

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Alpine ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alpine ISD was held Tuesday, June 29, 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: Nikki Ahrens, Adrian Billings, Justin Cross, Mary McCallister, Jimmy Morris, and Board President, Eddie Natera

Members Absent: Joe Portillo

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 25, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

V. Open Forum - Public Comment None

VI. Public Hearing for Discussion of Proposed Budget and Tax Rate for 2021-2022 (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)

Board President Eddie Natera, adjourned the regular meeting and called the Public Hearing to order at 5:32 p.m. to discuss the proposed budget and tax rate for 2021-2022.

Chief Financial Officer Clay Braden reviewed the proposed budgets for 2021-2022.

Fund 199, Local Maintenance – Projected Revenues of \$ 11,487,884, Projected Expenditures of \$11,545,859, for a projected deficit of \$ 57,975.

Fund 240, National School Breakfast & Lunch Program – Projected Revenues of \$491,892, Projected Expenditures of \$491,892, for a balanced budget.

Fund 511, Debt Service – Projected Revenues of \$1,230,681, Projected Expenditures of \$ 1,230,681, for a balanced budget.

Total budget for Alpine ISD is Projected Revenues of \$13,210,457, Projected Expenditures of \$ 13,268,432, with a projected deficit of \$57,975.

CFO Clay Braden reviewed the proposed tax rate for 2021-2022. The proposed tax for maintenance and operations is \$ 1.0517/\$100 valuation. The proposed School Debt Service Tax, the rate to pay bonded indebtedness is \$.21/\$100, for a total tax rate of \$ 1.26170/\$100 valuation, a rate \$.03 lower than last year's rate. Alpine ISD has a Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance of \$ 8,884,009, and an Interest and Sinking Fund Balance of \$ 517,373.

VII. Adjournment of Public Hearing and Reconvening of Open Meeting

Board President Eddie Natera, adjourned the public hearing and reconvened in open session at 5:41 p.m.

VIII. Review and Consideration of Proposed Budget and Tax Rate for 2021-2022 (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)

A motion was made by Justin Cross, seconded by Mary McCallister, to adopt the Proposed Budget, as presented, with Revenues of \$13,210,457, Expenditures of \$ 13,268,432, and a total Tax Rate of \$ 1.2617, with \$ 1.0517 for Maintenance Tax, and \$.21 School District Debt Service Tax for 2021-2022.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

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

Verl O'Bryant, Alpine Elementary School principal, reviewed the final data on HB3 goals. Due to the amount of progress made towards goals, Mr. O'Bryant recommended revising goals upward for the coming year. He also reviewed the number of students participating in summer school.

Lee Sanchez, Alpine High School principal reviewed the progress on HB 3 goals. Progress on CCMR surpassed the goals set, and Closing the Gaps also surpassed the set goals. Mr. Sanchez also reviewed summer school enrollment numbers.

X. Campus Data Presentations (Goal 1)

A. Alpine Elementary School

Mr. O'Bryant reviewed progress of grade levels, comparing Beginning of Year scores, Middle of Year scores, and STAAR results. He also discussed strategies for improvement.

B. Alpine Middle School

Ms. Pardo reviewed STAAR results, and compared local results to state results. She also discussed strategies for improvement.

C. Alpine High School

Mr Sanchez reviewed STAAR results, and End of Course scores.

XI. Review and Consideration of Alpine ISD Compensation Plans - Update to 588 Co-op Pay Schedule 4 (Goal 2)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Justin Cross to approve the Alpine ISD Compensation Plans with an update to the 588 Co-op Pay Schedule 4, which includes Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and Director of Special Education, as adopted by the 588 Co-op Board.

Motion carried – 5 – 0 – 1, with Adrian Billings abstaining

XII. Review and Consideration of Cafeteria Meal Prices for 2021-2022 (Goals 2, 3)

Ms. McCutchen reviewed the Alpine ISD Cafeteria meal prices for 2021-2022. Alpine ISD will continue to operate a Seamless Summer Option for the 2021-2022 school year as allowable by Texas Department of Agriculture. All student meals will be provided at no cost. Adult meals will be \$2.70 for breakfast, \$4.00 for lunch. Adult employee meals will be \$2.45 for breakfast, and \$3.75 for lunch.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Adrian Billings, to approve the cafeteria meal prices for 2021-2022, as proposed.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

