

Meeting Opening & Attendance

- Wayne opened the meeting and began with public comments and board training.
- Attendees:
 - Mikelle Kennedy
 - Ashley Spurlock
 - Dan Jimenez
 - Wayne Sleight
 - Becky Morris
 - Kevin Anglesey
 - Janese Vance
 - Chandler Weeks
 - Kari Barney
 - Nate Adams
 - Jessica Locklear and Lindy Williams attended for public comment / board candidate discussion.

Meeting Minutes / Board Training

- Minutes from the June 1, 2026 meeting were approved with amendments:
 - Corrected the officer elections section to reflect that Paxton did **not** recuse from the board chair vote.
 - Corrected the record to show Chandler voted “no” on the board chair vote.
 - Corrected the email language to clarify that emails sent using board/school email accounts remain accessible after leaving the board, not personal emails.
 - Motion to approve minutes with changes: Chandler, second Mikelle,
 - Aye:
 - Mikelle Kennedy
 - Ashley Spurlock
 - Dan Jimenez
 - Wayne Sleight
 - Becky Morris
 - Kevin Anglesey
 - Janese Vance
 - Chandler Weeks
 - Kari Barney
 - Nay:
 - None
- The board viewed training
 - The training emphasized that the board’s role is to set expectations, assess results, and hold the school leader accountable through an accountability cycle rather than manage day-to-day operations.

Board Candidate Introduction

- Jessica Locklear introduced herself as a board candidate.

Director's Report

- Janese reported that summer projects included turf installation, blacktop work, replacing rooftop HVAC units, repairing the gym divider, reinstalling child safety stairs, and remodeling a few spaces.
- Enrollment was reported at 717, up from roughly 691 the prior year, with most grades full.
- Carpool was completed by 3:15 p.m. on the second day of school.
- Janese also reported on a visit from Congressman Mike Kennedy, including time spent with students and a discussion of the upper playground / outdoor area.

Business Manager's Report

- Nate presented the July budget report and noted that it was an uneventful first month of the fiscal year with limited local and no federal revenue yet because federal funds are reimbursement-based.
- The school received approximately \$749,000 in state revenue and about \$13,000 from the School LAND Trust program.
- Major July expenses were primarily salaries and building-related summer projects, including maintenance, site improvements, and technology spending.
- Nate reported no major concerns and said the audit report is expected by the end of October.

Committee Reports

- **Executive**
 - The board discussed goals for the year, including holding shorter meetings, reducing board involvement in day-to-day operations, and focusing on building improvements.
 - The board discussed filling the current board vacancy and noted three active candidates: Hannah, Ben, and Jessica.
- **Academic Excellence**
 - No update
- **Finance**
 - No update
- **Development**
 - No update
- **STEM**

- The board discussed dissolving the STEM committee.
- **Governance**
 - The board discussed the need to elect another governance chair/member following the vacancy.
- **Technology / Marketing**
 - The board discussed dissolving the marketing portion of the technology/marketing committee while keeping technology functions.
- **FSO**
 - FSO reported on a September fundraiser with a class competition and prizes, fall festival planning, and parent night planning as a movie night.
 - The board discussed that a raffle structure may be legally problematic and that a silent auction may be a better option.
 - The board also discussed movie licensing costs and possible film options for the event.

Action Items

1. Coding / 3D Printing Club Separation

- Chandler motioned to approve separating the coding and 3D printing clubs.
- Ashley seconded.
- Aye:
 - Mikelle Kennedy
 - Ashley Spurlock
 - Dan Jimenez
 - Wayne Sleight
 - Becky Morris
 - Kevin Anglesey
 - Janese Vance
 - Chandler Weeks
 - Kari Barney
- Nay:
 - None

2. Closed Session

- Chandler motioned to enter a closed session to discuss the character, competence, or physical/mental health of an individual and to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.
- Roll call vote in favor:
 - Mikelle Kennedy
 - Ashley Spurlock
 - Dan Jimenez
 - Wayne Sleight
 - Becky Morris
 - Kevin Anglesey
 - Janese Vance

- Chandler Weeks
- Kari Barney
- Closed session began at 7:47 p.m.
- Janese was invited to remain in closed session.

Board Vacancy Appointment

- After returning to open session at 8:25 p.m., Chandler motioned to appoint Ben Nielson to the board, contingent on passing a background check and conflict requirements.
- Kari seconded.
- Vote:
 - Wayne — yes
 - Paxton — abstain
 - Ashley — abstain
 - Kari — yes
 - Becky — yes
 - Chandler — yes
 - Mikelle — yes
- Motion passed

Meeting Adjournment

- Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.