

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Alpine ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alpine ISD was held Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 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, Adrian Billings, Justin Cross, Mary McCallister, Jimmy Morris, Joe Portillo, and Board President, Eddie Natera

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dennis McEntire, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Becky McCutchen

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 11, 2022 at 3:15 p.m.

V. Open Forum - Public Comment

None

VI. Review and Consideration of Approved List of Signers for Bank Accounts with West Texas National Bank (Goal 2)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Nikki Ahrens to approve the list of signers for bank accounts with West Texas National Bank, as follows:

Eddie Natera, Board President

Justin Cross, Board Secretary

Dennis McEntire, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Clay Braden, Chief Financial Officer

Additionally, Marsha Roach, Administrative Assistant, will be an alternate signer on the Alpine ISD Activity Account.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

VII. Review and Consideration of Quotes Received for Purchase of 19 Interactive Flat Panels for Alpine High School. (Goals 1, 2, 4)

Director of Technology, Darin Nance, presented and reviewed three quotes for the purchase of 19 interactive flat panels for Alpine High School. The IFP's will be purchased with ESSER III funds. Mr. Nance recommended accepting the quote from CDW-G in the amount of \$59,432.00.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo, to accept the quote from CDW-G and approve the purchase of 19 interactive flat panels for Alpine High School at a cost of \$59,432.00, utilizing ESSER-III funds for the purchase.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

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

A. Alpine ISD

Mr. McEntire provided an update on the installation of the HVAC unit at the Elementary school. He also addressed the floor tile issue at the Middle School and said that Mitchell's Flooring would be preparing a quote. Additionally, he discussed concerns with the projected date for asbestos abatement in the current high school building and said that this topic would be revisited at a later date.

B. Imperial Construction

Frank Patton provided an update on progress and delays with the construction project. He said that material procurement continues to be an issue. Mr. Patton reviewed the three-week look-ahead and updated the cost and budget tracking information.

C. Parkhill

Derek Kaser provided an update from Parkhill, addressing the punch list for completed areas, and said they would continue to work with Imperial on the punch list. He said that work is continuing on submittals. Mr. Kaser addressed the Board concerning logos for duct socks, plaques, and other areas of the new building.

IX. Review and Consideration of CCR-041 - Additional Hardware for Existing Doors (Goals 2, 4)

Derek Kaser explained the need for CCR-041 in the amount of \$1,440.00

A motion was made by Joe Portillo, seconded by Jimmy Morris to approve CCR-041 – Additional Hardware for Existing Doors, in the amount of \$1,440.00.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

X. Monthly Update on HB3 Board Goals (Goal 1)

Jessica Murphy, Elementary Principal, provided an update on 3rd grade student progress as it pertains to HB3 Board Goals.

Verl O’Bryant, High School Principal, provided an update on CCMR progress and continuing strategies for improvement towards HB3 Board Goals.

XI. Campus Data Presentations (Goal 1)

A. Alpine Elementary School – Jessica Murphy, Campus Principal

Ms. Murphy reviewed progress and areas of concern, discussed tutorials, and intervention strategies. Additionally, she reviewed enrollment numbers and absences for students and staff.

B. Alpine Middle School – Judith Pardo-Alferez, Campus Principal

Ms. Pardo reviewed enrollment, attendance, progress, benchmarks, tutorials, interventions, and current events and happenings at the Middle School

C. Alpine High School – Verl O’Bryant, Campus Principal

Mr. O’Bryant reviewed enrollment numbers, progress on data, interventions, tutorials, and absences of students and staff.

XII. Reports (Goal 2)

A. Chief Financial Officer

1. Monthly Report

Clay Braden, CFO, reviewed the tax collections and financials for the month of January, 2022

2. Discussion of Financial Topics

a. Budget Priorities for 2022-2023

Mr. Braden asked Board members to develop an individual list of their budget priorities and email it to him by March 4th. Mr. Braden informed board members that Alpine ISD has contracted with Dr. Doug Karr for a one year period to provide mentoring services to Mr. Braden to assist with templates, budgeting, and other school finance issues. Additionally, Mr. Braden told board members that Alpine

ISD failed the Property Value Study at the state level, and would be looking at filing protests and appeals.

