

# Regular Board Meeting & Public Hearing October 13, 2020

**On October 13, 2020** the Alvin Independent School District Board of Trustees met for a Regular Meeting at the Administrative Offices located at 301 E. House Street – Alvin, TX with the following members present:

Nicole Tonini, Cheryl Harris, Earl Humbird, Regan Metoyer Peterson, Julie Pickren and Vivian Scheibel

Trustee Wennerstrom was unable to attend the meeting.

Superintendent Nelson and other administrative staff were also present.

## **ITEM #1- CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM**

President Humbird called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 stating that a quorum of Board members was present, notice was duly posted.

## **ITEM #2 – FIRST RATING PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Public Hearing on Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST)**

The Board of Trustees entered into a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Daniel Combs, CFO, presented the FIRST report to the Board of Trustees noting that the Alvin ISD received a Superior Rating awarded by the Texas Education Agency. School FIRST reports public school districts financial accountability ratings as authorized by Senate Bill 28 of the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature in 2001. The results were reviewed with the Board of Trustees and the public.

The Board commended Dr. Combs on the Superior Rating. No public comments were given.

The Board of Trustees returned into an Open Meeting at 7:07 p.m.

## **ITEM #3 – INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLENIANCE**

Trustee Metoyer Peterson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ITEM #4 – SUPERINTNDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent Nelson gave an overview on current district events and happenings.

## **ITEM #5- COMMENDATIONS**

### **Alex Scheibel – SCHS**

#### ***Juilliard Summer Winds Program Participant***

SCHS Senior, Alex Scheibel, was accepted and participated in the Juilliard Summer Winds online program. He worked with the Juilliard faculty throughout the 2-week virtual camp.

### **Marcus Lewis, Jr. – Rodeo Palms**

Rodeo Palms JH student Marcus Lewis, Jr. is the winner of the National Student Essay Competition online “popular choice” vote.

More than 200 students in grades six through university and college age across the US submitted essays examining the state of freedom of the press in the US today in light of the First Amendment to the US Constitution.

The National Student Essay Competition is funded by the McCarthy Family Foundation , co-sponsored by the Boston Globe and Westminster College of Salt Lake City and Supported by the Committee to Protect Journalists, the Reporters Committee for

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Freedom of the Press and media outlets from around the country. The prizes will be presented November 7, 2020 at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual McCarthy Family Foundation Lecture Series: In Praise of Independent Journalism shown on YouTube.

Marcus will receive a check for \$1,000 from MKL Public Relations.

***Trenton Parker – AHS  
Marine Corps Reserve Assoc.  
Legion of Valor Winner for Region 5***

AHS MCJROTC Cadet Captain Trenton Parker was selected as the Legion of Valor winner for Region 5 by the Marine Corps Reserve Association. The application process is similar to a college application, and is reviewed by a panel of retired military officers who comb through every detail for each student. This is the highest award a high school cadet can receive.

***AHS MCJROTC – Marine Corps Reserve Association Winner for Region 5***

***Major Timothy Flynn***

***First Sergeant Stephen Garcia***

AHS MJROTC ranked first in the marine Corps Reserve Assoc. Naval Honor School. The process for being awarded this honor is a combination of many areas such as public affairs, community service, scholarships, academic awards, competitions they attend, and more.

**ITEM #6 – OPEN FORUM – INFORMATION ONLY**

No Open Forum Requests were submitted.

**ITEM #7 – REQUEST TO CONSIDER CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A-F**

Trustee Metoyer Peterson made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A-F. Trustee Scheibel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**ITEM A – REQUEST TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

The following minutes were submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval:

September 8, 2020

October 7, 2020

**ITEM B – REQUEST TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #2**

Budget Amendment #2 requests consideration to enable campus and departmental budget managers to transfer previously authorized and allocated funds.

**ITEM C – REQUEST TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DONATION**

***ALVIN ISD READY PROGRAM***

**\$9,086.00**

Donation from the Alvin ISD Education Foundation that originated through a grant from United Way.

