr. Sprowls and seconded by Mr. Schluter to approve the dates and times for regular monthly meetings as recommended by the administration.  
Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Dearing absent.

**NO. 8677 APPROVE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** It was moved by Mr. Sprowls and seconded by Mr. Schluter to approve the board nominating committee's recommendation to designate DeAnne Hatfield as the delegate and Jeff Dearing as the alternate to represent the District at the 2026 TASB delegate assembly.  
Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Dearing absent.

**NO. 8678 APPROVE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** It was moved by Mr. Sprowls and seconded by Dr. Rauch to approve the board nominating committee's recommendation to designate Steve Sprowls as the voting representative from the Board of Trustees to represent the District at the City of Fort Worth Tax increment reinvestment zone number two meetings.  
Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Dearing absent.

**NO. 8679 APPROVE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** It was moved by Mr. Sprowls and seconded by Ms. Hatfield to approve the board nominating committee's recommendation to designate Mark Schluter as a voting representative from the Board of Trustees for the North Texas Council of Governments general assembly.  
Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Dearing absent.

**NO. 8680 APPROVE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** It was moved by Mr. Sprowls and seconded by Ms. Copp to approve the board nominating committee's recommendation to designate Lillian Rauch as a voting representative from the Board of Trustees for Communities in Schools (CIS).  
Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Dearing absent and Dr. Rauch abstained.

**NO. 8681 APPROVE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** It was moved by Mr. Sprowls and seconded by Dr. Rauch to approve the board nominating committee's recommendation to designate Judy Copp as the voting representative from the Board of Trustees for the Northwest ISD Education Foundation (NEF).  
Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Dearing absent and Judy Copp abstained.

**NO. 8682 APPROVE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** It was moved by Mr. Sprowls and seconded by Ms. Hatfield to approve the board nominating committee's recommendation to designate Judy Copp and DeAnne Hatfield along with the Board President to serve as members of the Northwest ISD Safety and Security Committee.  
Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Dearing absent.

#### **REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**NO. 8683 APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:** It was moved by Mr. Schluter and seconded by Ms. Copp to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

- A. Minutes for April, 2026 School Board Meetings.
- B. Amendments to the 2025-2026 Operating Budget.
- C. Districtwide intruder detection audit report.
- D. T-TESS Appraisers and 2026-2027 Appraisal Calendar.
- E. Shared Services Agreement with Denton Regional Day School Program for the Deaf.
- F. REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION.
- G. Limited Service Deputy Agreement with Denton County.
- H. Ratify Facilities Extension Agreement with Oncor Electric Delivery Company at Dr. Hicks Early Childhood Center.

I. Shared Services Agreement with Birdville Regional Day School Program for the Deaf.  
J. RFP #026-029-04-018 Property Insurance.  
K. RFP #026-029-04-017 Workers Compensation.  
L. RFP #026-028-03-015 Catalog Discount.  
M. Policy Renewal with Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund for Insurance.  
N. Declaration of surplus property.  
O. Administrator Contracts for Personal Services.  
P. Resolution Declaring Hazardous Transportation Conditions for the 2026-2027 School Year.  
Q. Renewal of Student Accident Insurance and Catastrophic Coverage.  
R. Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Christian University for counseling internship.  
S. Final Change Order for Prairie View Elementary School Replacement Campus.  
Motion carried unanimously 6-0. Mr Dearing absent.

**NO. 8684 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF NORTH TEXAS, INC.:** It was moved by Mr. Sprowls and seconded by Mr. Schluter to the partnership agreement with Communities in Schools of North Texas, Inc. as recommended by the administration.  
Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Dearing absent and Ms. Murphy abstained.

**NO. 8685 NAMING OF PRINCIPAL OF JOHNIE DANIEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** It was moved by Dr. Rauch and seconded by Ms. Hatfield to name Sloan Heath as the Principal of Johnie Daniel Elementary School.  
Motion carried 6 - 0. Mr. Dearing absent.

**NO. 8686 2026-2027 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PLAN:** It was moved by Ms. Copp and seconded by Dr. Rauch to approve the 2026-2027 professional learning plan as recommended by the administration.  
Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Dearing absent.

Dr. Foust presented the Northwest ISD Legislative Priorities.

Zonda Education presented the quarterly demographic report.

Northwest ISD Council of PTAs President Kim Hart presented the PTA End-of-Year report.

Michelle Shilling presented the annual Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) report.

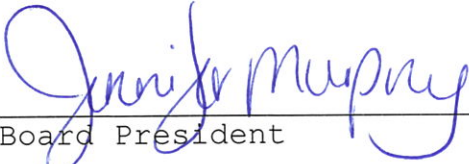
Anthony Tosie presented the Communications District Effectiveness Report.

Sarah Stewart presented the facilities, planning and construction monthly report.

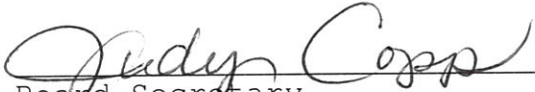
Ms. Murphy presented the Board President's report.

Dr. Foust presented the Superintendent's report.

**NO. 8687 ADJOURN:** It was moved by Dr. Rauch and seconded by Ms. Hatfield to adjourn at 9:17 P.M.  
Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Dearing absent.

  
Board President

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Board Secretary