

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Alpine ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alpine ISD was held Wednesday, April 20, 2022, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Alpine ISD Administration Building, Board Room.

I. Call Meeting to Order

Board President Eddie Natera called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Nikki Ahrens, Adrian Billings, Justin Cross, Mary McCallister, Joe Portillo, and Board President, Eddie Natera

Jimmy Morris arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dennis McEntire, Interim Superintendent of Schools

II. Invocation

III. Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags

IV. Verification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law. This is to verify that the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.041 in connection with public posting of meeting notice was met on April 14, 2022 at 5:35 p.m.

V. Open Forum - Public Comment

None

VI. Construction Updates (Goals 1, 2, 4)

A. **Alpine ISD** – Mr. McEntire reported that the completion date is still pending, but possible solutions have been found for some of the problems. He is continuing to do regular walk-throughs to stay abreast of the progress.

B. Imperial Construction – Bobby Kelly, Frank Patton, and Chad Bernard addressed the Board on progress. They reviewed the progress schedule, and hitting most of the milestones. Have been talking to owners of sub contractors to increase workers and progress. Working to get ag and welding students settled in new classrooms. Have been scrutinizing schedule to see if date will be met, but will be determined in next few weeks. Have reached out to a moving company to see about moving classrooms so teachers, maintenance, and students are not in construction area. Cost would be approximately \$30,000. Imperial would split the cost with the school, paying half of cost. Currently, manpower problems and increased costs are the biggest problems.

Bobby Kelly addressed the gym floor issue. He said after extensive discussions, insurance has agreed to pay \$75,000 towards replacement of the gym floor. This is the full price of the gym floor, less depreciation.. Additionally, will take care of all rediation on the wall. Imperial will take care of replaement of wall at their expense.

C. Parkhill – Les Burke commended Imperial for the progress that has been made recently. Progress has really been increased. He said man-power, materials, shipping issues have all impacted costs.

VII. Review and Consideration of CCR32R - Courtyard Sidewalk Addition (Goals 2, 4) Mr. Burke told board members that pricing for the courtyard an sidewalk additions need to be revised due to increased costs.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Justin Cross to take no action on CCR 32R until more information is available.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

VIII. Review and Consideration of CCR38A - Building Plaque Approval (Goals 2, 4)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo to approve the building plaque design as presented.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

IX. Review and Consideration of CCR38B - Remaining Balance of Plaque Cost to be Deducted (Goals 2, 4)

Les Burke explained to board members that there would be a credit of \$9,636.00 from the plaque cost.

A motion was made by Adrian Billings , seconded by Nikki Ahrens to accept the \$9,636.00 credit from the cost of the building plaque.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

X. Review and Consideration of CCR38C - Plaque Credit to Contingency (Goals 2, 4)

A motion was made by Adrian Billings , seconded by Joe Portillo return the \$9,636.00 plaque credit to the contingency fund.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

XI. Review and Consideration of CCR45R - Added Electrical Outlets for Shop Area (Goals 2, 4)

A motion was made by Adrian Billings, seconded by Mary McCallister to approve CCR45R in the amount of \$13,375.61 to add 3 additional outlets in the Ag Mechanical side of the Shop Area.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

XII. Review and Consideration of CCR46 - Projector in lieu of an Interactive Flat Panel in the ART Room (Goals 2, 4)

Following a discussion of CCR46, Mr. McEntire recommended rejecting the Change Order, recommending that the work could be done more economically in-house.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Adrian Billings to approve Mr. McEntire’s recommendation to reject CCR46.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

Board President Eddie Natera expressed his appreciation to all of the construction crews for the jobs they have been doing, working dilligently to get back on schedule.

Jimmy Morris arrived at 6:09 p.m.

XIII. Review and Consideration of the Academic Calendar for 2022-2023 (Goals 1, 2, 3)

Caroline Fox reviewed the process and campus voting procedures.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo to adopt the Academic Calendar for 2022-2023, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XIV. Review and Consideration of Renewal and Amendment of District of - Innovation Plan (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)

Caroline Fox reviewed the process and highlighted recommended changes.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Justin Cross, to approve the renewal and amendment to the District of Innovation Plan, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XV. Monthly Update on HB3 Board Goals (Goal 1)

Jessica Murphy reviewed progress and monitoring schedule for Elementary HB 3 Goals.

Verl O’Bryant reviewed progress on CCMR goals and reviewed the monitoring calendar. Said students are working on certifications.

