

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Alpine ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alpine ISD was held Wednesday, March 23, 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, Joe Portillo, and Board President, Eddie Natera

Jimmy Morris arrived at 5:44 p.m.

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dennis McEntire, Interim 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 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

V. Open Forum - Public Comment

None

VI. Review and Consideration of Action for Notification To TEA Commissioner of Education of Board Intent to Renew and Amend District of Innovation Plan (Goals 1, 2, 3)

Caroline Fox explained the District of Innovation Plan and the renewal process and amendments. The current District of Innovation Plan was adopted 5 years ago.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Justin Cross to approve action for notification to the Commissioner of Education of the Board's intent to renew and amend the current District of Innovation Plan.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

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

A. Alpine ISD

Mr. McEntire reviewed progress and voiced concerns with some areas that have not yet been addressed. He discussed the mold situation in the gym, and told board members that he had closed the gym until such time as the mold could be abated. He said that his primary concern with the construction project is the completion date and the schedule for demolition as it will impact the start of school in August.

B. Imperial Construction

Representatives from Imperial Construction included Bobby Kellely, Chad Bernard, Toby Burke, and Frank Patton.

Topics addressed included: delivery of materials, man-power issues, progress, scheduling, projected completion dates, and scheduling of demolition. Mr. Kellely provided an updated balance in the owner contingency, and Mr. Patton reviewed the three-week look ahead.

Board member Jimmy Morris arrived to join meeting.

Mr. Burke addressed the claims filed on the gym floor and status of review. Concerning the mold issue, a remediation contractor has been contacted and notification process has been initiated. Remediation has to be completed before decisions can be made as to replacement of flooring and walls.

C. Parkhill

Les Burke is continuing to oversee the project and has completed submittals. Mr. Burke is currently consulting with Greg Carroll on roofing issues.

VIII. Review and Consideration of Changes to Alpine ISD "A" Logo (Goals 2, 3, 4)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Jimmy Morris to continue using the logo currently in use by Alpine ISD, with no action being taken on changes.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

IX. Review and Consideration of CCR 042 - Electrical Connection to EF-F1 (Goals 2, 4) Les Burke explained the need for field house exhaust fan and the change order.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo to approve CCR 042 – Electrical Connection to EF-F1, as presented in the amount of \$413.77.

Motion carried – 6 – 1, with Eddie Natera casting the dissenting vote

- X. Review and Consideration of CCR 044 - Life Skills Range Circuit (Goals 2, 4)**
Les Burke explained the need for converting from a gas to an electric range in the Life Skills department. The original plan called for a gas range at the staff's request, but is not practical in the Life Skills department.

A motion was made by Joe Portillo, seconded by Adrian Billings to approve CCR 044 – Life Skills Range Circuit, as presented in the amount of \$ 1,233.29.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

- XI. Review and Consideration of Selection of Building Plaque Design (Goals 2, 4)**

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Nikki Ahrens to approve Option 3 design, with a large A for the Building Plaque.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

- XII. Review and Consideration of Pricing for Changing the Alpine Logo on Marquee Sign (Goals 2, 3, 4)**

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo to take no action on changing the Alpine logo on the Marquee Sign.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

- XIII. Monthly Update on HB3 Board Goals (Goal 1)**

Jessica Murphy, Elementary Principal, reviewed the progress on goals, utilization of tutoring, and use of I-Station.

Verl O'Bryant, High School Principal, reviewed the progress on goals and status of testing for certifications in CTE classes.

- XIV. Campus Data Presentations (Goal 1)**

A. Alpine Elementary School

Ms. Murphy reviewed enrollment, student interventions and progress. She said that the teachers are utilizing using iStation and other strategies to address gaps. She updated board members about current activities at the Elementary School.

B. Alpine Middle School

Ms. Pardo reviewed enrollment, incentives for attendance, statistics on benchmarks, and progress on tutorials. She said she is looking at implementing a Book Club for students wanting additional re-inforcement after school, even though they are at mastery. She also briefly reviewed current happenings at the Middle School campus.

C. Alpine High School

Mr. O'Bryant reviewed enrollment, benchmark statistics, progress and utilization of learning labs and interventions.

XV. Reports (Goal 2)

A. Chief Financial Officer

1. Monthly Report

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

2. Discussion of Financial Topics

Mr. Braden reviewed fund balance expenditures and forecast a projected balance based on building contingency fund and overages. He said that current year attendance issues could impact funding, and addressed a projected decrease in tax revenue based on state values. Mr. Braden and his office staff have been recoding salaries to utilize ESSERII funds, thereby freeing up local maintenance funds.

