

Minutes of Board Meeting
The Board of Education
Levelland ISD

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A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Levelland ISD was held Wednesday, May 20, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Administration Building Boardroom, 704 11th Street.

Members Present: Pres. Carrie Ellis, Vice Pres. Mike Stafford, Sec. Treva Potter and Members Joyce Johnson, Gary Bridges, Matt Buxkemper and Brooke Obenhaus

Members Absent: None

School Officials Present: Superintendent Dr. Donald Heseman
Assistant Superintendent Rodney Caddell, CFO Teresa Montemayor Director of Curriculum & Special Programs Donna Pugh, Director of Special Education Lacey Doster, District Assessment Coordinator Terri White, Secretary to the Superintendent Crystal Hill

Media Present: Lynda Works – Hockley County News Press

1. Presentation
High School Principal, Craig Black, Presented the Class of 2026 Top Twenty Students.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
Trustee Joyce Johnson gave the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Call to Order
President Carrie Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. and declared a quorum.
4. Public Forum
There were no speakers
5. Oath of Office
Secretary to the Superintendent and Notary Public, Crystal Hill, administered the Oath of Office to Matt Buxkemper representing District 5, Gary Bridges

representing the At- Large position and Carrie Ellis representing the At - Large position.

6. Election of Officers

Superintendent, Dr. Heseman served as temporary chairman to the board to open nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary to the board. Secretary Potter nominated Carrie Ellis to remain in the present position as Board President, Trustee Stafford seconded the motion and it passed unopposed. Trustee Buxkemper made a motion to nominate Mike Stafford as Vice President. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unopposed. Trustee Johnson made a motion to nominate Treva Potter as Secretary. Vice President Stafford seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

7. Public Hearing

A. Federal and State Funded Program Applications

Donna Pugh, Director of Curriculum & Special Programs, Presented the Federal and State Funded Program Application and answered questions as needed. She opened the floor for anyone in the community to speak during Public hearing. There were no speakers.

8. Designation of Delegate and Alternate Delegate for TASA/TASB Fall Convention

President Ellis opened the floor for board members to nominate a Delegate and Alternate Delegate for TASA/TASB Fall Convention. Secretary Potter made a motion to name Trustee Joyce Johnson as the 2026 Delegate. Trustee Buxkemper seconded the motion and it passed unopposed. Trustee Johnson then made a motion to name Trustee Bridges as the Alternate. Vice President Stafford seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

9. Consent Item

A motion to approve the consent items as presented was made by Vice President Stafford and seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed unopposed to approve the following:

A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes for April 16, 2025 regular meeting.

10. Consider Financial Report

Superintendent, Dr. Heseman, presented the financial report for the period ending April 30, 2026 and answered questions as needed. Trustee Buxkemper made a motion to approve the financial report. Trustee Bridges seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

11. Consider Purchases of an HVAC unit for the High School

Superintendent, Dr. Heseman, presented the quotes to consider purchasing a HVAC unit for Levelland High School and answered questions as needed. Trustee Obenhaus made a motion to approve purchase, Vice Pres. Stafford seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

12. Consider Approval of the Revised GT Plan

Director of Curriculum & Special Programs, Donna Pugh presented the Revised GT Plan and answered questions as needed. Secretary Potter made a motion to approve the Revised GT Plan, Trustee Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

13. Reports

A. Budget Parameters

Superintendent, Dr. Heseman presented the Budget Parameters and answered questions as needed.

B-D. Campus Reports

Principals from the secondary schools gave updates on each campus and answered questions as needed.

E. SB 546 Reporting on School Bus Seat Belt Costs

Assistant Superintendent, Rodney Caddell presented the SB546 Reporting on School Bus Seat Belt Costs and answered questions as needed. It is not financially feasible for the district to retrofit buses with 3 point seatbelts.

F. Academic Report

Superintendent, Dr. Heseman presented the academic report and answered questions as needed.

1. HB 3 Goals (Spring Edition)
2. Accountability Update coming 2027 – presented by Dr. Birdwell

G. Superintendent Report

Superintendent, Dr. Heseman presented the Superintended Report and answered questions as needed.

1. Local Pathways to creating and retaining Teachers at Levelland ISD.

H. Board Report

The Board discussed diploma presentations for the upcoming graduation.

14. Personnel

Rodney Caddell presented the following personnel for the board's information and answered questions as needed.

A. Superintendent Approval Professional New Hires

Mr. Caddell Presented the Superintendent Professional New Hire Approvals and answered questions as needed.

B. Personnel Information

Mr. Caddell informed the board of personnel, retirement, auxiliary new hire, resignation, and change of assignments.

Executive Session/ Closed Session

15. The Board of Trustees retired to executive session at 9:06 p.m.
The Board began executive session at 9:17 p.m.
The Board of Trustees ended executive session at 11:51 p.m.
The Board went back in to Open Session at 11:52 p.m.

16. Action Relevant to Items Covered During Closed Session

No action was taken.

Adjourn

17. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 p.m. Trustee Johnson made the motion and it was seconded by Vice Pres. Stafford and passed all in favor 7-0.

Carrie Ellis, President

Treva Potter, Secretary