

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, March 8, 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: Nikki Ahrens, Mary McCallister, Jimmy Morris, Joe Portillo, and Board President, Eddie Natera

Members Absent: Adrian Billings and Haley Babb

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 March 3, 2023 at 1:27 p.m.

V. Open Forum - Public Comment
None

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

A. Alpine ISD

Dr. Rinehart told board members that there was really nothing new to share on the construction report. Work is continuing on the punch lists, and will continue while students are out for Spring Break. Administration and maintenance have been looking at options for removing the hill on the practice field behind the field house. Progress is being made on irrigation and landscaping plans for the north side of the building and the courtyard area. Working on signage.

B. Imperial Construction – No report

C. Parkhill – No report

VII. Campus Principal Reports (Goal 1)

A. Alpine Elementary School

Mr. Wubbena said the focus has been on Parent and Community Partnerships. Highlighted contributions from Alpine Public Library and Porters. Mary Beth Garrett from Alpine Public Library has been visiting the school each week in both classrooms and the after school program, bringing hands-on lessons for the students.

B. Alpine Middle School

Ms. Pardo discussed the Spring Fling, donations received from many community groups and companies, and other Middle School activities.

C. Alpine High School

Mr. Vickers highlighted activities such as History Fair, One Act Play, visit to the campus by representatives from Barber College, and a presentation by TransCen, a program offering work opportunities for students with disabilities.

VIII. Reports (Goal 2)

A. Chief Financial Officer

1. Monthly Report

Clay Braden, CFO, reviewed the financials for the month of February, 2023. Tax Collections were not available due to the early date of the meeting.

2. Discussion of Financial Topics

a. Budget Development Update

Mr. Braden and Dr. Rinehart provided an update on revenues, expenses and the three main reasons for discrepancies in funding (CAD values, Funding formula changes, and enrollment and ADA). Dr. Rinehart commended Mr. Braden for the job he does during difficult budgeting times. She further explained the legislative reasons for under-funding.

IX. Consideration of Budget Amendments (Goal 2)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 allocated from Fund Balance to High School Projects, as presented.

Motion carried – 5 – 0

X. Review and Consideration of Alpine ISD Compensation Plans (Goal 2)

Discussion only. No action was taken. Salaries for the Child Care Center Director and Assistant Director will be brought to the board at a later date.

**XI. Discussion of Alpine ISD Random Drug Testing Handbook. (Goals 1, 3)
- Information Only, No Action to be Taken**

Dr. Rinehart reviewed the need for changes pertaining to retesting students with a positive result.

XII. Consent Items

A. Board Minutes of Previous Meetings (Goal 3)

- 1. February 15, 2023 - Regular Meeting**
- 2. February 28, 2023 - Special Meeting**

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

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

Motion carried – 5 – 0

XIII. Review and Consideration of Joint Election Agreement with City of Alpine for May 6th General Election (Goal 3)

A motion was made by Joe Portillo, seconded by Mary McCallister to approve Joint Election Agreement with City of Alpine for May 6th General Election, as presented.

Motion carried – 5 – 0

XIV. Review and Consideration of Order of Cancellation for May 6th General Election for Alpine ISD Board of Trustees, Single Member District # 2 (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)

A Certification of Unopposed Candidates for Single Member District # 2 was presented to the Board by Marsha Roach, Administrative Assistant and Notary Public, listing Joe Portillo, as the unopposed candidate.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Jimmy Morris to approve the Order of Cancellation for May 6th General Election for Alpine ISD Board of Trustees, Single Member District # 2, as presented.

Motion carried – 5 – 0

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

A. Alpine ISD Board Update

Dr. Rinehart reviewed progress on District objectives, primarily in the areas of academics, technology, Parent and Community Partnerships and Fiscal and Resource Management.

B. Enrollment Report

Dr. Rinehart reviewed enrollment numbers. The total enrollment for the district stands at 939, with 368 at the Elementary, 269 at the Middle School and 302 at the High School. District ADA stands at 93%.

C. Grant Updates

Dr. Rinehart reviewed existing grant information and said that the school would be receiving an additional \$700,000 in learning acceleration support grants.

D. 2023-2024 Calendar Update

Dr. Rinehart reviewed the proposed calendar options, and discussed the possibility of increasing student days to 175 to meet legislative options for additional funding. Currently, there are approximately 166 student days.

E. Update on Summer Leadership Institute - Registration and Housing

Housing and Registration open on April 18, 2023. Board members will need to decide if they plan to attend.

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

The Board adjourned to executive session at 6:54 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

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

The Board reconvened in open session, at 7:23 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

No action taken

2. Superintendent Recommendations for Employee Contracts for 2022-2023

No action taken

XVIII. Schedule Future Meetings

- Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. – Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room, Special Meeting and Board Training Session

XIX. 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 7:24 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: 4/19/2023