

Castleberry Independent School District
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
June 1, 2026
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, June 1, 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 6:00 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.”

Questions regarding the Consent Agenda will be addressed during an upcoming presentation.

Scott Hutchings, TLI Lead Coordinator, presented the preliminary STAAR results.

Cathy Gatica, Board Secretary, arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Abigail Offenbaker, Communications Coordinator, recognized Castleberry's "DFW Favorites" honors as identified by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Whitney Harper, Elementary Lead Coordinator; Becky Putney, Literacy Coordinator; and Kristen Schmitt, Literacy Coordinator, presented an end-of-year update on HB3 Early Literacy and Numeracy results and progress.

Kathryn Walker, Director of Talent Acquisition and Development, presented the draft Proposed Compensation Plan and answered questions from Board members.

Board President, Dewey Taliaferro called the Board into Closed Session at 7:29 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 7:50 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

The Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Board Member Linda Aguillón.

Whitney Harper, Lead Elementary Math Coordinator, recognized the 2025–2026 District Multiplication Contest winners.

Dr. Nikki McDorman, Elementary Science Coordinator, recognized the 2025–2026 Science Fair winners.

Kathryn Walker, Director of Talent Acquisition and Development, recognized the District's Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year for the 2025–2026 school year.

The Board considered approval of the employment of Scott Runyan as Castleberry High School Principal, subject to assignment. Janice Carrell made a motion, seconded by Mary Lou Martinez, to approve the employment of Scott Runyan as presented. The motion was carried by a vote of 7–0. Voting in favor were Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, Tracy Gallman, Linda Aguillón, Ariela Martinez, and Janice Carrell. There were no votes opposed.

Kathryn Walker, Director of Talent Acquisition and Development, introduced Scott Runyan to the Board of Education for approval as the new principal of Castleberry High School.

The Board considered approval of Professional New Hire Contracts for teachers, librarians, nurses, and other professionals, per the attached list and subject to assignment. Mary Lou Martinez made a motion, seconded by Linda Aguillón, to approve the Professional New Hire Contracts as presented. The motion was carried by a vote of 7–0. Voting in favor were Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, Tracy Gallman, Linda Aguillón, Ariela Martinez, and Janice Carrell. There were no votes opposed.

William Wooten, Chief Financial Officer, presented Budget Workshop V. The workshop provided an overview of the ongoing budget development process for the 2026–2027 school year, including preliminary revenue assumptions, expenditure planning, and compensation priorities. 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.

William Wooten, Chief Financial Officer, presented a snapshot of the District's 2025–2026 revenue collections and expenditures from July 1, 2025, through May 22, 2026, and answered questions from Board members.

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

- Approval of Board Minutes from May 4, 2026, for a Regular Meeting, May 11, 2026, for a Special Meeting, and May 12, 2026, for a Special Meeting.
- Approval of the Castleberry ISD Library Books to be Purchased
- Approval of Broker/Dealer List
- Approval of Investment Officer Training
- Approval of Annual Investment Policy
- Approval of Low Attendance Days Waiver
- Approval of the proposed Compensation Plan for 2026-2027

Mary Lou Martinez motioned and Ariela Martinez seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0. All those in favor: Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, Tracy Gallman, Linda Aguillón, Ariela Martinez, and Janice Carrell. All those opposed: none

The Board considered the approval of Budget Amendment #4. William Wooten, Chief Financial Officer, answered questions from Board Members on the Budget Amendment #4.

Ariela Martinez made a motion, and Janice Carrell seconded it, to approve Budget Amendment #4 as presented. The motion carried 7-0. All those in favor: Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, Tracy Gallman, Linda Aguillón, Ariela Martinez, and Janice Carrell. All those opposed: none

Board Members reviewed Key Dates.

Board members discussed the Master Meeting Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.

The next meetings will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026, for a Special Board Meeting and Monday, June

15, 2026, for a Special Board Meeting

The Board adjourned at 9:23 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
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Board Secretary
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