

**ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
August 31, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Aledo Independent School District was held on Monday, August 31, 2015, beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the Aledo I.S.D. Board Room with the following members present: President Jay Stringer, Vice President David Davis, Secretary Steve Bartley, Jennifer Loftin, Bobby Rigues, Hoyt Harris and Dr. David Tillman.

**AGENDA**

President Jay Stringer called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

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

At 7:01 P.M., President Stringer opened the hearing to discuss the 2015-2016 budget and proposed tax rate.

Dr. Derek Citty, Superintendent, made a statement addressing the misinformation about the 2010 Tax Ratification Election that has been going around the community. He stated the Board members have three options; raising the I&S to meet the shortfall, shift fund balance to cover the shortfall, or cut the M&O rate.

Earl Husfeld, CFO, presented the 2015-2016 budget and answered questions. (Attachment A)

President Jay Stringer opened the floor for Public Comment. Craig Harbuck spoke about the 2010 TRE, Robert Cox spoke about the teacher salary scale, Dr. Charity Flores spoke about teacher salaries, Matt Carter spoke in support of the tax increase, Arlene Chapin spoke about the tax increase, David Denman spoke about the budget, Gary Aguillar spoke the budget, Barrie Gillespie spoke about the tax increase, Forrest Collins spoke about the budget, and Charles McCall spoke about the bond proceeds. A statement was read from Marcy and Jeff Galle about the raised taxes, who wished not to speak.

A motion was made by David Davis, seconded by Dr. David Tillman to approve the adoption of the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget as presented by administration.

Motion was:     **7**   FOR  
                  **0**   AGAINST

Dr. Citty, Superintendent, suggested and the Board agreed to hold a Special Board meeting on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 PM to discuss and set the tax rate.

A motion was made by Steve Bartley, seconded by Hoyt Harris to approve the amended adult meal prices to \$3.50 as presented by administration.

Motion was:     **6**   FOR (Dr. Tillman was out of the room)  
                  **0**   AGAINST

A motion was made by Bobby Rigues, seconded by David Davis to approve the final amended budget for 2014-2015 as presented by administration.

Motion was:     **7**   FOR  
                  **0**   AGAINST

Trustee Comments/Acknowledgements – We appreciate the work that went into the budget and the participation by the community, hope the teachers enjoy the raise; at the September 15 meeting, we as a board can add ideas and put down in print a game plan moving forward in the arena of transparency, accountability, and responsibility with teacher salaries and solidify the plan; working with the budget is hard but we are moving forward and doing the best for our kids; the board and community is in this together and the quality of life in Aledo is bar none; we commend the staff for looking at the department expenses and keeping those down for the past 5 years. Dr. Citty thanked Earl Husfeld for all his hard work and stated that he is the best CFO he has ever worked with.

President Jay Stringer adjourned the meeting at 8:49 P.M.

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

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.