

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Alpine ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alpine ISD was held Wednesday, July 15, 2020, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Video/Audio Conferencing - See Log-in Information Below Under Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law.

I. Call Meeting to Order

Board President Eddie Natera called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Board President conducted a roll call to verify Board Member attendance.

Members Present: Adrian Billings, Rachel Carvajal, Justin Cross, Billy Ray Laxton, Mary McCallister, and Eddie Natera
Joe Portillo logged in at 5:44 p.m.

Others Present: Becky McCutchen, Superintendent of Schools
Les Burk and Derek Kaser of Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper

Members Absent: None

Board President Natera informed board members that due to the meeting being conducted remotely, all votes would be taken by roll call. He asked if there were any objections. There being none, he proceeded with the agenda.

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 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Video/Audio Conferencing Notice: Pursuant to Governor Abbott's Temporary Suspension of Open Meetings Laws issued on March 16, 2020, this meeting will be conducted via video-conference and/or audio conference, which will be audible to the Board and public and allow for two-way communication. The Board President, presiding officer or trustees will not be physically present at one location but a quorum will be required for the meeting on the videoconference or phone. The public may access this meeting via the following link:

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An electronic copy of the agenda packet may be viewed at the following link: https://www.alpine.esc18.net/79023_3. A recording of the meeting will be available for viewing on the District's website after the meeting.

Board President Eddie Natera read the following statement into the records:

On March 16, Gov. Greg Abbott granted a request by Attorney General Ken Paxton to temporarily suspend a limited number of open meetings laws to the extent necessary to allow telephonic or videoconference meetings in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

In accordance with those suspended rules, we certify the following: Notice of this meeting has been posted online for at least 72 hours.

- 1 Although members of the board are not gathered in a central, physical location, we do have a quorum in attendance at this meeting by videoconference or telephone call.
2. We are meeting by use of Zoom Meetings which allows two-way communication for members of the public.
3. As we would at any in-person meeting, members of the public who have followed the instructions on the meeting notice for registering to speak during the public comment portion will be unmuted for five (5) minutes to speak. If the speaker submitted written comments in advance, the Board President will read the comments into record. If you would like to provide comment at a future

meeting conducted by videoconference or telephone call, please follow instructions on the meeting notice.

4. All other meeting procedures will adhere to board-adopted procedures to the extent practicable.
5. A video/audio recording of this meeting is being made and will be available to the public at a later date.
6. This software application allows for numerous individuals to view and interact at a time. We apologize in advance for any unforeseeable difficulties and ask for your patience as we navigate unprecedented conditions.

V. Open Forum - Public Comment

If you wish to address the Board of Trustees on an agenda item, email questions or comments to Board President, Eddie Natera at: enatera@alpineisd.net, prior to the beginning of the meeting. The President or designee will call for public comments at the beginning of the meeting and will state the name of each person who has emailed a question or comment to the Board President. All other public comment rules will be followed. After the close of public comment, the Board will proceed with the rest of the agenda that may be viewed or heard by the public online or on the phone.

Board President Eddie Natera, read a statement received from Julie Balovich expressing her concern with the start date for Alpine ISD and the safety of staff and students based on the local infection rate, and local health authority recommendations. Ms. Balovich was then give the opportunity to speak, and reiterated her concerns and request for the school start date to be pushed back.

VI. Update on Construction Project (Goals 3, 4)

Presenter: Parkhill, Smith, & Cooper

Les Burke and Derek Kaser addressed the board concerning the Competitive Sealed Proposal schedule and the estimated construction schedule. Advertisements will be placed in numerous newspapers on July 19 and July 26, calling for sealed proposals. Proposals will be due on August 20th, and the Board will approve a contractor during their meeting on August 26. Phase I of construction is tentatively scheduled to begin on September 9, 2020, with completion of Phase I tentatively scheduled for January 8, 2022. Phase II would begin on January 17, 2022, with an anticipated completion date of June 30, 2022.

VII. Review and Consideration of Revisions to Alpine ISD Board Policy EIC (Local) (Goal 1) Ms. McCutchen explained the request for the revision to Policy EIC (Local).

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Justin Cross, to revise Policy EIC (Local) to set the requirement for honor graduates at a four-year GPA of 92, revised from a previous standard of 90.

Roll Call Vote:

Eddie Natera - aye
Mary McCallister - aye
Justin Cross - aye

Adrian Billings - aye
Rachel Carvajal - aye
Billy Ray Laxton - aye
Joe Portillo - aye

Motion carried – 7 – 0

VIII. Review and Consideration of Proposals Received for Cleaning and Disinfecting Services for 2020-2021 School Year (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)

Presenter: Tucker Durham, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Durham told board members that preliminary quotes received for disinfecting services were high enough that an RFP would be required. He asked for the Board's input on specifications and frequency of disinfecting services. Board members asked Mr. Durham to provide more information and proposed schedules, at a later meeting.

No action was taken.

