

WHITE SETTLEMENT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICIAL MINUTES
May 11, 2026

Members Present

Ms. Krystal Arnold, Mr. Ben Davis, Mr. Glen Lowry, Mr. John Morton, and Ms. Amanda Sanchez.

School Officials Present

Mr. Frank Molinar, Ms. Brandilyn DePalma, and Ms. Heather Crow

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Following roll call, the announcement was made by Mr. Ben Davis, Board President, that 5 members of the Board of Trustees present constitutes a quorum.

Campus Spotlight- Brewer High School

Principal, Mr. Tommy Neal gave an update on Brewer High School, recognizing new Student Council officers and their recent Sweepstakes Council designation from the Texas Association of Student Councils.

B. Public Comments

Sayeda Syed addressed the board regarding the Tarrant Appraisal District.

C. Closed Meeting

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:52 p.m.

D. Reconvene to Open Session

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:00 p.m.

E. Information Items

Superintendent's Report

a. Financial Update

Ms. Brandilyn DePalma, Chief Financial Officer, gave a financial update to the Board for April 2026.

1. Ms. Brandilyn DePalma presented the 2026-2027 proposed budget.

2. Mr. Randy Summerhill gave an update to the Board on SB546 and the three-point seat belt requirements. He explained that 23 of our 34 buses in the current fleet are equipped with three-point belts. WSISD has extended the transportation partnership with Goldstar Transit through 2028 and developed a plan to replace buses without three-point belt harnesses in phases; replacing 4 buses in 2026, 4 buses in 2027, and 3 in 2028. The replacement plan is expected to bring the district into compliance by the May 2029 deadline.

3. Mr. Randy Summerhill, then gave a construction update.

b. Instructional Update

Ms. Heather Crow, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Construction, introduced Ms. Kerry Cooper and Ms. Crystal Intfen who gave a presentation on Instructional Coaching Cycles. They also introduced the Instructional Coaching Staff and some of the Coaching Cycle Champions from 2025-2026.

F. Consent Items

The motion was made by Ms. Amanda Sanchez and seconded by Ms. Krystal Arnold to approve the 7 consent items as presented.

- F.1 Approve Minutes of April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting
- F.2. Consider Monthly Expenditures for April 2026
- F.3. Consider Approval of Amended Budgets
- F.4. Consider Approval of Vendor for District-wide Copier Lease
- F.5. Consider Approval of Expenditure for Parking Lot Restriping
- F.6 Consider Approval of Expenditure to Refinish Gym Floors
- F.7. Consider Approval of Expenditure for Power Washing
- F.8. Consider Approval of Expenditure for Roof Repair at Liberty
- F.9. Consider Approval of Expenditure for Furnishings for the New Maintenance and Operations Building
- F.10. Consider Approval of Change Order for the Baseball and Softball Field Commons Area
- F.11. Consider Approval of Path College Career 1 as Innovative Course for 2026-2027
- F.12. Consider Approval to Submit Low-Attendance Day Waivers to TEA
- F.13. Consider Approval of Transportation Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion carried with 5-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Davis, Lowry, Morton, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

G. Separate Items

1. Canvass the Votes and Certify May 2, 2026 Election Results and Swear In Newly Elected Board Members

Ms. Sherry Taylor, Executive Director of Human Resources, presented the School Board Trustee election results for the May 2, 2026 election. For Place 6, Ms. Krystal Arnold was elected with 738 votes, and for Place 7, Mr. Briley Hicks was elected with 615 votes. Mr. Glen Lowry made the motion and seconded by Mr. John Morton to approve the election results as presented.

Motion carried with 5-0

Those in favor: Arnold, Davis, Lowry, Morton, and Sanchez

Those opposed: 0

Mr. Briley Hicks then took his place at the board panel and participated in voting for the remaining items on the agenda.

2. Consider Organization of the Board

Mr. Ben Davis, Board President, asked the board for nominations for Board President.

Mr. Glen Lowry nominated Ms. Amanda Sanchez. Mr. John Morton nominated himself.

By a show of hands there was 1 vote for Mr. John Morton. By a show of hands there were 5 votes for Ms. Amanda Sanchez

Mr. Ben Davis, Board President, asked the board for nominations for Vice President.
Mr. Glen Lowry nominated Mr. Ben Davis.
There were no additional nominations.

Mr. Ben Davis, Board President, asked the board for nominations for Secretary.
Mr. Glen Lowry nominated Ms. Krystal Arnold.
There were no additional nominations.

A motion was made by Mr. Glen Lowry then seconded by Mr. John Morton to accept the nominations as presented.
Motion carried with 6-0
Those in favor: Arnold, Davis, Hicks, Lowry, Morton, and Sanchez
Those opposed: 0

I. Consider Items Discussed in Closed Meeting Including Personnel

The motion was made by Ms. Amanda Sanchez and seconded by Ms. Krystal Arnold to approve the appointments of Emiley Alvidrez, Matthew Ange, Gloria Cardenas, Ana Cristina Dalton Sanz, Rachel Dowell, Jamie King, Craig “Alan” Landrum, Kathryn McCulloch, Bristen Potter, and Lesli Sotello, the resignations of Jordan Areno, Taylor Biedenbach, Lilyanna Carrillo Diaz, Sarahi Castillo-Diaz, Jacqueline Denny, Nathan Hamilton, Elizabeth Krueger, Hector Laboy, Sully Martinez, Morgan Moore, Tatiana Plaza-Barreto, Landry Rogers, Jennifer Rollins, Stephanie Sanders, Shairalys Sotomayor-Caban, Megan Strode, and Anastasia Valles, the retirement of Tony Brown and Michael Dickinson, and contract extensions for 2026-2027 listed below as presented.

Brewer High School

Seth Atkinson- Term
Angelica Zarate- Term

Brewer Middle School

Meagan Benton- Probationary
Jose Robles- Probationary

North Elementary

Keyana Ganninger- Probationary

Liberty Elementary

Cathy Sasano- Probationary

Motion carried with 5-1
Those in favor: Arnold, Davis, Lowry, Morton, and Sanchez
Those opposed: 0
Those abstained: Hicks

J. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

President

Secretary