

Alsea School District

April 2025 Board Meeting Board Report

Krista Nieraeth, Superintendent and Special Education Director

1. **Transportation**

Mr. Elbers and I met with WLA representatives to discuss the ODE Audit and necessary improvements to our transportation programming. The district has set up secure Google Folders to help facilitate and organize all files between the two organizations, including driver files, vehicle maintenance, and daily inspection forms, that will ensure the district complies all state and federal regulations. Mrs. Smallwood is working with WLA to get these files completed by the end of school year, as well as set up the same system for Alsea transportation for ease of access and organization.

As I've said prior, as a charter school, transportation is hugely important for us to bring in not only students who live within our district boundaries, but also those other students who live outside, but chose to come to Alsea. If we want to increase our student enrollment, this is an issue that is a high priority. Our issue is not the routes, but the number of drivers. To grow and maintain our enrollment if we chose to continue to be a charter district, we need more drivers who can drive regularly. Regular driver positions have been posted throughout this year and last, and we have not received any applications to help fill our positions. If we cannot fill our positions, we may have to look at continuing to contract with First Student for a driver for the upcoming school year.

2. **Facilities – Football Field**

Mr. Elbers has been working with our insurance company to find a company to redo the football field based on the vandalism that happened. We found a company, approved by our insurance company, that will come in and complete regrade, recrown, reshape, and then replant our football field playing surface starting in May. We have received the settlement amount from the insurance company, minus the deductible of \$1000, which will be paid out of a donation from Soderstrom Architects. The field should be ready in time for the upcoming fall football season. There has been no word on any arrest in this case from the Sheriff's Office.

3. **RTI Conference in Phoenix**

Over the spring break, Mrs. Shunk and I attended the RTI At Work Conference in Phoenix, AZ. At this conference, we learned about ways to implement different tiers of support for all students, using interim assessment data, staff strengths, schedules, and assessments in general, as well as examples of how other schools, both elementary and secondary, have implemented systems that fit their needs. I look forward to working with Mrs. Shunk in how our district can use our current system to continue to build a stronger and more robust tiered systems of supports for our students, and then how each school can implement these systems based on the schedules and needs.