

**ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 20, 2017**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Aledo Independent School District was held on Monday, February 20, 2017, beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the Aledo I.S.D. Board Room with the following members present: President Jay Stringer, Bobby J Rigues, Dr. David Tillman, and Forrest Collins.

**AGENDA**

President Jay Stringer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

Students from McAnally Intermediate led everyone in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags.

Dr. Citty announced the death of Cathy Ramos and read a brief bio. He also spoke about the passing of Elaine Vandagriff and the legacy she left behind. A moment of silent prayer or reflection was observed.

Zach Tarrant, Principal of McAnally Intermediate, spoke about the fantastic year they were having at McAnally and showed a video entitled "Our Time". Mr. Tarrant introduced teacher Ms. Sears who spoke about the Morning Mile at McAnally and she had several students explain why they enjoyed running in the mornings. Ms. Sara Reed and Mr. Chris Porter were then introduced and they spoke about the BIGG Club service organization and students spoke about some of their activities, one being the holiday cookbooks and a cookbook was given to each Trustee and Cabinet Member.

Dr. Derek Citty, Superintendent, announced district events including the TASB Legislative Conference in Austin, Brown Bag Lunch at Stuard on February 23, Fast Growth Coalition Conference in Austin, Spring Break March 13-17 and the next Board Meeting will be March 20. Dr. Citty also announced that the A-F Resolution has been delivered to the Texas Association of School Administrators and Aledo ISD is listed with about 500 other districts who have passed this resolution. Dr. Citty also spoke about staffing in progress with the opening of the new school, board work session in discussions, enrollment number is 5456 students, and the Director of Communications position has been posted.

Lynn McKinney, Deputy Superintendent, and Jay Stringer recognized the TMEA All-State Band members and the All-State Choir participants.

President Jay Stringer led a discussion on conducting work sessions before the regular board meetings as needed if there were pressing items to discuss and consensus of the Trustees in attendance was given.

Shawn Callaway, Executive Director of the Education Foundation, gave the Education Foundation report and announced Bearcats and Boots will be held on April 7 at the Fort Worth Zoo. A total of \$128,000 in sponsorships have been sold. The annual Don Daniel Golf Classic will be June 9 at Squaw Creek Golf Course. He also spoke about an additional teacher grant that was funded for \$6,000 and \$2,000 for a diabetic alert dog for a student. Mr. Callaway also announced a new APP the foundation would be using called Giverly and the Foundation would be given a dividend back from each purchase through Giverly.

Bobby J Rigues reported to Trustees he will be attending the Legislative Conference tomorrow where Senate Bill 3 will be discussed including the Voucher Bill. He will also be meeting with Representative Phil King and Senator Craig Estes. Mr. Rigues also spoke about HB1333 which includes reducing testing, removing STAAR from the teacher's evaluation and referenced the Make Education a Priority Facebook page and TASB website to get to a link with a template letter to send to your representative. Congratulations was given as Aledo will have the youngest members, McCall Elementary students, presenting at the Winter Governance Conference in Corpus Christi.

President Jay Stringer opened the floor for Public Comment. Student Owen Denman spoke about naming Elementary No. 5 after Becky Lewis, a fantastic teacher that has passed away.

A motion was made by Bobby Rigues, seconded by Forrest Collins to approve the minutes from board meetings on January 10, 23, 2017, the monthly financial report, and the Charter School – Lena Pope Chapel Hill Academy.

Motion was:     **4** FOR  
                  **0** AGAINST

Jay Stringer introduced the Administrative Reports:

~2015 Bond Update – Earl Husfeld, CFO, Mike Trammell, Buford Thompson, gave an overview of the construction of Elementary No. 5 including the schedule status, contingency funds update, and looking ahead projects. A drone video of the building was shown.

~Bearcat Stadium Scoreboard Request – Dr. City, Superintendent, gave an overview of the project as was discussed at the 6:00 work session. He stressed that when the scoreboard sponsorships are sold, the sign and sound system can be paid off in 5 years with no interest and not using any tax dollars. After 5 years, the sponsorship profits would be used for maintenance of the system with the balance going into the general fund. A recommendation will be brought to the Board at a later time.

President Jay Stringer introduced Action Items:

A motion was made by Dr. David Tillman, seconded by Forrest Collins, to approve two additional waivers at Stuard and two additional waivers at Vandagriff for the spring semester as presented by administration.

Motion was: **3** FOR

**1** AGAINST (Bobby J Rigues)

A motion was made by Bobby J Rigues, seconded by Forrest Collins, to approve the remote instruction waiver as presented by administration.

Motion was: **4** FOR

**0** AGAINST

A recess was called at 8:22 P.M. The meeting resumed at 8:26 P.M.

A motion was made by Dr. David Tillman, seconded by Forrest Collins, to postpone the approval of the 2017 Superintendent goals as presented by administration.

Motion was: **4** FOR

**0** AGAINST

A motion was made by Forrest Collins, seconded by Dr. David Tillman, to approve the proposal for the fiber optic pathway survey project as presented by administration.

Motion was: **4** FOR

**0** AGAINST

A motion was made by Dr. David Tillman, seconded by Forrest Collins, to approve naming Elementary No. 5 Mary D. and F. Howard Walsh Elementary School as presented by administration.

Motion was: **4** FOR

**0** AGAINST

At 8:49 P.M., the Board was called to executive session by President Jay Stringer, after citing Texas Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel, Administrator Contracts.

The meeting was declared in open session by President Jay Stringer, at 9:41P.M.with no action taken.

A motion was made by Forrest Collins, seconded by Dr. David Tillman, to approve the Administrator Contracts as presented by administration.

Motion was: **4** FOR

**0** AGAINST

Trustee Comments/Acknowledgments – The role of a Trustees is very interesting and find comfort in sharing thoughts to take care of each other, appreciate all that everyone does.

President Jay Stringer adjourned the meeting at 9:44 P.M.

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

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