

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Alpine ISD

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alpine ISD was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Alpine High School Band Hall.

### **I. Call Meeting to Order**

Board President Eddie Natera called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Members Present: Nikki Ahrens, Haley Babb, Adrian Billings, Mary McCallister, Jimmy Morris, Joe Portillo, and Board President, Eddie Natera

Members Absent:

Others Present: Michelle Rinehart, Superintendent of Schools

### **II. Invocation**

Dr. Adrian Billings led the invocation, followed by Mr. Wubbena introducing two Alpine Elementary students to lead the pledges of allegiance.

### **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 January 20, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

### **V. Recognition of Board Members for Board Appreciation Month (Goal 3)**

Board members were recognized by Dr. Michelle Rinehart, and were presented with gifts from the three campuses, in recognition of their service to the District and community. Additionally, there were student presentations by Middle School robotics teams and High School jazz band.

### **VI. Open Forum - Public Comment**

None

**VII. Public Hearing to Discuss Alpine ISD's Rating on Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) (Goal 1)**

Board President Eddie Natera, adjourned the regular meeting and called the Public Hearing to order at 5:24 p.m. to discuss Alpine ISD's rating on the Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPRs). Dr. Rinehart reviewed and discussed the data and ratings included in the report.

**VIII. Adjournment of Public Hearing and Reconvening of Open Meeting**

Board President Eddie Natera, adjourned the public hearing and reconvened in open session at 5:37 p.m.

**IX. Recess for Board Appreciation Dinner**

Board President Eddie Natera recessed the regular meeting for the Board Appreciate Dinner at 5:38 p.m.

**X. Reconvene Open Meeting**

Board President Eddie Natera reconvened the regular meeting in open session at 6:56 p.m.

**XI. Construction Updates (Goals 1, 2, 4)**

**A. Alpine ISD**

Dr. Rinehart reviewed the status of various construction issues. There are HVAC issues and AHS and AMS, as well as thermostat issues at AHS. Continuing to work on punch list. Roof work is progressing well. No decision has been made on the landscaping on Fighting Buck Avenue, still considering possibilities. Warranty list has been covered. Work has begun on the credit list for items not done that Alpine ISD will receive a credit for.

**B. Imperial Construction**

**C. Parkhill**

**XII. Middle-of-Year Data Presentations**

Dr. Rinehart reviewed data included in reports, discussed current standings, goals, and strategies.

**XIII. Campus Principal Reports (Goal 1)**

**A. Alpine Elementary School**

Mr. Wubben discussed increasing electronic instruction time, utilizing ACCESS program, and using Middle School and High School students as models to work with Elementary students.

**B. Alpine Middle School**

Ms. Pardo discussed using ACCESS program, highlighted academic achievements, writing component in testing, and use of Prometheon boards. She also discussed using High School students as mentors for Middle School students.

**C. Alpine High School**

Due to the absence of Mr. Vickers, Ms. Low, Assistant Principal, provided the High School update. She discussed HB 45 requirements, UIL, upcoming anti-vaping presentation for students, student generated newsletter, "Work Wednesdays" for students, upcoming assessments, and attendance letters.

**XIV. Consider and Take Action on an Order Calling for a General Election on May 6, 2023, for School Trustees in Single Member Districts # 2 and # 6, and Providing for the Administration of the Election (Goal 3)**

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Nikki Ahrens, to approve the Order calling for a General Election on May 6, 2023, for school trustees in Single Member Districts # 2 and # 6, and providing for the administration of the elections, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

**XV. Review and Consideration of TASB Policy Update 120, affecting (LOCAL) policies as follows: (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)**

- CKC(LOCAL): SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT - EMERGENCY PLAN
- FNG(LOCAL): STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - STUDENT AND PARENT COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES
- FO(LOCAL): STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Superintendent Rinehart reviewed changes, additions, and deletions included in TASB Policy Update 120.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Joe Portillo, for the board to add, revise, or delete local policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 120, as presented, with no changes.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

