

# 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 Monday, October 20, 2025 beginning at 6:30 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, Candace Esparza.

**Guests Present:** Anton Reicher (The Devine News), Kandy Stein, Shelby Haass, Abigail Beadle

**School Officials Present:** Dr. Todd Grandjean (Superintendent), Dawn Schneider (Director of HR/Info Mgmt), Michael Gomez (DHS Principal), Kandi Darnell (DMS Principal), Lysandra Reyes (Intermediate Principal), Mark Raygosa (Elementary Principal), JodiAnn Dzierzanowski (DAEP/DLA Principal), Jenni Hagdorn (Special Ed Director), Shannon Ramirez (CFO), 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 6:30 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, Henry Moreno, Candace Esparza, Chris Davis, Keri James, Ali Buvinghausen, and Nancy Pepper were present.

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

#### 3. Recognition and Presentations

##### A. Principal's Month

Todd Grandjean recognized Devine ISD principals for Principal's Month.

#### 4. Citizen Communication

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

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

#### 5. Action Item (s)

A. Dusty Routh from Coleman Horton presented information on the Annual Financial Audit.

Carl Brown moved and seconded by Chris Davis to approve the annual financial audit report as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Those in favor: Brown, Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0

B. Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Keri James to Approve Coleman, Horton & Company, LLP 2025-26 Contract as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Those in favor: Brown, Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0

#### 6. Annual ESL Report

Jenni Hagdorn presented annual ESL report

#### 7. High School Campus Report

Michael Gomez reported on high school campus activities.

#### 8. Administrative Reports and Discussion

##### A. Central Office Reports

a. Superintendent's Monthly Reports on Board Priorities, 2023 Bond Project Update, Safety & Security Report, Monthly Activity Calendar, District Event Calendar

b. Consider and Discuss the Possibility of Changing School Board Elections to the November Uniform Election Date in Even-Numbered Years

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 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

**9. Consent Agenda**

Carl Brown moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Those in favor: Brown, Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0

- A. Minutes of September 15, 2025 Board Meeting
- B. Budget Amendment
- C. PTO/Booster Club Financial Audits
- D. DEF Donation for AP Exams

**10. Action Item(s):**

A. Alixana Buvinghausen moved and seconded by Carl Brown to approve the bid from Chaparral Ford in the amount of \$44,875.89 for the purchase of an IT Van and the bid from Brown Chevrolet in the amount of \$62,721.50 for an SUV as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Those in favor: Brown, Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0

B. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to Approve a Resolution Self-Certifying Micro-Purchases with Federal Funds Valued below \$100,000 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Those in favor: Brown, Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0

C. Alixana Buvinghausen moved and seconded by Keri James to approve a new teaching position at the elementary campus as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Those in favor: Brown, Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0

D. Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Carl Brown to set January Board Meeting to January 22, 2026 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Those in favor: Brown, Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0

E. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to Adopt Revised HB3 Goals as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Those in favor: Brown, Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0

**11. Closed Session**

Nancy Pepper stated for the record that the Board of Trustees, beginning at 7:25 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, 551.076, and 551.082. NO FINAL ACTION, DECISIONS, OR VOTES WILL BE TAKEN WHILE THE BOARD IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**12. Reconvene from Closed Session**

The board reconvened in open session at 8:41 p.m.

**13. Adjournment**

Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Chris Davis to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Those in favor: Brown, Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary