

NISD Board of Trustees

Board Notes



July 16, 2026

[WATCH MEETING](#)



1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation by James Ervin.
- B. Pledges of allegiance led by Mindy Winslow.

2. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

The board entered closed session at 5:02 p.m.

3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board returned to open session at 6:02 p.m.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Superintendent Announcements – Grey Burton

I have some new – and some not so new yet familiar – principals I want to introduce tonight.

First for the new... Shawn Lucena is now principal at Nacogdoches High School. Mr. Lucena will do an outstanding job leading NHS. He's been a great fit for our career and technical education department, and he knows our staff as well as the strengths of our student body. Mr. Lucena has been with NISD for several years – with the exception of a two-year hiatus as principal in a neighboring district.

Tena Hill is the new principal at Margie Chumbley Academy for Success. Ms. Hill has been with the district 16 years and has 36 years total in public education. She's been a teacher with us, an assistant principal and interim principal. She's been at Margie Chumbley supporting the students and staff at the school. Ms. Hill has a love and appreciation for the students at Margie Chumbley and will continue the progress already being made.

I might also mention that Ms. Hill's promotion took place after James Adams was moved from Margie Chumbley to a new role as Assistant Superintendent of Operations with the district. Mr. Adams is stepping into a role at the District Support Center that will oversee facilities, transportation, safety and security, discipline and truancy.

Superintendent report continued...

I've worked with Mr. Adams over the years, and he has proven to be a successful and effective administrator. Mr. Adams has done a great job the past year in his return to the Margie Chumbley campus, and he's already been a great addition to our district administrative team.

These next two that I'm introducing have been principals previously with NISD, and I've called them back to campus leadership roles and they've been gracious enough to accept:

Melinda Wiebold will now be at Emeline Carpenter. For the past four years, Ms. Wiebold has been a district level curriculum coordinator for NISD, but before that, she was principal at Fredonia when it was an elementary campus. Ms. Wiebold will provide proven academic leadership experience for Carpenter Elementary. She has been in the trenches and has a firm understanding of what it takes to lead an elementary campus. Ms. Wiebold brings a great deal of experience to Carpenter, and I know this will be a great fit for Nacogdoches ISD.

Tammy Pankratz is also returning to a principal position with the district. She's been a campus and district administrator here and elsewhere, including a run as principal at Mike Moses while it was still a middle school. Now she's back on the same campus as an elementary principal. Ms. Pankratz has an extensive background in school and district administration, and I'm excited for her to be back in a leadership role. Her expertise and knowledge as an educator will be a benefit to the students and staff at Mike Moses Elementary. Ms. Pankratz is currently out-of-state so she couldn't be here tonight, but she will be on campus at Mike Moses beginning July 27.

And before I close, here's yet even more principal news... Gerald Fonzie was named Secondary Principal of the Year for Region 7. The Texas Association of Secondary Principals recognizes outstanding principals and assistant principals from the 20 Region Education Service Centers in the state. School administrators are nominated and chosen by their peers within their regions. Nominations are based upon exemplary performance and outstanding leadership. There are a lot of great things taking place at McMichael Middle School, and Mr. Fonzie has played a vital role in making all that happen. I'm proud for him but I'm also proud for the entire campus because it's an indication of what's taking place at McMichael.

I should also mention that the start of school is now less than four weeks away. The district is a beehive of activity as everyone gets ready for the start of another school year!

And that's my report for tonight...

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one requested to address the Board of Trustees.

6. REPORTS

A. Business reports – Ben Eberlan

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Board meeting minutes

1. June 18, 2026 – Regular meeting minutes

B. Donations under \$2,500

C. Investment report

James Ervin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by **Cheryl Brady**. The motion was approved.

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

A. Consideration of and board action on the superintendent's recommendation of professional personnel.

Demond Jackson made a motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation of professional personnel. The motion was seconded by **T.C. Grohman**. The motion was approved.

