

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Devine ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Devine ISD was held on Monday, November 18, 2024 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Devine Student Activity Center (DSAC), 194 Arabian Way, Devine, TX 78016

Board Members Present: Nancy Pepper (President), Keri James (Secretary), Alixana Buvinghausen, Chris Davis, Renee Frieda

Board Members Absent: Carl Brown, Henry Moreno (Vice-President)

Guests Present: Anton Reicher (The Devine News), Kandy Stein, Shelby Spivey, Jessica Alexander, Evan Eads, Alison Brown, Joslyn Wilson, Rafael Rodriguez, Ronda Shelton

School Officials Present: Dr. Todd Grandjean (Superintendent), Juan Gonzalez (DHS Principal), Jenni Hagdorn (Special Ed Director), 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 6:33 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 Keri James, Renee Frieda, Chris Davis, Ali Buvinghausen, and Nancy Pepper were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by Nancy Pepper

3. School FIRST Rating Hearing

Shannon Ramirez conducted public hearing on the School FIRST Report

- A. Public Hearing
- B. Public Comments. None.

4. Citizen Communication

- A. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items. None.
- B. Public Address for Items on the Agenda. None.

5. Student Health Services Report and Annual SHAC Report

Nurse Wilson provided annual SHAC and health services report.

6. Administrative Reports and Discussion

- A. Central Office Reports
 - 1. Superintendent's Monthly Reports on Board Priorities, 2023 Bond Project Update, Monthly Activity Calendar, District Event Calendar
 - 2. Director HR/Info Management Monthly Report
 - 3. Director of Special Education Monthly Reports
- B. Monthly Business Reports and Payment of Bills
- C. Principals' Reports on Campus Events and 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 Academy/DAEP Principal Monthly Report
- D. Directors' Monthly Reports

7. Consent Agenda

Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Chris Davis to approve consent agenda as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

- A. Minutes of October 21, 2024 Board Meeting
- B. Approve CIPA policy in CQ (Local) Technology Resources
- C. Approve Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) Members
- D. Approve Donations from the Devine Education Foundation
 - 1. AP Exam Grants

8. Action Item(s):

- A. Chris Davis moved and seconded by Keri James to approve the school closure and pay resolution as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
- B. Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Chris Davis to Allow Homeschooled Students to Participate in UIL Athletics and Academics as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
- C. Consider and Take Possible Action Regarding 4-day School Week
Renee Frieda moved to approve a 5-day school week for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion failed for lack of a second. The board will consider this agenda item at a called meeting to be held after the Thanksgiving break.
- D. Keri James moved and seconded by Renee Frieda to approve the District and Campus Goals and Objectives for the Campus and District Improvement Plans as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
- E. Chris Davis moved and seconded by Renee Frieda to Approve Addition of Safety and Security Stipend to the 2024-2025 Stipend Schedule as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
- F. Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen that the District designate the following days as nonbusiness days in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 552.31(f) for the 2025 calendar year: January 2, 2025; March 12, 2025; March 13, 2025; March 14, 2025; November 24, 2025; November 25, 2025; November 26, 2026; December 22, 2025; December 26, 2025; December 31, 2025. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

9. Closed Session

Nancy Pepper stated for the record that the Board of Trustees, beginning at 7:42 p.m., convened 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.

10. Reconvene from Closed Session at 8:32 p.m.

11. Consider and Take Possible Action to Hire District Level Staff

Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to hire Kandy Stein as director of Transportation & Facilities as recommended by the Superintendent. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

12. Adjournment

Renee Frieda moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to adjourn. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Board President

Board Secretary