

Castleberry Independent School District
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Special Board Meeting/Nonrenewal Hearing
June 8, 2026
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Education met in Special Session on Monday, June 8, 2026. Members present were Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Cathy Gatica, Tracy Gallman, Linda Aguillón, Ariela Martinez, and Janice Carrell. Board President Dewey Taliaferro 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."

Cathy Gatica, Board Secretary, gave the invocation and led the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

No community members were present to speak at the nonrenewal hearing.

Board President Dewey Taliaferro called the Board into Closed Session at 6:03 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 and reconvened into Open Session at 6:13 p.m.

The Board considered the appointment of legal counsel for the purpose of assisting and advising the Board of Trustees in the hearing on the proposed nonrenewal.

Mary Lou Martinez motioned, "I move that we appoint Dennis Eichelbaum to serve as the presiding officer and adviser to the Board in this hearing." Linda Aguillón seconded the motion to appoint Dennis Eichelbaum as the presiding officer as presented. The motion carried 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.

Dennis Eichelbaum assumed the role of presiding officer for the hearing.

The employee requested that the hearing be closed to the public.

Dennis Eichelbaum, attorney, called the Board into Closed Session at 6:13 p.m. pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code and Section 21.207(a) of the Texas Education Code.

The Board recessed at 7:38 p.m. and reconvened into Closed Session at 7:48 p.m.

The Board recessed at 9:28 p.m. and reconvened into Closed Session at 9:34 p.m.

The Board came out of Closed Session and reconvened into Open Session at 10:46 p.m.

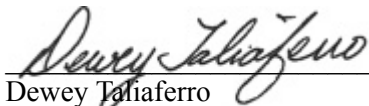
The Board considered the proposed nonrenewal of Taylor Dwyer's term contract.

Dewey Taliaferro motioned, "I move to nonrenew the term contract of Taylor Dwyer and to notify the employee of this action consistent with Board policy." Mary Lou Martinez seconded the motion to nonrenew the term contract of Taylor Dwyer as presented. The motion carried 4-0. Voting in favor were Dewey Taliaferro, Mary Lou Martinez, Tracy Gallman, and Janice Carrell. There were no votes opposed. Abstaining were Cathy Gatica, Linda Aguillón, and Ariela Martinez.

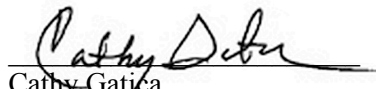
The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, 2026, as a Special Board Meeting.

The Board adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

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



Dewey Taliaferro
Board President
Castleberry Independent School District
Date: July 20, 2026



Cathy Gatica
Board Secretary
Castleberry Independent School District
Date: July 20, 2026