XIII. Review and Consideration of Bids Received for Student Insurance for 2021-2022 (Goals 1, 2, 3)

A motion was made by Adrian Billings, seconded by Mary McCallister, to accept the bid received from Monarch Management Corporation, in the amount of \$20,445.50, with an additional Catastrophic Plan Annual Premium of \$3,333.23, for Student Insurance for 2021-2022, as recommended by Ms.McCutchen and Athletic Trainer Lori Hubbel.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

XIV. Review and Consideration of Update to Approved Academic Calendar for 2021-2022 (Goal 1, 3)

Ms. McCutchen explained that the calendar was revised to allow for changes to the grading cycles start and end dates.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Adrian Billings, to approve the Academic Calendar for 2021-2022, as revised.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

XV. Reports (Goal 2)

A. Chief Financial Officer

1. Monthly Report

Clay Braden, CFO, reviewed the tax collections and financials for the month of May, 2021.

XVI. Discussion of Financial Topics

Clay Braden reviewed the FSP Allocations and Adjustments, as well as the Legislative Planning Estimates and the District Planning Estimates. Alpine ISD has a projected fund balance of \$ 9,994,729.

XVII. Consideration of Budget Amendments (Goal 2)

Mr. Braden reviewed the proposed budget amendment in the amount of \$ 337,850.00 to be appropriated from Local Maintenance Budgetary Fund Balance.

Increases will be made to the following Local Maintenance accounts, as follows:

199-21-6144-00-999-199000, TRS On-Behalf	\$ 2,500.00
199-33-6129-00-999-199000, Support Personnel Nurse	21,850.00
199-34-6631-01-999-199000, Charter Bus	50,000.00
199-35-6144-00-001-199000, TRS On-Behalf	4,000.00
199-61-6144-00-101-111000, TRS On-Behalf	1,500.00
199-81-6629-00-001-199000, High School Project	250,000.00
199-99-6213-00-703-199000, CAD Budget	<u>8,000.00</u>
Change in Fund Balance	\$ (337,850.00)

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Justin Cross, to approve the budget amendment totaling \$ 337,850.00, as proposed.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

XVIII. Consent Items

A. Board Minutes of Previous Meetings (Goal 3)

- 1. May 19, 2021 - Regular Meeting**
- 2. June 8, 2021 - Special Meeting**

B. District Expenditures for Month of May, 2021 (Goal 2)

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

Motion carried –5 – 0 – 1, with Adrian Billings abstaining due to his absence from the meetings addressed in the minutes being considered.

XIX. Review and Consideration of Alpine ISD Board of Trustee Operating Guidelines (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)

Ms. McCutchen reviewed the changes and updates

A motion was made by Adrian Billings, seconded by Nikki Ahrens to approve the Alpine ISD Board of Trustee Operating Guidelines, as presented.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

XX. Review of Alpine ISD Board of Trustee Calendar for 2021-2022 (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4) Information Only, No Action Will be Taken

Ms. McCutchen reviewed the Board of Trustee Calendar for 2021-2022. She told Board members that the calendar is posted to reflect Good Governance and transparency.

XXI. Review of Alpine ISD Ethics for School Board Members (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4) - Information Only, No Action Will be Taken

Ms. McCutchen reviewed the Alpine ISD Ethics for School Board Members.

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

A. Update on Region 18 ESC Board Conference

Ms. McCutchen reviewed the schedule and agenda for the Conference.

B. Update on State Assessment Scores for 2020-2021

Ms. McCutchen reviewed State Assessment Scores for 2020-2021, comparing local scores with state percentages. Discussed strategies for areas needing improvement,

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

The Board adjourned to executive session at 6:51 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**

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

The Board reconvened in open session, at 7:51 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 2021-2022**

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Nikki Ahrens to approve Ms.McCutchen's recommendation to offer contracts as follows:

- Victoria Rios, one-year Probationary with certification addendum for EC -4
- Rodelio Creer, one-year Probationary with ESL addendum
- Jamie Lee, one-year Probationary with ESL addendum
- Roslyn Larsen, one-year Probationary with certification addendum

Motion carried – 6 – 0

XXV. Schedule Future Meetings

- Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 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 Adrian Billings to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Motion carried – 6 – 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: 7/21/2021