

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Alpine ISD

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alpine ISD was held Tuesday, June 8, 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: Eddie Natera, Board President Nikki Ahrens, Adrian Billings, Justin Cross, Mary McCallister, Jimmy Morris, and Joe Portillo

Members Absent: Adrian Billings and Justin Cross

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 June 3, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

V. Open Forum - Public Comment

None

VI. Public Hearing for Review and Discussion of Alpine ISD's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) 2021-2022 Grant Application (Goal 1, 2, 3, 4)

Board President Eddie Natera, adjourned the meeting and called the Public Hearing to order at 5:31 p.m. for discussion of Alpine ISD's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) 2021-2022 Grant Application

Director for Curriculum and Special Programs explained the requirement for an annual public hearing. She then reviewed the projected entitlements available through the grant, as follows:

Title IA - \$214,993.00; Title IIA – 36,079.00; Title IIIA - \$7,102.00; and Title IVA - \$16,218.00. Ms. Fox discussed the possible expenditures for each program.

VII. Public Hearing for Review and Discussion of Alpine ISD's Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund III (Esser III) 2021-2022 Grant Application (Goal 1, 2, 3, 4)

Ms. Fox and Chief Financial Officer Clay Braden reviewed the purpose of the grant and the limitations on expenditures. The total projected entitlement for Alpine ISD, through this grant, is \$1,665,324.00. The district is currently working on Needs Assessment surveys and preliminary budgets.

VIII. Adjournment of Public Hearings and Reconvening of Open Meeting

Board President Eddie Natera adjourned the public hearings and reconvened in open meeting at 5:49 p.m.

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

A. Imperial Construction Update

Frank Patton reviewed the status of site work. Concrete pours are in progress with the first slab being poured. Preparations are being made for the next, larger pour, with underground utilities and plumbing work being completed. Additional work is being focused on fire suppression systems and HVAC systems at the Elementary and Middle School campuses. Work on the AES and AMS HVAC systems should be completed by the second week of July.

B. Parkhill Update

Les Burke indicated work is continuing on submittals for materials, and CCR's to be presented at the next board meeting. Planning for furnishings has begun and continues with working on delivery timelines.

X. Review and Consideration of Options to Authorize Placing of Order for Terracotta Tile Cladding: 403 Red (Goals 1, 2, 4)

Les Burk reviewed two options for ordering of the Terracotta Tile Cladding for the exterior of the High School – order all tile at once, samples and complete tile order, or order samples, approve color, then place order.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo, to place an order for the Terracotta Tile Cladding: 403 Red, in one batch, ordering samples and materials all at once, to expedite delivery times.

Motion carried – 5 – 0

XI. Campus Data Presentation (Goal 1)

A. Alpine High School

AHS Principal, Lee Sanchez, updated the Board on State assessments, attendance rates, failure rates, summer school attendance, discipline referrals,

and special education information. Additionally, he reviewed the information from the ESSER III needs assessment survey on his campus.

XII. Budget Workshop for 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)

Ms. McCutchen reviewed the projected revenues and expenditures for the 2021-2022 proposed budget. Projected revenues are \$11,487,883.00, with projected expenditures of \$11,487,883.00, resulting in an anticipated balanced budget in Fund 199. Fund 240 has projected revenues of \$488,892, and projected expenditures of \$488,892, for a balanced budget.

XIII. Review and Consideration of Action to Purchase a 57-seat 2008 Van Hool Motor Coach, Model T 21-45 for the Transportation Department (Goals 2, 4)

Ms. McCutchen reviewed the information on the 57-seat 2008 Van Hool Motor Coach, Model T-21-45, which has been offered for sale in California. If purchased, Mr. Gonzales and two of its transportation employees would make the trip to examine the bus, and drive it back from California.

A motion was made by Joe Portillo, seconded by Nikki Ahrens, to approve Ms. McCutchen's recommendation to authorize purchase of the 57-seat 2008 Van Hool Motor Coach, Model T21-45 at a cost of \$49,000.00.

Motion carried – 5 – 0

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

The Board adjourned to executive session at 6:41 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**

B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code sections 551.071, 551.0821, and 551.129, consultation with the District's legal counsel regarding Cause No. CVB21561; Dalee R. Sullivan v. Alpine Independent School District; In the 394th Judicial District Court, Brewster County, Texas.

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

The Board reconvened in open session, at 8:33 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 approve Ms. McCutchen's recommendation to accept the resignations of Julie Hawkins, Tallie Altgelt, and Jackie Molsbee.

Motion carried – 5 – 0

2. Superintendent Recommendations for Employee Contracts for 2021-2022

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo to approve Ms. McCutchen's recommendation to offer Probationary contracts for 10 months, plus 10 days, to Julie Hawkins and Jackie Molsbee, as Educational Diagnosticians with the 588 Educational Co-op.

Motion carried – 5 – 0

A motion was made by Joe Portillo, seconded by Mary McCallister to approve Ms. McCutchen's recommendation to offer teaching contracts as follows: Probationary Dual Assignment with certification addendum for George Hazlehurst; Probationary contract with ESL addendum for Ken Johnson; Probationary contract with certification addendum for Catherine Gore; Probationary contract as District Librarian for Jennifer Mustain, and Probationary contract with certification addendum for Jessica Sierra.

Motion carried – 5 – 0

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Nikki Ahrens to approve Ms. McCutchen's recommendation to offer administrative contracts as follows: Probationary, one-year Administrator contract for Jessica Murphy as Principal; Probationary, one-year Administrator contract for Judith Pardo-Alferez as Principal; Probationary, one-year Administrator contract for Christopher Thomas as Assistant Principal, and Probationary, one-year Administrator contract for Emily Greene as Assistant Principal .

Motion carried – 4 – 1, with Joe Portillo casting the dissenting vote

B. Consider and take appropriate action, if any, concerning Cause No. CVB21561; Dalee R. Sullivan v. Alpine Independent School District; In the 394th Judicial District Court, Brewster County, Texas.

No action was taken

XVI. Schedule Future Meetings

- Monday, June 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. – Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room, Special Meeting and Construction Workshop
- Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. – Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing to Discuss the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate

XVII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Nikki Ahrens, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Motion carried – 5 – 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: *Approved 6/29/2021*