

**ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 2016**

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BOARD MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Aledo Independent School District was held on Monday, November 14, 2016, beginning at 6:15 P.M. in the Aledo I.S.D. Board Room with the following members present: President Jay Stringer, Vice President David Davis, Secretary Hoyt Harris, Bobby J Riques, Jennifer Loftin, and Forrest Collins.

AGENDA

President Jay Stringer called the meeting to order at 6:16 P.M.

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

At 6:16 P.M., the Board was called to executive session by President Jay Stringer, after citing Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Real Property), Location of elementary number 6.

The meeting was declared in open session by President Jay Stringer, at 6:59 P.M. with no action taken.

Stephanie Covington, Principal of Vandagriff Elementary, and student council students, led everyone in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags.

A moment of silent prayer or reflection was observed.

Vandagriff student council members reflected on why they love their school. They had Trustees take a trivia quiz about Vandagriff on I pads.

Dr. Derek Citty, Superintendent, announced district events including DWEIC meeting on November 15, the NTAASB meeting on the 16th, Bearcat Academy November 17, Fall Break will be November 21 – 25, the elementary attendance zone workshop on December 5, Holiday Come and Go on December 8 and the next regular board meeting on December 15. Dr. Citty clarified the procedure for the proposed elementary boundary zones - demographers were given perimeters from administration and that was presented at the Town Hall meetings. The Board has not begun working the plans, but will begin with discussion tonight and then have a December 5 workshop and a plan brought to the December 15 board meeting for approval.

Lynn McKinney, Deputy Superintendent, and David Davis recognized Jay Gibbs and Kent Hudson from First Financial Bank for the Employers For Education Excellence Silver Level Award.

Jay Stringer, President, discussed Trustees getting their required training hours completed for a report in December and to be thinking about next year going to training in Corpus Christi or the Summer Leadership training in San Antonio. The Board was asked if they would be available for a special called meeting for a Level III hearing on November 28, 2016 at 8:00 A.M. Mr. Stringer led a discussion pertaining to the two Town Hall Meetings and the following comments were made;

Forrest Collins: Enjoyed the great ideas, believes the communities of Sanctuary Oaks and Bella Vista should stay at Stuard, need to look at neighborhoods around McCall; should keep all schools around functional capacity, wants to make clear to community the 10 year plan is to build other schools, wants to remain transparent and give reasons why decisions made and that will help with getting community on board with growth, there are no guarantees where students will be going in 2 years when another elementary school is built.

Hoyt Harris: Feedback from community was good; comments and ideas heard and will be looked at a second time; agree that we can't set in stone boundary lines with new developments being built; they will continue to look at Sanctuary Oaks and Bella Vista neighborhoods, not a perfect answer.

David Davis: Agree that Sanctuary Oaks and Bella Vista should remain at Stuard; enjoyed the Town Hall meetings, it is an emotional decision for parents; good points were made; always a challenge to decide; encourage parents to be flexible as kids are watching; not a perfect decision for everyone.

Jennifer Loftin: Good to hear feedback and how much they love their schools; going to look different next year whether you move or not as friends and teachers may move; becoming a reality, exciting but hard times.

Bobby Riques: Aledo is one of seventy five fast growth districts in Texas; engagement piece with community is important; moving forward, transparency and sound reasoning for decision must be given, throw in all attributes and see what administration comes up with, in this together to benefit our kids moving forward.

Jay Stringer: Minimize the impact of students moving campuses this year and in two years move more around.

Derek City: Remember when we plug two communities in we have to pull other students out to balance, drove the district with Trustee on Friday and will pull information together for the December 5 workshop, appreciates the dedication of all attending the Town Hall meetings and is encouraged.

Jennifer Loftin gave the Education Foundation report and announced the Mad for Plaid Fall campaign was a success with over 170 guests in attendance. She also stated the grant reading was underway and the Foundation will present a check to the Board at next month's meeting. Mrs. Loftin also announced they were partnering with the PTO in assimilation meetings for elementary no. 5.

Bobby J Rigues reported to Trustees that the 85th Legislature is starting profiling bills with main topics of interest being the voucher system, school finance and school board governance.

President Jay Stringer opened the floor for Public Comment. Bob Wood spoke about Foreign Exchange Students.

A motion was made by David Davis, seconded by Hoyt Harris to approve the minutes from board meetings on October 17 and 24, 2016, the monthly financial report, and the Out of State Bearcat Regiment and Choir Band trip to Branson MO. as presented by administration.

Motion was: **6** FOR
 0 AGAINST

President Jay Stringer introduced the Administrative Reports:

~ Bond Update – Earl Husfeld, CFO, and Mike Trammell, Buford-Thompson Construction gave a construction update on elementary no. 5.

~Walsh Development Update – Bexie Nobles, Republic Property Group, presented a power point report on Walsh Development and announced the grand opening will be April 2017.

President Jay Stringer introduced Action Items:

A motion was made by David Davis, seconded by Jennifer Loftin, to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument Procedure and Schedule as presented by Jay Stringer, Board President.

Motion was: **6** FOR
 0 AGAINST

A motion was made by Bobby Rigues, seconded by Hoyt Harris, to approve FFA LOCAL) as presented by administration.

Motion was: **6** FOR
 0 AGAINST

A motion was made by Hoyt Harris, seconded by Forrest Collins, to approve stage two bus order related to the 2015 bond program as presented by administration.

Motion was: **6** FOR
 0 AGAINST

A motion was made by David Davis, seconded by Hoyt Harris, to approve the Aledo High School boiler replacement to be paid from remaining 2008 bond funds as presented by administration.

Motion was: **5** FOR
 1 AGAINST (Bobby Rigues)

Trustee Comments/Acknowledgments – Good meeting. Redrawing school attendance zones does not make one school less than the others. We all come here for great schools no matter which school. Happy Thanksgiving.

President Jay Stringer adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

SECRETARY _____ **PRESIDENT** _____

APPROVED _____, 2016.