B. Consideration of and board action on the designation of an official voting delegate and alternate delegate for the 2026 TASB Delegate Assembly – Mindy Winslow

Cheryl Brady made a motion to designate James Ervin as the voting delegate and T.C. Grohman as the alternate delegate. The motion was seconded by **Demond Jackson**. The motion was approved.

C. Consideration of and board action on resolution to designate non-business days for the purpose of the Texas Public Information Act – Les Linebarger

T.C. Grohman made a motion to approve the resolution and establish non-business days for Nacogdoches ISD for the 2026-27 calendar. The motion was seconded by **James Ervin**. The motion was approved.

D. Consideration of and board action on Region 7 ESC eAgreements for the 2026-27 school year – Dr. Jo Lynn Corley

Cheryl Brady made a motion to approve the Region 7 ESC eAgreements for the 2026-27 school year, including the ESSA Title 1, Part A complete services package in the amount of \$52,086 and the Academic Content Cooperative in the amount of \$62,645. The motion was seconded by **James Ervin**. The motion was approved.

E. Consideration of and board action on the federally funded vendors for professional development, coaching and consultation for 2026-27 school year – Dr. Jo Lynn Corley

James Ervin made a motion to approve the federally funded vendors as presented. The motion was seconded by **T.C. Grohman**. The motion was approved.

F. Consideration of and board action on the SFA STEM Academy Year 13 for the 2026-27 school year – Dr. Jo Lynn Corley

T.C. Grohman made a motion to approve the SFA STEM Academy agreement for the 2026-27 school year in the amount of \$130,000. The motion was seconded by **Cheryl Brady**. The motion was approved.

G. Consideration of and board action on the District Improvement Plan for the 2026-27 school year – Dr. Jo Lynn Corley

Demond Jackson made a motion to approve the District Improvement Plan for the 2026-27 school year. The motion was seconded by **James Ervin**. The motion was approved.

H. Consideration of and approval of an order authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of unlimited tax refunding bonds, taxable series 2026 – Ben Eberlan

Cheryl Brady made a motion to approve the order authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of Nacogdoches ISD unlimited tax refunding bonds, taxable series 2026, setting certain parameters for the bonds, authorizing a pricing officer to approve the terms thereof, levying a tax and providing for the security and payment of such bonds, and enacting other provisions relating thereto, as presented. The motion was seconded by **T.C. Grohman**. The motion was approved.

I. Consideration of and board action on the the second reading and adoption of TASB Policy Update 127 – Michael Martin

James Ervin made a motion to approve approve the second reading of TASB Policy Update 127. The motion was seconded by **Demond Jackson**. The motion was approved.

J. Consideration of and board action on the first reading of the Revised Local Policy FFA–Student Welfare Wellness and Health Services – Michael Martin

Demond Jackson made a motion to approve the First Reading of the Revised Local Policy FFA. The motion was seconded by **James Ervin**. The motion was approved.

K. Consideration of board action on approval of T-TESS Appraisers and the T-TESS Calendar for the 2026-27 School Year – Michael Martin

Cheryl Brady made a motion to approve the T-TESS Appraisers and T-TESS Calendar for the 2026-27 School Year. The motion was seconded by **T.C. Grohman**. The motion was approved.

L. Consideration of board action on the adoption of the 2026-27 Student Code of Conduct – Michael Martin

James Ervin made a motion to adopt the 2026-27 Student Code of Conduct. The motion was seconded by **Cheryl Brady**. The motion was approved.

M. Consideration of board action on a weapon detection system for extracurricular activities – Michael Martin

T.C. Grohman made a motion to approve the weapon detection system for extracurricular activities from CEIA USA in the amount of \$77,271. The motion was seconded by **James Ervin**. The motion was approved.

N. Consideration of board action on the NacSpace Managed IT Services Agreement – Michael Martin

T.C. Grohman made a motion to the agreement with NacSpace in the annual amount of \$149,400. The motion was seconded by **Cheryl Brady**. The motion was approved.

9. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

The board did not enter the closed session. The employee complaint hearing was not conducted.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.