

# Minutes of Special Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Alpine ISD

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alpine ISD was held on Wednesday, August 10, 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 5:31 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Joe Portillo

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 August 4, 2022, at 5:25 p.m.

**V. Open Forum - Public Comment**

Daulton Beam, Alpine Fitness, addressed the board on two subjects:

1. Safety and Fences – He told board members that following completion of the Safety Audits, he would like to help raise money for replacement of locks and the safety system for Alpine Elementary School. He has helped with raising money for school supplies and believes it would be possible to raise the funds within the community.
2. He would also like to help establish a fund with Alpine ISD, so that individuals could contribute toward unpaid lunches for students needing assistance. He said ideally, it could be set up on-line so that as parents are paying for their students lunches, they could contribute toward a fund for unpaid lunches. He asked the board to consider the possibility.

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

**A. Alpine ISD**

Dr. Rinehart reported that just two weeks away from school opening, a lot of progress is being seen. Work has begun on the punch lists, with no big

surprises. Furniture is on site and is being assembled. Demolition has begun and is anticipated to take approximately five weeks. Inspections are going well and are on track. Internet and copiers are in place. The gym floor is complete and seating modules are expected to arrive soon. Dr. Rinehart commended Mr. Braden, Mr. Vickers, Mr. Gonzales, and Coach Fellows for the leadership and assistance they have provided at the high school recently with various issues.

Dr. Rinehart told board members that the Instructional Facilities Allotment, a \$200,000 - \$300,000 grant application had been denied by TEA, due to the fact that the High School construction project was not a 100% "ground up" building project. She and Mr. Braden will continue to research the possibilities.

**B. Imperial Construction**

**C. Parkhill, Including CCR Log**

Les Burke said Parkhill has been working closely with Imperial on punch lists for every room. The lists are finding normal items, and will be added to as needed. Mechanical, electrical engineers inspectors are on site. One issue has come up with the rooftop curve which will have to be corrected. Greg Carroll is continuing to work on roof inspections and corrections. Biggest issues toward completion are the roof and landscaping.

**VII. Review and Consideration of CCR-061 - New Security Cameras (Goals 1, 2, 4)** Dr. Rinehart explained the need for security cameras and addressed the cost of \$ 11,371.00.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Nikki Ahrens to approve CCR-061, new security cameras, as presented, at a cost of \$11,371.00.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

**VIII. Review and Consideration of CCR-062 (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)**

**A. Alarm on Three (3) Second Floor Egress Doors**

Dr. Rinehart discussed the options for alarms on the second floor fire escape doors, as well as three doors on the first floor.

A motion was made by Adrian Billings, seconded by Mary McCallister to approve alarms for six doors with office notification, updated as discussed, with CCR-062A being revised accordingly to reflect separation of scope of work.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

**B. Doorbell, Video/Audio at Front Door with Release Button**

Dr. Rinehart and Les Burke provided explanations and discussed options.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Jimmy Morris to approve CCR-062B, option 2 with possible modifications to the type of cameras to be used.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

**IX. Review and Consideration of Revised Meal Prices per Texas Department of Agriculture Guidance (Goals 2, 3)**

Dr. Rinehart explained that meal prices are determined by the Texas Department of Agriculture tool. Proposed meal prices are:

High School (paid)	Breakfast \$ 1.75	Lunch \$3.00
(reduced)	.30	.40
Middle School		
& Elementary (paid)	Breakfast \$ 1.75	Lunch \$2.75
(reduced)	.30	.40
Adults	\$ 3.25	\$4.50
Adult Employees	\$ 3.00	\$4.25

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Jimmy Morris to approve cafeteria meal prices, as proposed.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

**X. Review and Consideration of Certification of 2022 Appraisal Roll for Alpine ISD Adjusted Roll (Goals 2, 3)**

Clay Braden reviewed the 2022 Appraisal Roll for Alpine ISD, Adjusted Roll.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Nikki Ahrens to accept the Certification of 2022 Appraisal Roll for Alpine ISD, as presented.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

**XI. Review and Consideration of Resolution to Designate the CFO to Calculate the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate, the Voter-Approval Tax Rate, and Other Truth-in-Taxation Requirements. (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)**

Clay Braden discussed the resolution and the new requirements.

A motion was made by Adrian Billings, seconded by Haley Babb to approve the Resolution to Designate the CFO to Calculate the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate, the Voter-Approval Tax Rate, and Other Truth-in-Taxation Requirements, as presented.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

**XII. Review and Consideration of Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding) (Goals 1, 2)**

Clay Braden explained the requirement for the agreement and the fact that it allows TEA to implement a process for recapture.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Haley Babb to approve the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit, Netting Chapter 48 Funding, as presented.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

In compliance with TEA requirements, Board President Eddie Natera read the following statement into the record:

“For the 2022-2023 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the Superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the Commissioner of Education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. this included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).”

