



Waxahachie Independent School District
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Special Meeting|AGENDA
Wednesday, March 24, 2021
8:30 AM

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Waxahachie Independent School District will be held Wednesday, March 24, 2021, beginning at 8:30 AM in the Waxahachie ISD Administration Building, 411 N. Gibson St., Waxahachie, TX 75165

The subjects to be discussed or considered or acted upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

[Important Information Related to COVID-19 in Connection to Waxahachie ISD School Board Meetings](#)

Please be aware that due to orders from the state of Texas, we are still required to practice social distancing. Accordingly, all seating will be spaced six feet apart and only limited seating will be available in the Boardroom. Additional space will be provided within the administration building to allow members of the public to view the meeting via live stream.

Members of the public wishing to offer public comment during School Board meetings will still be allowed to do so with the following requirements:

- Open Forum Participation Cards must to be filled out prior to the beginning of the meeting in accordance with Board policy (BED) Local.
- Appropriate space within the Administration Building allowing physical distancing will be offered to those individuals wishing to address the Board, and individuals will be called one at a time.

Members of the public are encouraged to watch the meeting remotely at:

<https://www.youtube.com/waxahachieisd>.

- I. BOARD MEETING - 8:30 A.M.
 - A. CALL TO ORDER
 1. Announcement in the Board room by presiding officer that a quorum is present, that the meeting has been duly called, and that notice of the meeting has been duly posted for time and manner required by law.
- II. OPEN FORUM: Hearing of individuals or committees.
- III. ACTION ITEM.
 - A. Consideration with possible action to approve e-rate funded projects. 3
- IV. ADJOURN

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections

of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC(LEGAL)]

The Waxahachie ISD Board of Trustees meetings begin at 5 p.m. To respect the time of those being recognized, recognitions will not begin before 6 p.m., and agenda items may be taken out of order to accommodate recognitions. Those being recognized are asked to arrive by 6 p.m.

*Audience participation is limited to the time allotted for those individuals who submit a Public Comment Card indicating the agenda or non-agenda topic they wish to address. At all other times during Board Meetings, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer. Speaker presentation time will be set by the Board President at the Board dais. No action may be taken regarding the information received by the Board.

**In accordance with state law, public comment may not be used to voice a complaint involving the naming of specific individuals, including but not limited to the names of district employees or students, even if the matter is listed on the agenda. Additionally, no information that may be reasonably linked to an individual person may be spoken about during public comment. All complaints may be directed through the appropriate administrative channels before being presented to the Board:

Students/Parents – Board Policy FNG(LOCAL);
Employee – Board Policy DGBA(LOCAL); or,
Community Member – Board Policy GF(LOCAL).

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Waxahachie ISD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: **March 24, 2021**

Subject: **E-Rate Category 1 and Category 2**

Background:

The federally funded e-rate program makes funds available to school districts to implement and upgrade technology equipment for instructional purposes. Funds are allocated to each district based on the percentage of students who are eligible for free/reduced lunch benefits. Currently, Waxahachie ISD qualifies for a 60% e-rate funding based on our student population.

There are two e-rate funding categories – category 1 (internet services) and category 2 (internal hardware/infrastructure). All solicitations are subject to federal procurement standards and federal program timelines, which require program approval by April 1 for funding to be secured for the upcoming July 1 program year.

Through our consultants, Kellogg & Sovereign, Waxahachie ISD has published solicitations for e-rate Category 1 and Category 2 projects. All responses were reviewed and evaluated by Mr. O’Daniel and the technology department and the following responses are recommended for approval:

Category 1 – Wide Area Network (WAN) equipment: None

Category 1 – Internet Services: Zayo

Category 2 – Wireless Access Points (WAP) equipment: NetSync

Category 2 – Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) equipment: Solid IT Networks

The category 1 – internet access service would run through the network operations center at WHS and ensure a consistent internet connection.

The category 2- WAP equipment would replace outdated and/or undersized wireless access equipment throughout every campus in the district. This will help

to ensure that all devices would have access to our network with our 1:1 device initiative.

The category 2 – UPS equipment would facilitate having a battery backup on all equipment being purchased.

Recommendation:

Approve Category 1 and Category 2 e-rate services and authorize administration to finalize submissions.