IX. Reports (Goal 2)

A. Chief Financial Officer

Presenter: Tucker Durham

1. Monthly Report

Tucker Durham reviewed the tax collections and financials for the month of June, 2020, as well as revenues and expenditures for 2019-2020 school year.

2. Discussion of Financial Topics

Mr. Durham reviewed FSP allocations and adjustments. He told Board members that there will be a projected fund balance of \$8,021,609 at the close of FY 2020.

X. Consideration of Budget Amendments (Goal 2)

Mr. Durham recommended a budget amendment in the amount of \$200,000 to appropriate funds for the lighting retrofit project.

A motion was made by Rachel Carvajal, seconded by Mary McCallister, to approve Mr. Durham's recommendation to appropriate \$200,000 from Local Maintenance 199 - Fund Balance and increase Local Maintenance, Acct Code 199-81-6629.02-999-099000, Lighting Retrofit, in the amount of \$200,000.

Roll Call Vote:

Eddie Natera - aye
Mary McCallister - aye
Justin Cross - aye

Adrian Billings - aye
Rachel Carvajal - aye
Billy Ray Laxton - aye
Joe Portillo - aye

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XI. Consent Items

The Board has been furnished with background material on each item and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. Items may be withdrawn for individual consideration. All remaining items will be adopted by a single vote. Items withdrawn for separate discussion will be acted upon individually.

A. Board Minutes of Previous Meetings (Goal 3)

1. June 30, 2020 - Regular Meeting

B. District expenditures for month of June, 2020 (Goal 2)

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

Roll Call Vote:

Eddie Natera - aye
Mary McCallister - aye
Justin Cross - aye

Adrian Billings - aye
Rachel Carvajal - aye
Billy Ray Laxton - aye
Joe Portillo - aye

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XII. Review and Consideration of Letter of Intent for 2020-2021 School Year to Submit Asynchronous Instruction Plan to Texas Education Agency for Approval (Goals 1, 2)

Ms. McCutchen explained the difference between synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Additionally, she discussed the TEA requirements for an Asynchronous Instruction Plan in order to receive funding for remote instruction. The complete plan must be submitted by October 1, 2020.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Justin Cross, to approve Ms. McCutchen's recommendation to approve a Letter of Intent for 2020-2021 School Year to Submit Asynchronous Instruction Plan to Texas Education Agency.

Roll Call Vote:

Eddie Natera - aye
Mary McCallister - aye
Justin Cross - aye

Adrian Billings - aye
Rachel Carvajal - aye
Billy Ray Laxton - aye
Joe Portillo - aye

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XIII. Review and Consideration of 2020-2021 School Year Synchronous Instruction Attestations to Submit to Texas Education Agency (Goals 1, 2) Ms. McCutchen reviewed the attestation , and explained that it will only be approved for grades 3 – 12. A synchronous plan is not approved for grades PK – 2.

A motion was made by Adrian Billings, seconded by Billy Ray Laxton, to approve Ms. McCutchen’s recommendation to approve the 2020-2021 School Year Synchronous Instruction Attestations to Submit to Texas Education Agency.

Roll Call Vote:

Eddie Natera - aye

Mary McCallister - aye

Justin Cross - aye

Adrian Billings - aye

Rachel Carvajal - aye

Billy Ray Laxton - aye

Joe Portillo - aye

Motion carried – 7 – 0

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

A. Update on Issues Associated with COVID-19

Ms. McCutchen provided an update on the COVID -19 situation as pertains to Alpine ISD. She reviewed her participation in zoom meetings on the State, regional, and local level. Ms. McCutchen and district administrators have been working on the development of a District Re-Opening plan and the processes the district will be following. The update addressed the processes and procedures to be outlined in the plan, as well as UIL plans and dates for athletic and band activities.

B. Quarterly Goal Update

Ms. McCutchen provided a quarterly update on progress on objectives relating to District goals.

XV. Closed Session - Pursuant to Tex. Govt. Code §551.074

The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:27 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 2020-2021

B. Review of Quarterly Goal Update for Superintendent's Formative Evaluation (Goal 1, 2, 3, 4)

XVI. Open Session: Consider and take possible action on Closed Session deliberations

The Board reconvened in open session, at 9:09 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 Billy Ray Laxton, to approve the superintendent's recommendation to accept the resignation of Kimberli Clifford, teacher at Alpine Elementary School.

Roll Call Vote:

Eddie Natera - aye

Mary McCallister - aye

Justin Cross - aye

Adrian Billings - aye

Rachel Carvajal - aye

Billy Ray Laxton - aye

Joe Portillo - aye

Motion carried – 7 – 0

2. Superintendent Recommendations for Employee Contracts for 2020-2021

There were no recommendation for new contracts.

XVII. Schedule Future Meetings

- Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. – Special Meeting, will be held virtually, via ZOOM
- Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting, will be held virtually, via ZOOM

XVIII Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Justin Cross to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Eddie Natera - aye

Mary McCallister - aye

Justin Cross - aye

Adrian Billings - aye

Rachel Carvajal - aye

Billy Ray Laxton - aye

Joe Portillo - aye

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: August 26, 2020