**XVI. Review and Consideration of Renewal of MSB (Medicaid Billing) Contract (Goal 2)**

A motion was made by Adrian Billings, seconded by Haley Babb to approve renewal of MSB (Medicaid Billing) Contract, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

**XVII. Review and Consideration of West Texas Food Service Cooperative Contract (Goals 2, 3)**

A motion was made by Joe Portillo, seconded by Mary McCallister, to approve the contract with West Texas Food Service Cooperative, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

**XVIII. Review and Consideration of Annual Renewal for Membership in Walsh Gallegos' Retainer Program (Goals 2, 3)**

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Jimmy Morris, to approve the annual renewal for membership in Walsh, Gallegos' Retainer Program for legal services.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

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

A motion was made by Adrian Billings, seconded by Jimmy Morris to adopt the Resolution to Approve FY23 Criminal Justice Program Grant, Grant # 3650105, as presented.

Motion carried - 7 – 0

**XX. Review and Consideration of Resolution to Approve FY24 State Criminal Justice Planning Funds - Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant, Grant # 4088504 (Goals 1, 2)**

A motion was made by Haley Babb, seconded by Mary McCallister, to adopt the Resolution to Approve FY24 State Criminal Justice Planning Funds - Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant, Grant # 4088504, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

**XXI. Review and Consideration of Resolution to Approve FY23 Victim Assistance, General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program (VOCA) Grant, Grant # 3840605 (Goals 1, 2)**

A motion was made by Jimmy Morris, seconded by Mary McCallister, to adopt the Resolution to Approve FY23 Victim Assistance, General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program (VOCA) Grant, Grant # 3840605, as presented.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

**XXII. Discussion of Speaker System for Alpine High School Gym (Goals 2, 3, 4)**

Clay Braden, CFO, discussed the need for a speaker system at the High School gym. He said if the Board agreed, he would be researching the possibilities, and would bring more info back to the Board at a later date.

**XXIII. Reports (Goal 2)**

**A. Chief Financial Officer**

**1. Monthly Report**

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

**2. Discussion of Financial Topics - None**

**XXIV. Consideration of Budget Amendments (Goal 2)**

**None**

**XXV. Consent Items**

**A. Board Minutes of Previous Meetings (Goal 3)**

**1. December 21, 2022 - Regular Meeting**

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

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

Motion carried – 6 – 0 – 1, with Mary McCallister abstaining since she was not present at the previous meeting.

**XXVI. Superintendent Report (Goal 1, 2, 3, 4)**

**A. Enrollment Report**

Dr. Rinehart reviewed enrollment numbers. The total enrollment for the district stands at 956, with 378 at the Elementary, 272 at the Middle School and 306 at the High School. District ADA stands at 92.9 %.

**B. Grants Update** – Superintendent Rinehart provided updates on each of the grants, as well as discussing how the grants would be spent.

**1. National Board Certification Cohort**

**2. College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) Rural Accelerator**

**3. Childcare Center**

**C. Board Team Building** – Topics for Team Building session was discussed, as well as possible dates for training session. Board members agreed on March 22, 2023, as the best date for Team Building, with Larry Lee moderating the three-hour session.

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

**The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:14 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**

**B. Safety and Security Updates**

**C. Review and Discussion of Superintendent Evaluation**

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

**The Board reconvened in open session, at 10:38 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 Retirement**

**None**

**2. Superintendent Recommendations for Employee Contracts for 2022-2023**

**None**

**B. Consider and Take Possible Action on Superintendent's Contract**

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Jimmy Morris, to approve a one-year extension to the contract for Superintendent Rinehart, thereby, maintaining a three-year contract.

Motion carried – 7 – 0

**XXIX. Schedule Future Meetings**

- Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. – Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room, Regular Meeting


**XXX. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Jimmy Morris, seconded by Mary McCallister, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 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  
Vice President

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