XVI. Campus Data Presentations (Goal 1)

A. Alpine Elementary School – Campus Principal, Jessica Murphy, reviewed enrollment, progress by grade level, benchmarks, and strategies for improvement.

B. Alpine Middle School – Campus Principal, Judith Pardo-Alferez, reviewed enrollment, progress by grade levels, preparations for testing, strategies for improvement, and awards received by the Robotics teams.

C. Alpine High School – Campus Principal, Verl O’Bryant, reviewed current activities, strategies getting ready for testing, current student successes in academics and competitions, and reviewed upcoming activities. Athletic Director John Fellows reviewed athletic events and successes, including Middle School sports and travel.

XVII. Reports (Goal 2)

A. Chief Financial Officer

1. Monthly Report

Clay Braden, CFO, reviewed the tax collections and financials for the month of March, 2022

2. Discussion of Financial Topics

Mr. Braden updated the Board on financial templates released by TEA and adjustments made for attendance rates using “Hold Harmless”. Beginning to plan for next year. Alpine ISD will be Chapter 49, so will be responsible for returning some funds to TEA.

Mr. Braden also reviewed the tax rates over the last six years.

XVIII. Consideration of Budget Amendments (Goal 2)

None

XIX. Consent Items

A. Board Minutes of Previous Meetings (Goal 3)

1. March 23, 2022 - Regular Meeting
2. April 13, 2022 - Special Meeting

B. District Expenditures for Month of March (Goal 2)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo, to approve the consent items, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XX. Review and Consideration of Quotes Received for Replacement of Alpine High School Gym Floor (Goals 1, 2, 4)

Mr. Braden reviewed the quotes received, addressing the pros and cons of each. He said with the \$75,000 check from Imperial, Alpine's portion of the cost will be approximately \$40,000. Mr. Braden recommended accepting the quote from Covington.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Nikki Ahrens to accept the quote from Covington for replacement of the Alpine High School gym floor, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XXI. Review and Consideration of Resolution Pertaining to Annual Review of Alpine ISD Investment Policy CDA, (Legal and Local) and Investment Vendors and Training Providers (Goal 2, 3)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Nikki Ahrens to adopt the Resolution pertaining to the Annual Review of Alpine ISD Investment Policy CDA, (Legal and Local) and Investment Vendors and Training Providers, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XXII. Annual Report of Board Member Continuing Education Hours (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)

Board President Eddie Natera gave the Annual Report of Board Members' Continuing Education Hours, as required by Texas Education Code §11.1519, and Texas Administrative Code §61.1. A copy of the announcement is attached to these minutes.

XXIII. Superintendent Report (Goal 1, 2, 3, 4)

A. Enrollment Report

Enrollment Report

Total enrollment stands at 969, with an ADA of 92.07 %.

Enrollment for the campuses is:

Alpine High School: 305 enrollment; ADA of 93.88 %.

Alpine Middle School: 276 enrollment; ADA of 92.48 %.

Alpine Elementary School: 388 enrollment; ADA of 90.8 %

B. House Bill 3

Mr. McEntire told board members that the HB3 report could be presented on an annual basis as opposed to monthly. No changes in reporting will be made at this time.

C. Discussion of a Proposed Donation

Mr. McEntire and Board Member Mary McCallister told board members that Alpine ISD has been contacted by Tony Micheli in reference to a proposed donation by a previous resident of Alpine. The donation would be a \$25,000 matching donation, resulting in a \$50,000 donation to the school. The donation would be made with the agreement that the gym court be dedicated to Brian Wilson and Jill Stice. Additional information will be provided at a later date.

XXIV. Closed Session - Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.072 & Section 551.074

The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:38 p.m.

A. Personnel - Hear and Deliberate Regarding Superintendent Recommendations for Personnel. Texas Gov't Code Section 551.074 (Goal 1)

1. Employee Resignations or Retirements
2. Superintendent Recommendations for Employee Contracts for 2022-2023

XXV. Open Session - Consider and Take Possible Action on Closed Session Deliberations

The Board reconvened in open session, at 8:15 p.m., taking action on Closed session deliberations as indicated below.

A. Consider and Take Possible Action Regarding Personnel. Texas Gov't Code Section 551.074 (Goal 1)

1. Employee Resignations or Retirements

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo, to accept the resignations of Carla Valdez, HS teacher; Rick Garcia, HS Teacher/Coach; Verl O'Bryant, HS Principal; and Lindsey Tyrrell, 588 Co-op employee, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

2. Review and Consideration of Superintendent Recommendations for Employee Contracts for 2022-2023

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Nikki Ahrens, to renew contracts of current employees, for 2022-2023, as presented and recommended by Mr. McEntire, Interim Superintendent.