XVI. Consideration of Budget Amendments (Goal 2)

Clay Braden, Chief Financial Officer explained the need for the budget amendment totaling \$500,000. The proposed amendment reduced local and state funding in the amount of \$250,000 from Local Tax Revenue and \$250,000 from State Funding. The reduction in revenue totaling \$500,000 was offset by reducing the current expenditures as follows:

Teacher Salaries AES in the amount of \$105,000.00
Teacher Salaries AMS in the amount of \$135,000.00
Teacher Salaries AHS in the amount of \$200,000.00
Salaries ES Custodial in the amount of \$ 20,000.00
Salaries MS Custodial in the amount of \$ 20,000.00
Salaries HS Custodial in the amount of \$ 20,000.00

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Justin Cross to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$ 500,000 as presented. A copy of the amendment is attached to these minutes.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XVII. Consent Items

A. Board Minutes of Previous Meetings (Goal 3)

- 1. February 16, 2022 - Regular Meeting**
- 2. February 28, 2022 - Special Meeting**
- 3. March 14, 2022 - Special Meeting**

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

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

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XVIII. Review and Consideration of TASB Risk Management Agreement (Goal 2)

A motion was made by Justin Cross, seconded by Nikki Ahrens to approve renewal of the TASB Risk Management Agreement, as recommended by Mr. McEntire.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XIX. Review and Consideration of Integrated Pest Management Plan for Alpine ISD (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4) Mr. Braden reviewed the Plan, as presented.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Justin Cross to approve the Integrated Pest Management Plan, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XX. Update on Alpine Middle School Flooring Project - Information Only, No Action Required (Goals 1, 2, 4)

Mr. Braden told board membes that he would be preparing a Request for Proposals for replacement of the Middle School flooring. He will bring options and pricing to the board in a later meeting.

XXI. Review and Consideration of Joint Election Agreement with City of Alpine for May 7th General Election (Goal 3)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo to approve a Joint Election Agreement with the City of Alpine for the May 7th General Election.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

XXII. Review and Consideration of Order of Cancellation for May 7th General Election for Alpine ISD Board of Trustees, Single Member District # 5 (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Nikki Ahrens to adopt the Order of Cancellation for the May 7th Geneaeral Election for Alpine ISD Board of Trustees, Single Member District # 5, due to there being an unopposed race.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

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

A. Enrollment Report

Enrollment Report

Total enrollment stands at 969, with an ADA of 91.78 %.

Enrollment for the campuses is:

Alpine High School: 306 enrollment; ADA of 93.51 %.

Alpine Middle School: 277 enrollment; ADA of 92.25 %.

Alpine Elementary School: 386 enrollment; ADA of 90.28 %

B. Update on Bleachers for Alpine High School gym

Mr. McEntire and Mr. Braden discussed the possibility of refurbishing the existing bleachers instead of replacing the bleachers. Refurbishing could be done at a much lower cost. The topic will be addressed further in a later meeting.

C. Update on Summer Leadership Institute - Registration and Housing

Board members were provided with information about the Summer Leadership Conference, scheduled for June 15 – 18 in San Antonio, or June 29 – July 2 in Fort Worth. Board members Mary McCallister, Eddie Natera, Jimmy Morris, Nikki Ahrens, and Joe Portillo agreed they would attend in San Antonio, and Dr. Adrian Billings said due to a conflict in scheduling, he would attend the conference in Fort Worth. Board members acknowledged that there would be a \$50 No Show charge enforced by TASB. All board members agreed to participate in the Saturday SB 1566 session which is required every two years.

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

The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:52 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**

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

The Board reconvened in open session, at 8:30 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 Adrian Billings to accept the resignations of Hugh Morrissey and Sandra Fellows from Coaching Duties only. Both Mr. Morrissey and Ms. Fellows will continue with teaching assignments.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

2. Superintendent Recommendations for Employee Contracts

None

XXVI. Schedule Future Meetings

- Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. – Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room, Special Meeting
- Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. – Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room, Regular Meeting

XXVII. 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 8:33 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: April 20, 2022

ALPINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT
 Wednesday, March 23, 2022

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT #	2021-2022 BUDGET	AMEND TO	INCREASE (DECREASE)
LOCAL MAINTNANCE - 199				
FOUNDATION ENTITLEMENT	199-00-5812-00-000-200000	\$ 3,372,104.00	\$ 3,122,104.00	\$ (250,000.00)
CURR YR M/O TAXES @ 1.0024	199-00-5711-00-000-200000	\$ 6,573,745.00	\$ 6,323,745.00	\$ (250,000.00)
LOCAL MAINTNANCE - 199				
TEACHER SALARIES AES	199-11-6119-00-101-211000	\$ 750,701.61	\$ 645,701.61	\$ (105,000.00)
TEACHER SALARIES AMS	199-11-6119-00-041-211000	\$ 923,854.93	\$ 788,854.93	\$ (135,000.00)
TEACHER SALARIES AHS	199-11-6119-00-001-211000	\$ 892,517.67	\$ 692,517.67	\$ (200,000.00)
SALARIES ES CUSTODIAL	199-51-6129-00-101-299000	\$ 80,753.00	\$ 60,753.00	\$ (20,000.00)
SALARIES MS CUSTODIAL	199-51-6129-00-041-299000	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (20,000.00)
SALARIES HS CUSTODIAL	199-51-6129-00-001-299000	\$ 79,226.00	\$ 59,226.00	\$ (20,000.00)
CHANGE OF FUND BALANCE				<u>\$ -</u>


 BOARD APPROVAL

3-23-2022
 DATE


 SECRETARY

3/23/22
 DATE


 SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL

03-23-2022
 DATE


 BUSINESS OFFICE APPROVAL

3/23/22
 DATE