

# 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 Tuesday, April 29, 2025 beginning at 6:45 PM in the Administration Building, 605 W Hondo Ave., Devine, TX 78016

**Board Members Present:** Nancy Pepper (President), Henry Moreno (Vice-President), Keri James (Secretary), Carl Brown, Alixana Buvinghausen, Chris Davis, Renee Frieda.

**Guests Present:** Cynthia Malone (MCAD), Johnette Dixon (MCAD), Anton Reicher (Devine News), Carla Pope-Osborne (Perdue), Ben Trotter (Perdue), Christie Bean, Kandy Stein, Matt Martinez, Ronda Shelton, Shelby Spivey, Kelly Crain, Kirk Wagoner, Brenda Gardner, Heather Miller, Kristie Summerlin, Trish Rivera, Damion Ratley (W&J)

**School Officials Present:** Dr. Todd Grandjean (Superintendent), Blain Martin (DHS Principal), Kandi Darnell (DMS Principal), Michael Gomez (Intermediate Principal), Magdalena Strickland (Elementary Principal), JodiAnn Dzierzanowski (DAEP/DLA Principal), 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 6:45 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, Ali Buvinghausen, Chris Davis, Renee Frieda, Keri James, Henry Moreno and Nancy Pepper were present.

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by Nancy Pepper

#### 3. Devine Education Foundation Directors Recognition

Todd Grandjean recognized the DEF directors for their contributions to Devine ISD.

#### 4. Citizen Communication

A. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items. None.

B. Public Address for Items on the Agenda. None.

To accommodate out of town presenters, President Pepper took agenda items out of order at this time.

5. Damion Ratley from Weaver & Jacobs reported on the progress of the 2023 Bond Projects as a part of the superintendents reports.

#### 6. Action Item(s):

A. Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Chris Davis to Adopt a Resolution approving the purchase and renovation of the property known as The Ridge located at 728 18th St. in Hondo by the Medina Central Appraisal District as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 1, Alixana Buvinghausen: Nay

B. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Keri James to Terminate the contingent fee contract with the Law Office of Henry Steen for the collection of delinquent property taxes owed to the District. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

C. Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Carl Brown to approve a contingent fee contract to hire Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP for the collection of delinquent property taxes owed to the District and notice of which is provided with the agenda in accordance with Section 2254.1036 of the Government Code. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Bob Trotter & Carla Pope-Osborne from Perdue presented information on the services they would be providing to the district and they answered questions.

- D. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to approve a resolution imposing a penalty pursuant to Sec. 33.07 and 33.08 to defray the costs of delinquent property tax collection. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0
- 7. Report School Board Continuing Education Hours**  
Nancy Pepper reported that all board members have exceeded their requirements for annual training. The full report is attached.
- 8. Legislative Update Report.**  
Jenni Hagdorn was not available to provide this report.
- 9. Administrative Reports and Discussion**
- A. Central Office Reports
    - 1. Superintendent's Reports on Board Priorities, Safety, 2023 Bond Projects, Monthly Activity Calendar, District Event Calendar
    - 2. Director of HR/Info Mgmt Monthly Report
    - 3. Director of Special Education Monthly Reports
  - B. Business Office Monthly Reports and Payment of Bills
  - C. Principals' Reports on Campus Strategies, Campus Sports and Activities
    - 1. Devine High School Principal's Report
    - 2. Devine Middle School Principal's Report
    - 3. Devine Intermediate School Principal's Report
    - 4. JJ Ciavarra Elementary School Principal's Report
    - 5. Devine Learning Center/DAEP Principal Monthly Reports
  - D. Directors' Monthly Reports
- 10. Consent Agenda**  
Carl Brown moved and seconded by Keri James to approve consent agenda as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0
- A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on March 24, 2025 and the Called Meeting/Budget Workshop held on March 31, 2025.
  - B. Budget Amendment
  - C. Approve request of Athletic and Band Boosters for an increase in scholarship fund.
- 11. Action Item(s):**
- A. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to approve depository bid from Security State Bank as the school depository for the Devine ISD for a term of 7/1/2025 through 6/30/2027 as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0
  - B. Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Carl Brown to Approve Final Application Payment to Hellas Construction for \$36,023.79 as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0
- 12. Closed Session**  
Nancy Pepper stated for the record that the Board of Trustees, beginning at 7:41 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 and 551.082. NO FINAL ACTION, DECISIONS, OR VOTES WILL BE TAKEN WHILE THE BOARD IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- 13. Reconvene from Closed Session**  
The board reconvened in open session at 9:17 p.m.
- 14. Action Items Discussed in Closed Session**
- A. Personnel
    - 1. Ali Buvinghausen moved and seconded by Carl Brown to approve extending professional contracts as recommended by the Superintendent. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0.
- 15. Adjournment**  
Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Ali to adjourn. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