Motion carried – 6 – 0 – 1 with Dr. Billings abstaining

A motion was made by Adrian Billings, seconded by Jimmy Morris to offer Dual Assignment Probationary contracts to Aaron Hardwick and Taylor Medina for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XXVI. Schedule Future Meetings

- Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. – Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room, Special Meeting for the purpose of interviewing Superintendent candidates
- Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. – Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room, Special Meeting for the purpose of interviewing Superintendent candidates
- Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. – Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room, Regular Meeting


XXVII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Jimmy Morris to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

*The Board may retire to executive session at any time between the meeting's opening and adjournment for purposes of deliberating business as authorized in Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071-551.074 and 551.076. Action, if any, will be taken in open session. (Texas Government Code Chapter 551.102)


Board President


Board Secretary

Date of Approval: *May 18, 2022*

BOARD PRESIDENT'S SCRIPT – ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD TRAINING HOURS 04/21/2021

Board President:

Under State Board of Education Rule, completing required continuing education each year of service is a basic obligation and expectation of any sitting board member.

As Board President, I am required to announce the name of each member who:

- Has completed the required continuing education;
- Has exceeded the required continuing education; and
- Is deficient in meeting the required continuing education.

The requirements for training are measured as of the first anniversary of the date of the trustee's election or appointment or two-year anniversary of his or her previous training, as applicable.

There are seven training **areas** for board member continuing education:

1. Local District Orientation
2. Orientation to the Texas Education Code
3. Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code
4. Team Building
5. Additional Continuing Education
6. Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals
7. Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children

To the extent applicable to each board member, I will announce the completion or deficiency as to required training.

For members who still have time remaining to complete required training, I will announce those board members who have scheduled timely training and those who have not yet scheduled the training.

At the conclusion of this announcement, I will announce any board member's training in excess of the continuing education requirements.

Local District Orientation

The following first-year board members have completed the local district orientation training:

Nikki Ahrens
Jimmy Morris

Orientation to the Texas Education Code

The following first-year board members have time remaining to complete the Orientation to the Texas Education Code and have not yet scheduled this training:

Nikki Ahrens
Jimmy Morris

Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code

The following board members have completed Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code training:

Adrian Billings
Eddie Natera

The following board members have time remaining to complete the required Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code training and have not yet scheduled this training.

Justin Cross
Mary McCallister
Joe Portillo

Team Building

The following board members have completed the annual team-building training:

Nikki Ahrens
Adrian Billings
Justin Cross
Mary McCallister
Jimmy Morris
Eddie Natera
Joe Portillo

Additional Continuing Education

NOTE: 10 hours for first-year members, 5 hours for subsequent years. Board President or Presiding Officer of the Board announce as applicable:

The following board members have completed the additional continuing education requirements:

Adrian Billings
Mary McCallister
Eddie Natera
Joe Portillo

The following board members are deficient in meeting the additional continuing education requirements:

Justin Cross

The following board members have time remaining to complete the additional continuing education requirements and have not yet scheduled this training:

Nikki Ahrens
Jimmy Morris

Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals

NOTE: This training must be completed every two years.

The following board members have completed the biennial training on evaluating student academic performance and setting goals:

Nikki Ahrens
Adrian Billings
Justin Cross
Mary McCallister
Jimmy Morris
Eddie Natera
Joe Portillo

The following board members have scheduled training to timely complete the biennial training on evaluating student academic performance and setting goals:

None

Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children

NOTE: This training must be completed every two years.

The following board members have completed the biennial training on identifying and reporting abuse and trafficking:

Adrian Billings
Mary McCallister
Eddie Natera
Joe Portillo

The following board members are deficient in meeting the required biennial training on identifying and reporting abuse and trafficking:

Justin Cross

The following board members have time remaining to complete the biennial training on identifying and reporting abuse and trafficking and have not yet scheduled this training:

Nikki Ahrens
Jimmy Morris

EXCEEDING REQUIRED CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Board Member Adrian Billings exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 8.5 hours.
- Board Member Justin Cross is deficient in the required amount of continuing education training.
- Board Member Mary McCallister exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by .25 hours
- Board Member Eddie Natera exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 6 hours.
- Board Member Joe Portillo exceeded the required amount of continuing education training by 1 hour.
- Board Member Nikki Ahrens has time remaining to complete her required amount of continuing education training.
- Board Member Jimmy Morris has time remaining to complete his required amount of continuing education training