**ITEM D – REQUEST TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACTOR CONSULTANT PROPOSALS**

Fifteen proposals were received for service commodity codes as classified under the Contractor Consultant Proposals for a one-year non-exclusive award with the option to renew for an additional two years.

**ITEM E – REQUEST TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TEXBOOK COMMITTEE**

The process for the textbook adoption committee was presented to the Board of Trustees. Proclamation 2021 includes the adoption of textbook resources for Pre-Kindergarten. The textbook committee will view sample materials to make the best decision for the students and teachers.

**REQUEST TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF TASB POLICY UPDATE 115**

The first reading of TASB Policy update 115 was presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

**ITEM #8 – REQUEST TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF**

**CERTIFICATE OF ORDER  
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF  
BONDS**

The provided order outlines certain parameters: Authorizing the issuance,, sale and delivery of Alvin ISD Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, in one or more series, setting certain parameters for the bonds: authorizing a pricing officer to approve the amount, the interest rate, price and terms thereof and certain other procedures and provisions related thereto; levying a tax and providing for the security and payment of such bonds; and enacting other provisions relating thereto.

Trustee Tonini made a motion to approve and authorize district representatives to take actions as outlined in the order that was presented to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**ITEM #9 - REQUEST TO  
CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR THE  
MUTUAL TRANSFER OF ASSETS  
INCLUDING LAND, EASEMENTS,  
RIGHT OF WAYS AND MANVEL  
HIGH SCHOOL WATER PLANT  
WITH INFRASTRUCTURES AND  
NO COST WATER SERVICE**

The mutual exchange of assets and services provides advantages to both Alvin ISD (District) and the City of Manvel (City).

By this action, AISD clears land title for new Mason Elementary site and reduces short and long term water utility costs, enhances safety and secures back up water service for 6 campuses.

Trustee Scheibel made a motion to grant approval to proceed with negotiating the terms and conditions of this exchange of assets and services with the City of Manvel Texas, and authorize the Superintendent or her designee the authority to execute the necessary legal documents. Trustee Tonini seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**ITEM #10 - REQUEST TO  
CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR  
AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION  
MANAGER AT RISK CONTRACT  
FOR HARBY JH EXPANSION &  
RENOVATION**

The Construction Manager at Risk purchasing method for the Harby JH Expansion & Renovation project was previously approved by the Board of Trustees. After review and evaluation by the Building Programs Department and the Project Architect, Gamma Construction has satisfied the evaluation criteria and submitted pricing that offers the best value to the District.

Trustee Pickren made a motion to approve Gamma Construction as the Construction Manager at Risk for the Harby JH Expansion & Renovation project, and authorizes the Superintendent or her designee to review and execute the final negotiated contract. Trustee Metoyer Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**ITEM #11 - REQUEST TO  
CONSIDER APPROVAL OF  
PERSONNEL**

As presented

Trustee Harris made a motion to approve all personnel as presented. Trustee Tonini seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**ITEM #12 FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS**

No future agenda items were requested

**ITEM #13 - CLOSED EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

The Board of Trustees entered into a Closed Executive Session at to discuss the following items:

- 551.071 Private Consultation with the Board's Attorney Regarding Proposed Settlement in C.A. No. 4:19-cv-1928 in the United States District court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division
- 551.074 Discuss Personnel or tO Hear Complaints Against Personnel

- 551.076 Discuss and Consider the Deployment, Specific Occasions For, or Implementation of Security Measures, Security Personnel or Devices.

The Board returned into an Open Session at 9:24 p.m.

**ITEM #14 – POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN C.A. NO. 4:19-CV-1928 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, HOUSTON DIVISION**

Trustee Pickren made a motion to approve the settlement agreement in C.A. No. 4:19-CV-1928 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, as discussed in Closed Session. Trustee Metoyer Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**ITEM #15 – ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Humbird made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Scheibel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Attest:

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Earl Humbird, President

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Tiffany Wennerstrom, Secretary