

**ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 18, 2017**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Aledo Independent School District was held on Monday, September 18, 2017, beginning at 5:30 P.M. in the Aledo I.S.D. Board Room with the following members present: President Jay Stringer, Bobby J Rigues, Forrest Collins, and Julie Turner. Secretary Jennifer Loftin arrived at 5:33 P.M. and Dr. David Tillman arrived at 5:45 P.M.

**AGENDA**

President Jay Stringer called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.

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

Denise Dugger, Executive Director of Professional Development and Accountability, presented a comprehensive overview of the 2017 Accountability System. Each Aledo Independent School District principal discussed their campuses' strengths, challenges, and plans for the 2017-2018 school year.

A brief recess was called at 7:04 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 7:13 P.M.

Ron Shelton, principal of Stuard Elementary 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.

Stuard Elementary students shared what they like best about their school. Trustee Forrest Collins was invited to participate in the Drum Fit program.

Dr. Derek Citty, Superintendent, announced upcoming district events, discussed Morningstar and Walsh developments and presented a draft list of upcoming bond presentations. Dr. Citty also invited Trustees to attend these meetings and especially the upcoming Town Hall meetings.

President Jay Stringer reminded Trustees of the Team of Eight training by Kay Douglas, TASB Consultant, on October 19, 2017.

Jennifer Loftin announced the Education Foundation Innovation Teaching Grants are due October 13, the Fast Cash Grants are underway with five school's participating with \$2000 awarded for September and Bearcat Alley will be held on September 29.

Dr. David Tillman reported the Community Partners met on September 1 and reviewed their activities. He announced they had distributed over \$6000 in gift certificates to new teachers. He stated the Community Partners currently have 28 members and will take a private tour of Walsh Elementary on September 29 and they will begin their annual food drive with PTO. Community Partners will meet again on October 6.

Bobby J Rigues announced the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session begins on January 8, 2019 and discussed charges given in light of Hurricane Harvey including determination of the scope of financial loss, recommendation of any measures needed for un-punitive action due to the hurricane and to examine opportunities of displaced students. Forrest Collins discussed Betsy DeVoss' Rethink School Tours and her main focus in increasing Charter Schools.

Superintendent Dr. Derek Citty shared pictures of items collected at all Aledo ISD campuses and delivered to West Orange-Cove ISD in partnering with them in light of Hurricane Harvey.

President Jay Stringer opened the floor for Public Comment and there were none.

A motion was made by Bobby J Rigues, seconded by Dr. David Tillman to approve the minutes from August 3, 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017, the monthly financial reports, board policy BED (LOCAL), the 2017-2018 SHAC members, the remote instruction via robot waiver, and the 2017 -2018 budget amendment as presented.

Motion was:     **6** FOR  
                  **0** AGAINST

Jay Stringer introduced the Administrative Reports:

~Summer School Report – Denise Dugger, Executive Director of Professional Development and Accountability, gave an overview of the program for the 2016-2017 school year and stated that 213 students participated in grades K-12.

~Annual ESL Report – Executive Director of Professional Development and Accountability, reported on the ESL program. They served students speaking eleven different languages and are meeting all state requirements through instruction and assessment.

~Financial Update of 2008 and 2015 Bond Programs– Earl Husfeld, CFO, discussed the remaining monies from these two programs, the current status of projects included in these two bonds and suggested ways how to spend the remaining dollars. This item will be brought back to Trustees at the next board meeting for further discussion and possible action.

President Jay Stringer introduced Action Items:

A motion was made by Dr. David Tillman, seconded by Forrest Collins, to approve four maximum class size waivers at Stuard Elementary in fourth grade as presented by administration.

Motion was:     **6**           FOR  
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At 9:17 P.M., the Board was called to executive session by President Jay Stringer, after citing Texas Government Code Section 551.072 Real Estate, Location of elementary no. 6 and location of middle school no. 2.

The meeting was declared in open session by President Jay Stringer, at 9:52 P.M. with no action taken.

Trustee Comments/Acknowledgments – Enjoyed the campus reports, where do we stand on attendance zone policy, Bond Steering Committee wants follow-up communication, good meeting and how do Trustees follow up after reports are given, request that administration report back, reminder November 6 in Mansfield ISD – The Clear Choice Seminar, and November 14 – Legal Conference in Abilene, liked report on the 2008-2015 bond, open house at the high school was well attended and a great event, community very involved, thank you to Dr. Citty and Rick Herrin for their response with the baseball field concern. Hoyt Harris and Forrest Collins has requested a discussion item to be added to the November Board agenda concerning Superintendent’s contract, appreciate Earl Husfeld’s report, what can we give parents so they could better understand the accountability reports. Dr. Citty requested that Trustees send principals an email letting them know how much they like hearing their reports.

President Jay Stringer adjourned the meeting at 10:08 P.M.

**SECRETARY** \_\_\_\_\_ **PRESIDENT** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED** \_\_\_\_\_, **2017.**