**XIII. Discussion of Texas Education Agency Public Health Guidance - Information Only, No Action Taken (Goals 1, 3)**

Dr. Rinehart reviewed the new guidelines from TEA, and highlighted the changes.

1. No notification requirements beyond the local health department.
2. No contract tracing.
3. Follow recommendations for children, for employees also.

The Safe Return Plan will be updated on the website to reflect these changes.

**XIV. Review of Alpine ISD Student Random Drug Testing Handbook - Information Only, No Action Taken (Goal 1)**

Dr. Rinehart and Coach Fellows reviewed the handbook. There are no changes from 2021-2022. Reviewed the numbers from drug testing in previous years. One change to the handbook is the removal of “Steroids” from the list of drugs tested, as steroids is not included in the drug testing.

**XV. Review of Handbooks for Student Groups/Extracurricular Activities for 2022-2023 School Year - Information Only (Goal 1)**

Dr. Rinehart reviewed and highlighted any changes from previous years.

- A. Athletics
- B. Band
- C. Cheerleading
- D. FFA
- E. Student Council
- F. Academic UIL

Board President Natera asked about the consequences for violations of rules and stressed the need for consistency across the board, from one activity to another.

**XVI. Review and Consideration of Action to Select Delegate and Alternate for TASB Delegate Assembly (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4)**

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Haley Babb to designate Nikki Ahrens as Delegate, and Jimmy Morris as Alternate for the TASB Delegate Assembly.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

**XVII. Review and Consideration of Recommendation to add a Full-Time Spanish Teaching Position for Alpine Middle School. (Goals 1, 2, 3)**

Dr. Rinehart reviewed the recommendation for adding a Spanish teaching position and explained that she had worked with Mr. Braden and Ms. Pardo to determine a plan for making it cost efficient.

A motion was made by Adrian Billings, seconded by Jimmy Morris to approve Dr. Rinehart's recommendation for adding a full-time Spanish teaching position for Alpine Middle School, as proposed.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

Board members commended Alpine ISD for making this additional position possible.

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

Dr. Rinehart explained the reasons for the new scale, explaining that when the maintenance and transportation supervisory position was combined, the salary scale was never revised. Mr. Braden reviewed the differences between the two scales.

A motion was made by Adrian Billings, seconded by Mary McCallister to approve the new compensation plan, as presented.

Motion carried – 5 – 0 – 1, with Eddie Natera abstaining

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

Dr. Rinehart reviewed the Operating Guidelines, and reviewed some possible changes to better reflect actual practices.

1D. Could be changed to reflect that the Superintendent would notify the Board President, confer with him/her, then communicate to the remainder of the Board. Additionally, governance procedures were reviewed and Board members were reminded of procedures to be followed for campus visitations.

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Jimmy Morris to accept the Alpine ISD Board of Trustee Operating Guidelines, with proposed changes.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

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

Dr. Rinehart updated the Board on registration processes and provided preliminary enrollment numbers from early registrations. She said that the Superintendent Evaluation and Board Evaluation would be reviewed at the August meeting.

**XXI. Closed Session - Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.072, Section 551.074, Section 551.076, and Section 551.089**

**The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:59 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. Deliberation of Safety and Security Matters. Texas Gov't Code Sections 551.076 and 551.089 (Goal 1)**

- 1. Deliberation of Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Based on Recommendations from Alpine ISD School Safety & Security Committee (Goals 1,3, 4)**

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

**The Board reconvened in open session, at 9:02 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**  
None
- 2. Superintendent Recommendations for Employee Contracts for 2022-2023**

A motion was made by Adrian Billings, seconded by Jimmy Morris to approve Dr. Rinehart's recommendation to offer a non-certified teaching

contract, with certification addendum to Herlinda Soto as Middle School Spanish teacher.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

**B. Deliberation of Safety and Security Matters. Texas Gov't Code Sections 551.076 and 551.089 (Goal 1)**

**1. Review and Consideration of Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Based on Recommendations from Alpine ISD School Safety & Security Committee (Goals 1, 3, 4)**

A motion was made by Mary McCallister, seconded by Haley Babb to approve the Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Based on Recommendations from Alpine ISD School Safety & Security Committee, as presented by Dr. Rinehart, on behalf of the School Safety and Security Committee.

Motion carried – 6 – 0

**XXIII. Schedule Future Meetings**

- Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. – Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room, Regular Meeting

**XXIV. 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 9:07 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:** August 25, 2022