

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Alpine ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alpine ISD was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 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: Haley Babb, Adrian Billings, Mary McCallister, and Board President, Eddie Natera

Members Absent: Nikki Ahrens, Jimmy Morris, and Joe Portillo,

Others Present: Michelle Rinehart, 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 February 10, 2023 at 3:37 p.m.

V. Open Forum - Public Comment

None

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

A. Alpine ISD

Dr. Rinehart updated board members on the progress on punchlists. April 1st has been tentatively set as the transition date for completion. However, some things will be completed during the summer. Installation on metal paneling is continuing, as well as progress on the roof. Landscaping should begin within six weeks, but some design plans still need to be worked out. Work on flooring is continuing, but will be addressed further during the summer. Mr. Vickers told board members that work on the electronics is progressing, as well as other punch list items.

B. Imperial Construction

Eddie Bauer and Chad Bernard addressed the Board on behalf of Imperial Construction. They told Board members that work towards clean up has begun, and discussed what supplies will be removed, what will be left as surplus for Alpine ISD, and what may be made available to the community. Mr. Bernard said that three ConX containers will be available for sale at reduced prices. The projected schedules for completion of punch list items was discussed.

C. Parkhill

Les Burke discussed the roofing issues and progress. He said they have been working with Imperial Construction on punchlists and concrete flooring repairs

VII. Review and Consideration of CCR-069R -Power Outlet Credit (Goals 1, 2, 4)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Haley Babb to approve CCR-069R, Power Outlet Credit, as presented. This is for a \$1,000 credit resulting from outlets that were not needed.

Motion carried – 4 – 0

VIII. Campus Principal Reports (Goal 1)

A. Alpine Elementary School

Mr. Wubbena discussed processes they are working on at the Elementary School, to build a stronger campus, including more individualized instruction, future impact of teacher training sessions, and curriculum and interventions to address needs. Mr. Wubbena said they have identified areas needing improvement, such as dismissal procedures, to make the campus function better in the coming year.

B. Alpine Middle School

Judith Pardo-Alferez updated the Board on activities at the Middle School, including steps being taken to maximize student achievement through instructional programs, mentors working with teachers to build stronger, more effective teachers, and improved communication with parents,

C. Alpine High School

Jarrett Vickers, discussed activities at the High School, including monthly EOC meetings, increased drug testing, student activities including the addition of a student newspaper, and incentives for students towards better attendance and decreasing tardies.

IX. Reports (Goal 2)

A. Chief Financial Officer

1. Monthly Report

In the absence of Clay Braden, CFO, Dr. Rinehart reviewed the tax collections and financials for the month of January, 2023

2. Discussion of Financial Topics - None

X. Consideration of Budget Amendments (Goal 2)

None

XI. Consent Items

A. Board Minutes of Previous Meetings (Goal 3)

1. January 25, 2023 - Regular Meeting

B. District Expenditures for Month of January, 2023 (Goal 2)

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

Motion carried – 4 – 0

XII. Review and Consideration of Renewal of Authorized Signers for Lone Star Investment Pool Account. (Goal 2)

A motion was made by Haley Babb, seconded by Mary McCallister to approve the renewal of authorized signers for the Lone Star Investment Pool Account, as presented. Approved signers will be Clay Braden, Eddie Natera, and Michelle Rinehart.

Motion carried – 4 – 0

XIII. Review and Consideration of Election Agreement Between Alpine Independent School District and Brewster County Elections Administrator for Election Equipment and Election Services. (Goals 2, 3)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Haley Babb, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the agreement with Brewster County Elections Administrator for election equipment and election services, as presented.

Motion carried – 4 – 0

XIV. Discussion of Proposal Received for Digitization of Permanent Records. (Goals 2, 4) Dr. Rinehart reviewed the need for digitizing student and personnel records. The original quote is for \$115,000, which includes the initial cost, as well as an additional cost of \$10,946.42 for installation and implementation of equipment. There would be an annual support cost of approximately \$748.05.

Dr. Rinehart will research the possibilities and provide additional options and quotes for a future meeting.

XV. Review and Consideration of Alpine ISD Mission, Vision, Values, Goals, and Objectives Statements (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Haley Babb to adopt the current version of the Mission, Vision, Values, Goals, and Objectives statements, with no revisions.

Motion carried – 4 – 0

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

A. Enrollment Report

Dr. Rinehart reviewed enrollment numbers. The total enrollment for the district stands at 954, with 379 at the Elementary, 273 at the Middle School and 302 at the High School. District ADA stands at 93.1 %.

B. Update on Property Value Study

Dr. Rinehart reviewed the information on the Property Value Study and discussed the mismatch between CAD values and state values. She said there is a \$108 million gap, which will result in an approximate \$ 313,000 loss for Alpine ISD school funding. Dr. Rinehart reviewed the specific areas of gaps between local and state values.

XVII. Closed Session - Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.072, Section 551.074, and Section 551.076.

The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:02 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**

B. Safety and Security Updates. Texas Gov't Code Section 551.076

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

The Board reconvened in open session, at 8:14 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 Haley Babb, to approve Dr. Rinehart's recommendation to accept the resignation of Marc Miranda as teacher at Alpine High School. Mr. Miranda will be accepting the position of Director of Child Nutrition.

Motion carried – 4 – 0

A motion was made by Haley Babb, seconded by Mary McCallister, to approve Dr. Rinehart's recommendation to accept the resignation of Taylor Little as teacher at Alpine Elementary School, effective February 15, 2023.

Motion carried – 4 – 0

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Haley Babb, to approve Dr. Rinehart's recommendation to accept the resignation of John Fellows as Athletic Director and Head Football Coach for Alpine ISD, effective February 28, 2023.

Motion carried – 4 – 0

2. Superintendent Recommendations for Employee Contracts for 2022-2023 - None

XIX. Schedule Future Meetings

- Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. – Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room, Regular Meeting

XX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Haley Babb to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Motion carried – 4 – 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: 3/8/2023