

WEAKLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Martin Elementary School
March 5, 2026
5:00 – 5:40 P.M.

Board Members: Beau Atkins, Wendell Cates, Jeff Floyd, Martin Hamlin, John Hatler, Gath Meeks, Joshua Moore, Doug Sims & Steve Vantrease.

Administrative Staff Present: Tracey Bell, Michelle Clements, Jamie Doster, David Lewellen, John Lifsey, Patresa Rogers, Jon Gardner & Krystle Smith.

Media Present: *WCMT*

Meeting Called To Order: Chairman Moore called the meeting to order.

- I. Agenda Additions Approved** – Motion by Vantrease, seconded by Atkins to approve the March 5, 2026 agenda additions. Motion carried.
- II. Agenda Approved** – Motion by Atkins, seconded by Floyd to approve the March 5, 2026 agenda. Motion carried.
- III. Minutes Approved** – Motion by Cates, seconded by Sims to approve the February 5, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.
- IV. Public Comment** – None given.
- V. Approve Athletic Practice During the School Day** – Motion by Floyd, seconded by Cates to approve Athletic Practice During the School Day. Motion carried.
- VI. Volunteer Coaches** – Motion by Meeks, seconded by Sims to approve the following volunteer coaches. Motion carried.

<u>Dresden High School</u>	<u>Martin Middle School</u>
Ava Stafford, softball	Tess McConnell, girls' volleyball
- VII. Approve Board Policy 5.311(Bereavement Leave)** – Motion by Cates, seconded by Floyd to approve Board Policy 5.311. Motion carried. 1st Reading
- VIII. Budget Resolutions** – The following resolutions were approved.
Resolution No. 2026-38: Motion by Hatler, seconded by Hamlin to approve Resolution No. 2026-38. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2026-39: Motion by Atkins, seconded by Vantrease to approve Resolution No. 2026-39. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2026-42: Motion by Cates, seconded by Floyd to approve Resolution No. 2026-42. Motion carried.

- IX. Director of Schools Contract** – Motion by Moore, seconded by Hamlin to approve Director Cupples evaluation rating as reported and extend the current Director of Schools Contract by two years which will make it a four-year contract. The Director of Schools will be looking at his salary based off the stipulations in his contract & next year will do a rolling four-year contract year to year. The extended contract will be through June 30, 2030. Motion carried.
- X. Approve Nike/BSN Sports All School Program Contract for WHS** – Motion by Cates, seconded by Hamlin to approve the Nike/BSN Sports All School Program Contract for WHS. Motion carried.
- XI. Committee Reports** – Vantrease attended the TSBA Legislative and Legal Institute and he mentioned some of the bills that have not been approved but are in various stages of committee work. He went over some of the bills that were selected back in the fall at TSBA & are being monitored that some would be beneficial to our schools and some that would not.
- XII. Consent Items** – Motion by Floyd, seconded by Sims to approve the following consent items. Motion carried.
- A. Approve Foreign Exchange Students one from Italy and two from Spain to attend Dresden High School for the 26/27SY.
 - B. Field Trips -
Westview High School
 - 1. Beta Club travel to Gatlinburg, TN to attend Leadership Summit March 11-13, 2026.
 - 2. Ethics Bowl travel to Chapel Hill, NC to compete at the Ethics Bowl National Competition April 10-13, 2026.
 - 3. Boys' soccer team travel to Gatlinburg, TN to compete in soccer tournament March 13-15, 2026.

Adjourn – Josh Moore adjourned the meeting at 5:40 PM.

Joshua Moore, Chairman

Jeff Cupples, Director of Schools