XIII. Consideration of Budget Amendments (Goal 2)

None

XIV. Consent Items

A. Board Minutes of Previous Meetings (Goal 3)

1. January 19, 2022 - Regular Meeting

B. District Expenditures for Month of January, 2022 (Goal 2)

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

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XV. Review and Consideration of 2022-2023 West Texas Food Service Cooperative Interlocal Agreement with REgion 17 ESC (Goal 2)

A motion was made by Justin Cross, seconded by Mary McCallister to approve Mr. McEntire's recommendation to accept the 2022-2023 West Texas Food Service Cooperative Interlocal Agreement with Region 17 ESC, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XVI. Review and Consideration of Audit Engagement Agreement with Singleton, Clark & Company, PC for Audit Services for Alpine ISD for FY22 (Goal 2)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo to approve Mr. McEntire's recommendation to accept the Audit Engagement Agreement with Singleton, Clark & Company, PC for Audit Services for Alpine ISD for FY22, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XVII. Review and Consideration of Renewal of Membership in Walsh, Gallegos Legal Retainer Program (Goal 2)

A motion was made by Nikki Ahrens, seconded by Mary McCallister to approve Mr. McEntire's recommendation to authorize renewal of membership in Walsh, Gallegos Legal Retainer Program, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XVIII. Review and Consideration of Resolution to Approve FY23 State Criminal Justice Planning Funds - Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant, Grant # 4088503 (Goals 1, 2)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Adrian Billings to approve the resolution for FY23 State Criminal Justice Planning Funds - Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant, Grant # 4088503

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XIX. Review and Consideration of Resolution to Approve FY23 Victim Assistance, General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program (VOCA) Grant, Grant # 3840604 (Goals 1, 2)

A motion was made by Adrian Billings, seconded by Mary McCallister to approve the resolution for FY23 Victim Assistance, General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program (VOCA) Grant, Grant # 3840604, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XX. Review and Consideration of Resolution to Approve FY23 Criminal Justice Program Grant, Grant # 3650105 (Goals 1, 2)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Nikki Ahrens to approve the resolution for FY23 Criminal Justice Program Grant, Grant # 3650105, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XXI. Review and Consideration of Options Available for Conducting Superintendent Search for Alpine ISD (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)

Following discussion, Board President Eddie Natera recommended no action be taken at this time. Topic will be revisited during a later meeting.

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

A. Enrollment Report

Enrollment Report

Total enrollment stands at 973, with an ADA of 91.41 %.

Enrollment for the campuses is:

Alpine High School: 309 enrollment; ADA of 93.17 %.

Alpine Middle School: 277 enrollment; ADA of 91.97 %.

Alpine Elementary School: 387 enrollment; ADA of 89.83 %

B. Update on Changes to Band Out-of-State Trip

Mr. McEntire reviewed the status of the band trip, and suggested the possibility of changing it to an in-state trip, including band parents and students in the planning process. Additionally, Mr. McEntire told board members that a financial audit of the band activity fund had been completed and everything balanced.

C. Update on Property Value Study

Topic was addressed earlier during financial reports.

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

The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:49 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**
- 3. Hear and Deliberate Regarding Superintendent Recommendations for Administrative Contracts for 2022-2023**

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

The Board reconvened in open session, at 8:56 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 Jimmy Morris to accept the resignation of Alan Perkins as band director, effective March 4, 2022.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo to accept the resignation of Macy Downing, Middle School science teacher, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 - 0

2. Superintendent Recommendations for Employee Contracts for 2021-2022

None

3. Consider and Take Action Regarding Superintendent Recommendations for Administrative Contracts for 2022-2023

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Nikki Ahrens to approve Mr. McEntire's recommendation for renewal and/or extension of Administrative contracts, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XXV. Schedule Future Meetings

- Monday, February 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. – Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room, Special Meeting
- Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.– Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room, Regular Meeting

XXVI. 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 8:59 p.m.

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: 3/23/2022