

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Devine ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Devine ISD was held on Monday, February 17, 2025 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Administration Building, 605 W Hondo Ave., Devine, TX 78016

Board Members Present: Nancy Pepper (President), Keri James (Secretary), Alixana Buvinghausen (arrived at 6:32 p.m.), Chris Davis, Renee Frieda, Carl Brown (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)

Board Members Absent: Henry Moreno (Vice-President)

Guests Present: Kandy Stein, Shelby Spivey, Anton Riecher (Devine News), Ronda Shelton

School Officials Present: Dr. Todd Grandjean (Superintendent), Dawn Schneider (Director of Student Services), Juan Gonzalez (DHS Principal), Kandi Darnell (DMS 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 6:31 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 Keri James, Chris Davis, Renee Frieda, and Nancy Pepper were present (Ali Buvinghausen and Carl Brown arrived after quorum established).

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by Nancy Pepper

Ali Buvinghausen arrived at this time.

3. Citizen Communication

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

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

4. Public Hearing on TAPR, Special Ed Compliance, and Safety

Todd Grandjean reported on TAPR, Jenni Hagdorn reported on Special Education Compliance, and Michael Gomez reported on Safety.

5. Legislative Update Report

Jenni Hagdorn gave updates on the legislative session and bills related to public education.

6. Administrative Reports and Discussion

A. Central Office Reports

1. Superintendent's Monthly Reports on Personnel, Board Priorities, 2023 Bond Projects, Monthly Activity Calendar, District Event Calendar, Safety & Security Report

2. Director of HR/Info Mgmt Monthly Reports and STAAR EOC Report

3. Director of Special Education Monthly Reports

B. Business Office Monthly Reports and Payment of Bills

C. Principals' Reports on Campus Sports/Activities

D. Directors' Monthly Reports

7. Consent Agenda

Chris Davis moved and seconded by Keri James to approve consent agenda as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

A. Minutes of January 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and February 6, 2025 Called Board Meeting.

B. Public School Week Proclamation

8. Action Item(s):

A. Chris Davis moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to adopt the 2025-2026 Instructional Calendar as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

B. Chris Davis moved and seconded by Keri James to Adopt Amendment to the District of Innovation Plan as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

C. Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Keri James to set the following dates for budget workshop meetings March 31, 2025, May 5, 2025, and June 2, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

D. Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Chris Davis to adopt a resolution nominating Dr. Stewart Marsh to fill the vacancy in the Medina County Appraisal District Board of Directors to finish the unexpired term through 2025 as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E. Keri James moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen that the board add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as offered by TASB Policy Service for consideration and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 124. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

1. (LEGAL) Policies

2. (LOCAL) Policies (see list below)

CAA(LOCAL): FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - FINANCIAL ETHICS

CDA(LOCAL): OTHER REVENUES - INVESTMENTS

CY(LOCAL): INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

DH(LOCAL): EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

EHB(LOCAL): CURRICULUM DESIGN - SPECIAL PROGRAMS

EHBB(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

FFG(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

GKA(LOCAL): COMMUNITY RELATIONS - CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

F. Chris Davis moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to approve Revisions to CPC (Local) and FL (Local) as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

9. Closed Session

Nancy Pepper stated for the record that the Board of Trustees, beginning at 7:32 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 551.072, 551.074, and 551.082. NO FINAL ACTION, DECISIONS, OR VOTES WILL BE TAKEN WHILE THE BOARD IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Carl Brown arrived at this time.

10. Reconvene from Closed Session

The board reconvened in open session at 8:54 p.m.

11. Action Items Discussed in Closed Session

A. Chris Davis moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to approve a new teaching position for the elementary campus as recommended by the superintendent. This motion Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

B. Chris Davis moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to adopt 2025 Superintendent's Goals and Evaluation Instrument as discussed in closed session. This motion Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C. Chris Davis moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to direct the superintendent to proceed as discussed in closed session. This motion Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

12. Adjournment

Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to adjourn. This motion Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary