

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Alpine ISD

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alpine ISD was held Wednesday, August 4, 2021, 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, Justin Cross, Mary McCallister, Jimmy Morris, Joe Portillo, and Board President, Eddie Natera

Members Absent: Adriana Billings

Others Present: Becky McCutchen, 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 July 28, 2021 at 9:45 a.m.

V. Open Forum - Public Comment - None

VI. Review and Consideration of T-TESS Appraisal Calendar and List of Approved Appraisers for 2021-2022 (Goal 1)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo to approve the T-TESS Appraisal Calendar and list of approved appraisers for 2021-2022, as recommended by Ms. McCutchen.

Motion carried – 6 - 0

VII. Review of T-PESS Appraisal Calendar and List of Approved Appraisers for 2021-2022 - Information Only (Goal 1)

Ms. McCutchen reviewed the T-PESS Appraisal Calendar and the list of approved appraisers for 2021-2022. This item does not require board approval.

VIII. Review and Consideration of Revisions to Alpine ISD Board Policy EIC (Local) Academic Achievement - Class Ranking (Goals 1, 3)

Ms. McCutchen reviewed the proposed changes to the policy. Following discussion, a recommendation was made to include the word “additional” on page 2 of 3, in reference to points added to a students grade Advanced Placement classes

A motion was made by Justin Cross, seconded by Mary McCallister, to approve the revisions to Alpine ISD Board Policy EIC (Local) – Academic Achievement-Class Ranking, with revisions as discussed in the meeting.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

IX. Review and Consideration of Revisions to Alpine ISD Board Policy FNA (Local) Student Rights and Responsibilities - Student Expression (Goals 1, 3)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo, to approve the revisions to Alpine ISD Board Policy FNA (Local) Student Rights and Responsibilities – Student Expression, as presented.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

X. Review and Consideration of 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct (Goal 1)

Ms. McCutchen reviewed the changes and additions.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo, to approve the 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct, with revisions as discussed in the meeting.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

XI. Review of Alpine ISD Handbooks for 2021-2022 School Year - Information Only (Goal 1)

- A. Employee Handbook**
- B. Student Handbook**
- C. Student Random Drug Testing Handbook**

Ms. McCutchen reviewed each handbook and highlighted changes and additions. She explained to Board members that these handbooks are changeable, and are not approved by the Board.

XII. Review of Handbooks for Student Groups/Extracurricular Activities for 2021-2022 School Year - Information Only (Goal 1)

- A. Athletics**
- B. Band**
- C. Cheerleading**
- D. FFA**
- E. Student Council**
- F. Academic UIL**

Ms. McCutchen reviewed each of the handbooks for StudentGroups/Extracurricular Activities for 2021-2022. As with the previous handbooks, these handbooks are changeable, and not subject to Board approval. Handbooks are reviewed for information only.

XIII. Review and Consideration of Action to Select Delegate and Alternate for TASB Delegate Assembly (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo, to approve Jimmy Morris, as Delegate, and Nikki Ahrens, as Alternate to the TASB Delegate Assembly.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

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

The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:05 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 2021-2022**

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

The Board reconvened in open session, at 7:47 p.m., with action being taken 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 Retirement – No action**
 - 2. Superintendent Recommendations for Employee Contracts for 2021-2022**

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo, to offer a part-time Probationary contract, with a retire/rehire addendum to James Crenshaw for 2021-2022.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

XVI. Schedule Future Meetings

- Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. – Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room, Regular Meeting

XVII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Jimmy Morris, seconded by Mary McCallister to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Motion carried – 6 – 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: 8/18/2021