

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees

### Devine ISD

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Devine ISD was held on Monday, August 19, 2024 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Devine Student Activity Center (DSAC), 194 Arabian Way, Devine, TX 78016

**Board Members Present:** Nancy Pepper (Board President), Henry Moreno (Vice-President), Keri James (Secretary), Carl Brown, Renee Frieda, Chris Davis, Ali Buvinghausen (arrived at 6:54 p.m.)

**Guests Present:** Anton Riecher (The Devine News), Jessica Alexander, Chad Saunders, Maddy Brown

**School Officials Present:** Dr. Todd Grandjean (Superintendent), Dawn Schneider (Director of Student Services), Juan Gonzalez (DHS Principal), Michael Gomez (Intermediate Principal), Magdalena Strickland (Elementary Principal), JodiAnn Dzierzanowski (DAEP/DLA Principal), Jenni Hagdorn (Special Ed Director), Shannon Ramirez (Finance Director), Geri Woods (Recording Secretary)

#### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Nancy Pepper called this meeting of the Devine Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. and stated for the record that a quorum of board members was present, that this meeting had been duly called, and that notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. She further stated that trustees Carl Brown, Keri James, Chris Davis, Henry Moreno, Renee Frieda, and Nancy Pepper were present. (Ali Buvinghausen arrived after quorum established)

#### 2. Presentation of Diplomas to DISD Summer 2024 Graduates

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by students. Jodi Ann Dzierzanowski introduced the graduates and they received congratulations from the school board as they walked across the stage.

#### 3. Student Recognition: FFA AG Clays State Champion Shooting Team

Chad Saunders recognized his students and presented certificates to Maddy Brown.

#### 4. Citizen Communication

- A. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items. None.
- B. Public Address for Items on the Agenda. None.

#### 5. Teacher Incentive Allotment Presentation

High School Principal, Juan Gonzalez, presented information on the Teacher Incentive Allotment.

#### 6. Administrative Reports and Discussion

##### A. Central Office Reports

- 1. Superintendent's Monthly Reports on Safety, Personnel, and Board Priorities, Monthly Activity Calendar, District Event Calendar, 2023 Bond Projects Update
- 2. Director of Student Services Monthly Report
  - a. STAAR Report
  - b. Review Handbooks
    - 1. Student Handbook
    - 2. Employee Handbook
    - 3. Extracurricular Handbook
    - 4. DAEP/DLA Handbook

5. Band Handbook
6. UIL Participant Handbook
7. DHS/DMS Athletic Handbook
8. DMS Cheerleading Handbook
9. DHS Cheerleading Handbook
10. FCCLA Bylaws and Handbook

B. Monthly Business Reports and Payment of Bills

**7. Consent Agenda**

Carl Brown moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to approve consent agenda as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

- A. Minutes of July 22, 2024 Board Meeting.
- B. Approve T-Tess Calendar and Appraisers

**8. Action Item(s):**

- A. Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to re-adopt the 2024 - 2025 proposed General Fund Budget, Debt Service Budget, and Cafeteria Fund Budget to include the tax rate worksheet as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0
- B. Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Carl Brown to approve the Ordinance Setting the 2024 Devine ISD ad valorem tax rate at \$0.9369, with the Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate at \$0.6969 and the Interest & Sinking Tax Rate at \$0.2400. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0
- C. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to Approve 2024-2025 Student Code of Conduct as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0
- D. Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Keri James to increase lunch prices by 10 cents for a total of \$3.00 and breakfast will remain at \$1.60 as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**9. Closed Session**

Nancy Pepper stated for the record that the Board of Trustees, beginning at 8:03 p.m., will convene in a closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of discussing items listed under Texas Government Code Section 551.074, 551.076, and 551.082. NO FINAL ACTION, DECISIONS, OR VOTES WILL BE TAKEN WHILE THE BOARD IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

- A. Personnel (TGC 551.074)
  1. Personnel Update
  2. Consider and discuss Superintendent Goals and Evaluation
- B. Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices (TGC 551.076)
  1. Consider and Discuss the Emergency Operations Plan
- C. Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel (TGC 551.082)

**10. Reconvene from Closed Session**

The board reconvened in open session at 8:40 p.m.

**11. Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve the District Emergency Operations Plan.** No action taken.

**12. Adjournment**

Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Chris Davis to adjourn. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary