

Aransas Pass Independent School District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 25, 2024

The Aransas Pass Independent School District Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on March 25, 2024 in the boardroom located at 2300 McMullen Lane, Suite 600, Aransas Pass, Texas.

President, Wanese Butler; Vice President, John Mullenax; Secretary, Olivia Hill; Trustee, Delfino Flores; Trustee, Victor Galvan; Trustee, David Rector; and Trustee, Terry Stansberry were present. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Glenn Barnes; Assistant Superintendent, Wayne Bennett; Director of Curriculum, Heather Waugh-Hurta; Director of Business and Finance, Melinda Chapa; Aransas Pass High School Principal, Joshua Rombs; AC Blunt Middle School Principal, Elizabeth Ward; Charlie Marshall Elementary Principal, Rheanna Picarazzi; Faulk Elementary Principal, Jodie Algueseva; ACE Program Director, Suzanne RanslebenTodd Brendalen of LWA Architects; and other interested parties.

Opening Ceremonies

With a quorum established, President, Wanese Butler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President, John Mullenax led the group in the pledges of allegiance to the Texas and United States flags. Trustee, David Rector delivered the invocation.

Public Testimony

At this time President, Wanese Butler opened the meeting for any member of the community who would like to address the board on matters concerning the district.

Heather Marsh: Hello board members, my name is Marsh these are my two kids Clinton and Charlie, they attend Charlie Marshall and Faulk Elementary. I'm presenting to you this evening to bring to your attention one parent's account of the ACE after school program which both of my children attended from August 14th 2023 to February 13 2024. They boarded the bus at 6:36 a.m. and departed the bus from ACE at 6:30 p.m. I would like to let the board know my background and education before I go into details. I hold a bachelor's degree in elementary educational studies from WGU and I have 5 years experience as a certified paraprofessional in elementary and secondary education. My experience runs from kindergarten through grade 8, both in special education and elementary general education. My daughter was born with a rare form of down syndrome 12 years ago. I've been researching education and educational law since the day she was born. On August 16th 2023 the school bus from ACE got lost and I called APPD to help locate my children as no one from transportation nor the district was answering the phones. This was an extremely terrifying 45 minutes of not knowing where my children were at 7:15 at night on February 13th the Faulk Elementary ACE campus coordinator met me at the door when I picked Clinton up early so we could attend his sister's Valentine's Day banquet at CMES and informed me we were out of compliance very rudely and loudly yelling at me with Clinton standing right there. I previously had a conversation with her on February 1st about picking him up early because we were trying to deal with some behavior issues he was picking up during his time at ACE and we were focusing on quality time at home. She informed me during that previous conversation that she was short staffed and there was an ACE waitlist. I told her then that I needed to remain in the program but on February 13th she backtracked and told me that during the initial conversation you would be pulled from ACE for being picked up

early. She did not. I explained to her during that first conversation that we were taking Maslow's Whole Child Approach by learning to take some time to focus on his emotional and psychological needs because learning is about the whole child, not just academics. February 13th she said he would be pulled from the program immediately and I would need to find an alternative solution. She gave me less than 24 hours. I do not appreciate the tone she used with me nor the lack of empathy she had for our situation. If this is the way she is comfortable treating parents at the door of school I cannot begin to fathom the way she treats the kids behind closed doors and I'm beginning to see why my son had behavior issues if this is what he is witnessing on a daily basis. February 14th I was notified Charli had been awarded an ACE completion certificate. How is it possible one of my children received a completion certificate but the other one got kicked out of the program for noncompliance within a day of each other. About a week before Spring Break a member of our community, not a part of my son's education team informed me that he was being recommended for tutoring. I have yet to hear from anyone in the district concerning his educational needs. In conclusion I do not believe APISD has a grasp on what ACE is actually doing to families and having to redo homework after a 12 hour day because it was not done correctly the first time completely negates the entire concept of afterschool state-funded tutoring.

District Recognitions

The APISD Board of Trustees recognized 11th grade student Audisey Sanchez for qualifying for state competition in powerlifting.

The Panthers and Employees of the Month for March 2024 were recognized by the Board and presented a certificate on behalf of the Board by Secretary, Olivia Hill.

Panther of the Month for March 2024

<i>Leiani Garza</i>	<i>Faulk</i>
<i>Kayleigh Charli Johnson</i>	<i>Charlie Marshall</i>
<i>Dante Salone</i>	<i>AC Blunt</i>
<i>Aubrey "Toast" Coleman</i>	<i>APHS</i>

Employee of the Month for March 2024

<i>Aurora Cantarero</i>	<i>Faulk</i>
<i>Erica Moreno</i>	<i>Charlie Marshall</i>
<i>Hope Flores</i>	<i>AC Blunt</i>
<i>Justin Guerrero</i>	<i>APHS</i>
<i>Diane Genovese</i>	<i>Administration</i>
<i>Lupe Castillo</i>	<i>Maintenance and Transportation</i>

APISD Texas ACE Program and Compliance Update Presentation

ACE Program Director Suzanne Ransleben provided an overview of the program, the program's compliance status, and upcoming plans for the summer program.

Education Service Center, Region 2 Board of Directors Election - Place 1

Information on the candidates running for Place 1 on the Education Service Center Region 2 Board of Directors was provided. Trustees voted on the individual ballots provided, per ESC policy.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent, Dr. Glenn Barnes shared an update on the attendance and enrollment reports from February 7 through March 21, and the district's enrollment on the Snapshot date, and the average ADA and attendance from August 14, 2023 through March 20, 2024. Dr. Barnes also shared the calendar of upcoming events.

Financial Reports

Information was shared with the Board regarding the accounts payable, budget status and investment, tax collections reports, and ESSER expenditures for February 2024, and the status of the FEMA projects reimbursement.

Board Updates

President, Wanese Butler invited trustees to discuss the TASB Governance Camp, conferences, and other continuing education training trustees completed.

Consent Agenda

The item included on the consent agenda for consideration included the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee, Victor Galvan moved to approve the consent agenda item. Trustee, Delfino Flores seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Action Agenda

Proposals and tabulation of proposals for the tilt wall projects at Charlie Marshall Elementary School and AC Blunt Middle School were provided for consideration. Vice President, John Mullenax moved to approve Barcom as the contractor for the tilt wall project at Charlie Marshall Elementary and AC Blunt Middle School. Trustee, David Rector seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The out-of-state overnight trip request for the Aransas Pass High School Band to travel to Walt Disney World Florida on May 28 through June 2, 2024 was provided for consideration. Trustee, Terry Stansberry moved to approve the out-of-state trip request for the Aransas Pass High School Band to Walt Disney World Florida May 28 - June 2, 2024. Trustee, Victor Galvan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The interlocal agreement between Aransas Pass ISD and the Aransas Pass Police Department regarding school resources officers was provided for consideration. Trustee, Victor Galvan moved to approve the interlocal agreement between Aransas Pass ISD and the Aransas Pass Police Department for school resources officers. Trustee, Terry Stansberry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Information regarding the bids received for the purchase of a new district vehicle through a purchasing cooperative to replace the 2013 Chevrolet Suburban was provided for consideration. Trustee, Delfino Flores moved to approve the purchase of a district vehicle through the TIPS Purchasing Cooperative. Trustee, David Rector seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Aransas Pass ISD received a passthrough grant in the amount of \$65,500 from the Aransas Pass ISD Education Foundation for APISD Texas ACE Program. Funding was made available from the Ed Rachal Foundation. Secretary, Olivia Hill moved to approve the passthrough grant in the amount of \$65,500 from the Ed Rachal Foundation through the APISD Education Foundation. Trustee, David Rector seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The budget amendment for the \$65,500 passthrough grant for the APISD Texas ACE Program was provided for consideration. Trustee, Terry Stansberry moved to approve the budget amendment. Vice President, John Mullenax seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion

At this time, President, Wanese Butler opened discussion for topics for future meetings. There was none.

President, Wanese Butler closed the open meeting at 8:54 p.m. and stated that the board would convene in executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551.001 et seq., concerning any and all purposes permitted by the act.

- *Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - Resolution Regarding Chaplains*
- *Section 551.074: Personnel*
 - *Resignations*
 - *Retirees*
 - *Update on District Evaluation Process*
 - *Review of Superintendent Evaluation Procedures and Instrument*

The board ended the closed session at 9:46 p.m., and reconvened in open session.

Vice President, John Mullenax moved to approve the resignations as discussed in executive session. Secretary, Olivia Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary, Olivia Hill moved to approve the retirees as discussed in executive session. Trustee, David Rector seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There being no further business before the board, President, Wanese Butler adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Wanese Butler, President

Blaise Miller, Secretary to Board