

Aransas Pass Independent School District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on October 14, 2024

The Aransas Pass Independent School District Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on October 14, 2024 in the boardroom located at 2300 McMullen Lane, Suite 600, Aransas Pass, Texas.

President, Wanese Butler; Vice President, John Mullenax; Secretary, Olivia Hill; Trustee, Delfino Flores; Trustee, David Rector; and Trustee, Terry Stansberry were present. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Glenn Barnes; Director of Curriculum, Heather Waugh-Hurta; Director of Business and Finance, Melinda Chapa; Assistant Superintendent, Wayne Bennett; Director of Special Programs, Chris Johnson; Faulk Elementary Principal, Eunice Salazar-Banks; Charlie Marshall Elementary Principal, Misty Del Angel; AC Blunt Middle School Principal, Rose Tran; Aransas Pass High School Principal, Joshua Rombs; and other interested parties.

Absent was Trustee, Victor Galvan.

Opening Ceremonies

With a quorum established, President, Wanese Butler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President, John Mullenax led the group in the pledges of allegiance to the Texas and United States flags. Trustee, David Rector delivered the invocation.

Public Testimony

At this time President, Wanese Butler opened the meeting for any member of the community who would like to address the board on matters concerning the district.

Terry Stansberry: I am currently the Crime Board President with the Aransas Pass Crime Control and Prevention District. It was established in 2008, 2009. The Crime Control and Prevention District works jointly with the City Council. The CCPD helps fund the costs for personnel, administration, expansion/enhancement of services, and capital improvement expenditures. Occasionally, specialized programs or functions are also funded by the CCPD. These programs may include community-related crime prevention strategies such as block or neighborhood watch, school police, home security inspection/alert, juvenile awareness, law enforcement training, and many other programs. This is under state law Section 36.151. Tonight I wanted to announce the Crime Board is donating to Aransas Pass Independent School District \$150,000 for security and safety in the district.

Keisha Gunn: I do have some pictures that I would like to show you um the board um just kind of in rush on I'm talking about so um I'm here um to talk about to bring to shine some light on the issue of heat related illness um and how it's affecting our students so I wrote a speech I timed myself in six minutes so I'm going to kind of trim it down halfway um but before we start I want to just go ahead and pass around these pictures so the pictures of the of the um other schools is what I'm to achieve um the pictures of our school district and our players are what I'm providing personally right now um for our football players um to paint the picture for those who are unaware I will share some of my story that I had shared with Dr Barnes um on September 13th my son Eric um was the victim of a heat stroke during a football game. Eric began to get overheated he verbalized this with the training staff on sideline and was sat down on his on the chips water was then applied to his head ice on the back of his neck and many of his friends took

turns cooling him down with a paper fan about 5 to 10 minutes later when he initially verbalized that he was getting overheated Eric looked at his friend that was fanning him with a paper fan and stated I'm getting very hot he then became unresponsive his pads were finally taking off and he was put on a nearby table when I arrived at his side Eric was having a seizure it lasted about 30 seconds but those 30 seconds were the scariest 30 seconds of my life many people witnessed those movements from the stands and he shout Shadow shallow and reg breathing um as he came out of his seizure uh he was still ramp so was placed on the back of the G and then took to the far end of the field and put into an night um upon during research or the field was also a t field these fields are becoming more common in high school upon doing research I also discovered that turfs radiate heat that can make temperature anywhere from 40 to 70 70° warmer than the environmental temperature and the humidity that night was high which created even more of a problem fast forward to this past weekend when our band students had a competition in lown two students suffered heat related illnesses one of which was my daughter Lacy fortunately for her she was suffering from heat exhaustion which is a better diagnosis than a heat however the other student was not as fortunate she experienced the same Fai as Eric and was taken to the ER and diagnosed with the heat stroke as well this makes two of our apisd students suffering from a major heat related illnesses within the last month that will have lasting effects for a good portion of their life if not the remainder of their life multiple students complained that it was very hot that day and Eric St to could see the heat R radiating off the TRU I have already had a meeting with Dr Mars and coach T about two weeks ago where we had great conversation addressing this issue like I said my goal is to bring awareness um of heat Rel illnesses and address the issue with the school board to protect our students from this happening again let me skip this part here purposes um I'm very passionate about this project and speaking loudly about this issue I have come across many parents some of some of whom are are here tonight faculty community members and several City Council members who are interested in helping with this project and are willing to donate I will leave with this by providing coing devices it would not only benefit our students and decrease the occurrences of these instances but it will also demonstrate to the community that apisd has recognized the increase and heat related anes within our state of population and is determined and committed to making sure the safety and wellbeing of our students remain top priority while competing whether it's for athletics or band this sets a great example for our school district and Sh Echo our famous champ we a I must Challenge and encourage this school board to join me in my efforts on making those change before any student gets seriously injured or will experience loss of life thank you for taking the time out of your night to listen to me I look forward to speaking to you more aboutt

