

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Devine ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Devine ISD was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Devine Student Activity Center (DSAC), 194 Arabian Way, Devine, TX 78016

Board Members Present: Nancy Pepper (President), Henry Moreno (Vice-President), Keri James (Secretary), Carl Brown, Alixana Buvinghausen, Renee Frieda, Chris Davis (arrived at 6:46 p.m.).

Guests Present: Cynthia Malone, Johnette Dixon, Robby Beard, Shelby Spivey, Felix Mendoza, Claudia Mendoza, Jessica Harrold, Robin Sultenfuss, Jenn Zerr, Melissa Gutierrez, Sabrina Long, Brittany Briscoe, Tim Gutierrez, Ronda Shelton, Jessica Alexander, Kandy Stein, Lysandra Reyes

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), 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 6:34 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 Renee Frieda, Keri James, Ali Buvinghausen, Henry Moreno, Carl Brown, and Nancy Pepper were present. (Chris Davis arrived after quorum established)

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

3. Recognition and Presentations

A. Board Recognition

Todd Grandjean recognized the board members for their years of service to the district and presented them with certificates.

4. Citizen Communication

A. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

Student, Felix Mendoza, spoke to thank the board for what they do for the district.

B. Public Address for Items on the Agenda

Teacher, Jessica Harrold spoke regarding the school calendar.

5. Presentation and discussion with the Medina Central Appraisal District regarding the possible purchase and renovation of The Ridge Building located at 728 18th Street, Hondo, Texas

Cynthia Malone and Johnette Dixon from the Medina County Appraisal District presented information on a new building they would like to purchase to house the Appraisal District.

6. DHS Campus Report

Principal Juan Gonzalez, gave a campus update report.

7. Administrative Reports and Discussion

A. Central Office Reports

1. Superintendent's Monthly Reports on Board Priorities, 2023 Bond Projects, Safety & Security, Monthly Activity Calendar, District Event Calendar
2. Director of HR/Info Mgmt Monthly Report

- 3. Director of Special Education Monthly Reports
- B. Business Office 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

8. Consent Agenda

Carl Brown moved and seconded by Chris Davis to approve consent agenda as presented. This motion Passed, Yea: 7, Nay: 0

- A. Minutes of December 16, 2024 Board Meeting.
- B. 2025 Board Training Calendar
- C. Budget Amendment

9. Action Item(s):

- A. Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to call for school board election for District 2 and At Large Positions to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025 as presented. This motion Passed, Yea: 7, Nay: 0
- B. Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Carl Brown to Approve Joint Election Services Agreement with the City of Devine as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0
- C. Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to set the rate for early notice incentive award at \$500 per employee for up to 10 employees as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0
- D. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Keri James to Approve Donations from the Devine Education Foundation as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0
 - 1. Teacher Grants and Club Grant
 - 2. Dual Credit Donation
- E. Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Carl Brown 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: 7, Nay: 0
- F. Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Carl Brown to Approve the Final Application Payment to Dodson House Moving for \$64,250.50 as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0
- G. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Chris Davis to Approve the Purchase of a Van for the Child Nutrition Department as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0
- H. Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Carl Brown to Change March Board Meeting Date to March 24, 2025 and April 28, 2025 as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0
- I. Chris Davis moved and seconded by Ali Buvinghausen to approve developing a hybrid calendar for the 2025-2026 school year to allow for not less than 177 teacher days with a 450 minute day to bring to the February or March board meeting for consideration. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10. Closed Session

Nancy Pepper stated for the record that the Board of Trustees, beginning at 7:59 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 551.074 and 551.082. NO FINAL ACTION, DECISIONS, OR VOTES WILL BE TAKEN WHILE THE BOARD IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Renee Frieda left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

11. Reconvene from Closed Session

The board reconvened in open session at 8:37 p.m.

12. **Action Items Discussed in Closed Session**

A. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Chris Davis to approve the Superintendent's new contract for a term beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 as discussed in closed session. This motion Passed. Yea: , Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

13. **Adjournment**

Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Chris Davis to adjourn. This motion Passed. Yea: , Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary