

**ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
April 18, 2016**

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BOARD MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Aledo Independent School District was held on Monday, April 18, 2016, beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the Aledo I.S.D. Board Room with the following members present: President Jay Stringer, Vice President David Davis, Secretary Steve Bartley, Bobby J Rigues, Jennifer Loftin, and Dr. David Tillman.

AGENDA

President Jay Stringer called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

President Jay Stringer determined a quorum was present at this time.

Ms. Angi Tims, Daniel Ninth Grade Principal, and students led everyone in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags.

A moment of silent prayer or reflection was observed.

Ms. Tims spoke about the STEAM Studio and fabrication lab and introduced Arlene Shelton and Rachel Black, teachers who have created innovative opportunities for this space, and leadership students who demonstrated items they had made to the Board.

Dr. Derek Citty, Superintendent, reported on upcoming District events including the April 19 Candidates Forum, Shattered Dreams, Marva Collins Award Program, Bearcat Academy, May 3 National Pharmaceutical Take Back Program at Vandagriff, and the next school board meeting on May 16.

Mrs. Lynn McKinney, Deputy Superintendent, and Jennifer Loftin recognized the State Health Occupations Students of America and the State Power Lifting Champion, Cole Stewart.

President Jay Stringer suggested to poll the Board members to determine a date in May to schedule the Board Goal Setting Workshop. The Board Operating Procedure Manual workshop will be on May 16 at 6:00 P.M.

Shawn Callaway, Executive Director of the Aledo Education Foundation, reported that Bearcats and Boots was a huge success with over \$248,000 raised and \$20,000 for Calm Cats rooms at four elementary campuses. Callaway also announced Stephen Gilchrist has been elected as the president of the Foundation and the annual golf tournament has been renamed the Don Daniel Golf Classic and will be held this year on June 10.

Dr. David Tillman reported that Community Partners met on April 8 and are preparing for the new membership drive, will participate with PTO in a spring food drive, and will donate \$1000 to the AdvoCats.

Bobby Rigues gave a legislative report and stated that the Next Generation New Student Assessment and Accountability is still the hot topic as part of HB 2804. On April 2, the Education Commissioner, Mike Morath met with the TASB Board of Directors and discussed the new A through F components and how to improve the system that we are legislatively attached to. The Commissioner has also reorganized the Texas Education Agency with five new high level hires. The North Texas Area Association of School Boards will be hosting the meeting at Colleyville Heritage High School on April 20. Mr. Rigues also reported no new news on the finance lawsuit which began in 2010. Mr. Rigues discussed the upcoming training opportunities including the Summer Leadership Institute and the Fiscal Fitness Camp.

President Jay Stringer opened the floor for Public Comment. Robert Cox spoke on the comprehensive salary study.

A motion was made by David Davis, seconded by Steve Bartley to approve the minutes from March 7 and March 21 board meetings, the monthly financial report, and June 10 as the designated day to take our daughters and sons to work day as presented by administration.

Motion was: **6** FOR
 0 AGAINST

President Jay Stringer introduced the Administrative Reports:

~ TASB Pay Systems Review – Earl Husfeld, CFO, and Zachary Hobbs from TASB gave a presentation on salaries, stipends and TASB recommendations.

~ Child Nutrition Report – Earl Husfeld, CFO, reported that the Texas Department of Agriculture auditor was highly complementary of the child nutrition program and was awarded three commendations.

~ School Health Advisory Council – Cultural Inclusiveness Process – Dr. Derek Citty, Superintendent - stated that this council will bring back a recommendation this school year. Scott Kessel, Director of Student Services & Safety, spoke about programs that the District is already utilizing.

~ Fund Balance Report – Earl Husfeld, CFO – reported that the projected general operating fund balance on August 31, 2016 will be \$13,042,879 which is only 31.65% of the total annual general operating fund expenditures.

~ Results of the 2016 Bond Refunding Program – Earl Husfeld, CFO – announced that on April 7th, the District successfully sold the Series 2016 refunding bonds to refund the existing Series 2008 bonds at a lower interest rate and this saved the District over twelve million dollars. Mr. Husfeld also stated that since 2012, twenty four million dollars has been saved.

~ Bond Update – Ross Rivers, VLK Architects – gave a progress report on the bond projects including Coder Elementary renovation, controlled entries at McAnally, Stuard, Vandagriff, Aledo Middle School and technology packages one, two, and three.

A brief recess was taken at 9:12 P.M. and the meeting reconvened at 9:19 P.M.

President Jay Stringer introduced Action Items:

A motion was made by Dr. David Tillman, seconded by Steve Bartley, to approve the final design and exterior elevation for Elementary # 5 as presented by administration.

Motion was: **5** FOR (David Davis left at 9:02 P.M.)

0 AGAINST

A motion was made by Bobby Rigues, seconded by Steve Bartley, to approve the resolution to approve hours for grandparent care as presented by administration.

Motion was: **5** FOR

0 AGAINST

A motion was made by Bobby Rigues, seconded by Dr. David Tillman, to approve FD (LOCAL) Admissions as presented by administration.

Motion was: **5** FOR

0 AGAINST

A motion was made by Steve Bartley, seconded by Jennifer Loftin, to approve FM (LOCAL) Student Activities as presented by administration.

Motion was: **5** FOR

0 AGAINST

At 10:29 P.M., the Board was called to executive session by President Jay Stringer, after citing Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel).

The meeting was declared in open session by President Jay Stringer at 10:59 P.M. with no action taken.

A motion was made by Steve Bartley, seconded by Dr. David Tillman, to approve teacher contracts as presented by administration.

Motion was: **5** FOR

0 AGAINST

Trustee Comments/Acknowledgments – Please let Mr. Rigues know if you want to attend the Fiscal Fitness Camp, appreciate accelerating the process for Elementary # 5, hats off to Earl and thank you to the principals for all their hard work.

President Jay Stringer adjourned the meeting at 11:01 P.M.

SECRETARY _____ **PRESIDENT** _____

APPROVED _____, **2016.**