District Recognitions

The Panthers and Employees of the Month for October 2024 were recognized by the Board and presented a certificate on behalf of the Board by Trustee, Terry Stansberry.

Panther of the Month for October 2024

*Oliver Meza
Xavier Castro
Kaleb Ochoa
Analise Davis*

*Faulk
Charlie Marshall
AC Blunt
APHS*

Employee of the Month for October 2024

*Amanda Guajardo
Michelle Lasiter
Danielle Hayek*

*Faulk
Charlie Marshall
AC Blunt*

Kathryn Stephenson
Mary Morales
Katie Matson

APHS
Administration
Maintenance and Transportation

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent, Dr. Glenn Barnes shared an update on the district's attendance and enrollment report from September 9 through October 11, 2024. The Board was provided information regarding the ESL waiver and Bilingual waiver, an update on the Balanced Scorecard, and the calendar of upcoming events.

Financial Reports

Information was shared with the Board regarding the accounts payable, budget status and investment, and tax collections reports for September 2024. Also provided was the Annual Report for Property Value Study Appeals Services.

Consent Agenda

The items included on the consent agenda for consideration included the Minutes of the September 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting and October 2, 2024 Special Board Meeting and Salary Workshop and the donation from the Coastal Bend Foundation for student scholarships. Vice President, John Mullenax moved to approve the consent agenda items. Secretary, Olivia Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Board Updates and Topics for Future Meetings

The Board was provided an update on Board Documents including Operating Procedures, Standards, Code of Conduct, and Ethics. Board members shared their experience from the TASA/TASB txEDCON.

Action Agenda

Information regarding the agreement to participate in the Axeon Interlocal for energy services was provided for consideration. Trustee, David Rector moved to the interlocal agreement between Axeon Interlocal and Aransas Pass ISD for energy services. Trustee, Delfino Flores seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary, Olivia Hill, moved to approve the development of a naming process for the athletic sports complex. Trustee, David Rector seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The annual resolution to review the District's investment policy and investment strategy was provided for consideration. Secretary, Olivia Hill, moved to approve the annual resolution adopting the district's investment policy and investment strategy. Vice President, John Mullenax seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The redesign project for the Charlie Marshall Elementary Cafeteria, including wall artwork and laminated graphic bench tables in the amount of \$51,048.00, was provided for consideration. The vendor, Palmer Hamilton DBA pH Design is an approved vendor through Buyboard Contract Number (#683-22). This Redesign Project was previously approved by TDA (Texas Department of Agriculture). This project will be paid out of excess food service fund balance.

Vice President, John Mullenax moved to approve the redesign project for the Charlie Marshall Elementary Cafeteria. Trustee, David Rector seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The budget amendment for prior year expense requests not included in the 2024-2025 school year budget was provided for consideration. Trustee, Terry Stansberry moved to approve the budget amendment. Vice President, John Mullenax seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The budget amendment to move funds between functions within the allocated SPED budget was provided for consideration. Trustee, Delfino Flores moved to approve the budget amendment. Trustee, David Rector seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President, Wanese Butler closed the open meeting at 8:16 p.m. and stated that the board would convene in executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551.001 et seq., concerning any and all purposes permitted by the act.

- *Section 551.074 - Personnel*
 - *Resignations*
 - *New Hire - Communications Coordinator*
 - *Superintendent Evaluation Instrument*
- *Section 551.076 - Security Devices*
- *Section 551.089 - Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits*

The board ended the closed session at 8:48 p.m., and reconvened in open session.

Secretary, Olivia Hill moved to approve the resignations as discussed in executive session. Trustee, Delfino Flores seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee, David Rector moved to approve the new hire for the communications coordinator position. Secretary, Olivia Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There being no further business before the board, President, Wanese Butler adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Wanese Butler, President

Blaise Miller, Secretary to Board