

Regular Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2026 5:30 PM

Westwood Administration Office, 4513 W. Oak St. , Palestine, Texas 75801

Jed Barron:	Absent
Carolyn Booker:	Present
Angela Choate:	Present
Jeff Cooper:	Present
Kay Denison:	Present
Jess Huddleston:	Present
Angie Thompson:	Present

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

2. Roll Call

3. Action Items

3.A. Board to consider and approve the agenda

4. Invocation

Discussion: Led by Mr. Coleman

5. Pledge of Allegiance/ Texas Pledge

Discussion: Led by Mr. Jeff Cooper. Right after our pledges we introduced a couple of our new staff. :)

6. Public Comments

Discussion: None

7. Information Items

7.A. Finance Update

Action(s):

To approve consent of agenda presented. This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Jeff Cooper, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Jed Barron:	Absent
Carolyn Booker:	Yea
Angela Choate:	Yea
Jeff Cooper:	Yea
Kay Denison:	Yea
Jess Huddleston:	Yea
Angie Thompson:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion: Looking at quite a lot of things to help maintain our budget. Thursday at convocation, we will address and instruct other employees on budget plans, keeping our children in the forefront of things.

7.B. 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct

Discussion: Our student code of conduct has remained the same. However, there are changes in the future on them.

7.C. 2026-2027 Student Handbook

7.D. 2026-2027 Employee Handbook

Discussion: A couple of changes within the wording. A new handbook will be out for employees to access on Thursday regarding any new changes and wording.

8. **Board to Consider Approval of Consent Agenda;**

Action(s):

To approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Jess Huddleston and seconded by Angela Choate, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Jed Barron:	Absent
Carolyn Booker:	Yea
Angela Choate:	Yea
Jeff Cooper:	Yea
Kay Denison:	Yea
Jess Huddleston:	Yea
Angie Thompson:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8.A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting July 13, 2026

9. **Fundraisers**

Action(s):

To approve the fundraisers. This motion, made by Angela Choate and seconded by Angie Thompson, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Jed Barron:	Absent
Carolyn Booker:	Yea
Angela Choate:	Yea
Jeff Cooper:	Yea
Kay Denison:	Yea
Jess Huddleston:	Yea
Angie Thompson:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion: Anything over two that are taxable, we have to pay sales taxes on it.

Two fundraisers per organization that can do non-tax. Each campus and each department will have training to handle this differently that follows policies.

10. **Action Items**

10.A. Board to Call Special Meeting for August 24th

Action(s):

To call special meeting for august 24, 2026. This

motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Jess Huddleston, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Jed Barron:	Absent
Carolyn Booker:	Yea
Angela Choate:	Yea
Jeff Cooper:	Yea
Kay Denison:	Yea
Jess Huddleston:	Yea
Angie Thompson:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

- 10.B. Board to consider and possibly approve the Officer to calculate the Tax Rate and set the Public Hearing Date to discuss the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate for 2026-2027.

Action(s):

to approve chris alford as officer to calculate the tax rate. This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Jeff Cooper, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Jed Barron:	Absent
Carolyn Booker:	Yea
Angela Choate:	Yea
Jeff Cooper:	Yea
Kay Denison:	Yea
Jess Huddleston:	Yea
Angie Thompson:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

11. Future Agenda Items and Requests

Discussion: moved to after closed session.

12. Closed Session

12.A. Personnel

12.B. Acknowledge Professional Contracts

13. Board to vote on items discussed in closed session

14. Adjournement

Board Secretary