

**Aransas Pass Independent School District**  
*Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 12, 2024*

*The Aransas Pass Independent School District Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on February 12, 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, David Rector; and Trustee, Terry Stansberry were present. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Glenn Barnes; Assistant Superintendent, Wayne Bennett; Director of Business and Finance, Melinda Chapa; Director of Technology, Jason Brou; Director of Maintenance and Transportation, Jason Divin; 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; Testing Coordinator, James Fuller; Chase Carlisle of Carlisle Insurance; Robert Cuevas and Steven Saucedo of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, LLP; and other interested parties.*

*Absent was Trustee, Victor Galvan.*

**Opening Ceremonies**

*With a quorum established, President, Wanese Butler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Secretary, Olivia Hill 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. There were none.*

**District Recognitions**

*The Panthers and Employees of the Month for February 2024 were recognized by the Board and presented a certificate on behalf of the Board by Vice President, John Mullenax.*

*Panther of the Month for February 2024*

*Robert "Bobby" Flowers*

*Antonio Alvizo*

*Alison Marquez*

*Henry Schultz*

*Faulk*

*Charlie Marshall*

*AC Blunt*

*APHS*

*Employee of the Month for February 2024*

*Sandra Staley*

*Melodee Lamb*

*Penny Davila*

*Terri Seidel*

*Rachel Delgadillo*

*Beth Ward*

*Faulk*

*Charlie Marshall*

*AC Blunt*

*APHS*

*Administration*

*Maintenance and Transportation*

### ***Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal Presentation by Carlisle Insurance***

*Chase Carlisle of Carlisle Insurance presented the proposed 2024-2025 renewals for the district's property and casualty insurance policies.*

### ***Delinquent Tax Collection Report Presentation by Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP***

*Steven Saucedo and Robert Cuevas of Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP provided an update on the district's delinquent tax collections.*

### ***Superintendent's Report***

*Aransas Pass High School Principal, Joshua Rombs provided an update on CCMR and student scholarships. Superintendent, Dr. Glenn Barnes provided the district's "What-If" accountability ratings, and an update on the Balanced Scorecard process. Testing Coordinator, James Fuller presented the middle of year assessment results. Dr. Barnes shared an update on the superintendent's entry plan, the attendance and enrollment reports from January 19 through February 7, and the district's enrollment on the Snapshot date, and the average ADA and attendance from August 14, 2023 through February 7, 2024. Dr. Barnes also shared an update on the status of the JET Grant for welding, and the calendar of upcoming events.*

### ***Financial Reports***

*Information was shared with the Board regarding the accounts payable, budget status and investment, and tax collections reports for January 2024, and the status of the FEMA projects reimbursement. There were no updates on ESSER expenditures.*

### ***Consent Agenda***

*The item included on the consent agenda for consideration included the minutes of the January 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. Vice President, John Mullenax moved to approve the consent agenda item. Trustee, Delfino Flores seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

### ***Action Agenda***

*Aransas Pass ISD received a passthrough donation in the amount of \$29,400 from the Janet & Bob Loeffler Family Charitable Foundation through the Aransas Pass ISD Education Foundation for Smartboards. Trustee, David Rector moved to approve the passthrough donation from the Janet & Bob Loeffler Family Charitable Foundation through the APISD Education Foundation. Secretary, Olivia Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

*The donation from the Aransas Pass ISD Education Foundation for Innovative Teaching Grants was provided for consideration. Trustee, Delfino Flores moved to approve the donation from the APISD Education Foundation for Innovative Teaching Grants. Secretary, Olivia Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

*The budget amendment for donations from the APISD Education Foundation was provided for consideration. Trustee, Terry Stansberry moved to approve the budget amendment. Vice President, John Mullenax seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

*The proposed contracts for the 24-25 e-rate year were provided for consideration. Trustee, Terry Stansberry moved to approve e-rate contracts for the 2024-2025 e-rate year. Trustee, David Rector seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

*The proposed calendar for the 2024-2025 school year was provided for consideration. The calendar received the majority vote from staff, and was approved at the February 7 DEIC meeting. Trustee, Terry Stansberry moved to approve the 2024-2025 district calendar. Vice President, John Mullenax seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

*The proposal for the district's property and casualty insurance was provided for consideration. Trustee, Terry Stansberry moved to approve the property and casualty insurance renewal proposal. Secretary, Olivia Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

*The resolution amending the district's authorized TexPool representatives was provided for consideration. Vice President, John Mullenax moved to approve the resolution amending the district's authorized TexPool representatives. Trustee, David Rector 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 8:52 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*
  - *New Hire - DOI*
  - *New Hire - Curriculum Director*
  - *Personnel Discussion*
  - *Discussion of Evaluation Process*
  - *Review of Superintendent Evaluation Procedures and Instrument*
- *Section 551.076 Security Devices*
- *Section 551.089 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits*

*The board ended the closed session at 10:36 p.m., and reconvened in open session.*

*Secretary, Olivia Hill moved to approve the resolution regarding whether to adopt a policy authorizing a campus of the district to employ or accept a chaplain as a volunteer under Chapter 23 of the Texas Education Code as was presented. Trustee, David Rector seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 with all trustees present voting "aye". The resolution as passed is attached.*

*Trustee, Delfino Flores moved to approve the new hire for the curriculum director as discussed in executive session. Vice President, John Mullenax seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

*Trustee, David Rector moved to approve a local teaching certificate utilizing the District of Innovation option for a technology applications teacher at AC Blunt Middle School. Trustee, Terry Stansberry seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1 with Secretary, Olivia Hill voting nay.*

*There being no further business before the board, President, Wanese Butler adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.*

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*Wanese Butler, President*

*Blaise Miller, Secretary to Board*



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**RESOLUTION**

**Resolution of the Aransas Pass Independent School District Board of Trustees Regarding Whether to Adopt a Policy Authorizing a Campus of the District to Employ or Accept a Chaplain as a Volunteer Under Chapter 23 of the Texas Education Code**

WHEREAS, Section 23.001 of the Texas Education Code permits the Aransas Pass Independent School District (the District) to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for students as assigned by the Board of Trustees (the Board);

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 763, passed by the 88th Texas Legislature, requires each school board to take a record vote between September 1, 2023, and March 1, 2024, on whether to adopt a policy authorizing a campus of the district to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain under Education Code Chapter 23;

WHEREAS, the Board appreciates the invaluable time and talent of volunteers and employees from various professions and academic disciplines who serve and support students as the heart of the District;

WHEREAS, the District has pre-existing policies towards facilitating due diligent processing of volunteer servants and qualified employees as the District houses academic, health, safety, extra-curricular, and other programming where student impacts are priority and protected; and

WHEREAS, chaplains of various denominations who wish to be assigned as a volunteer in the event of an individual, a student group, or campus-wide emergency/crisis may complete the District's volunteer process now to be already cleared in advance of serving affected children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Aransas Pass Independent School District hereby:

- (1) Affirms the practice of allowing a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for District students as a volunteer in accordance with the District's existing GKG (LEGAL) policy and volunteer process;
- (2) Affirms the practice of accepting a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for students as a qualified employee of the District in accordance with the District's hiring process and existing DP (LEGAL and LOCAL) policies; and
- (3) Therefore, adoption of a separate volunteer and/or employment policy exclusively for persons who are chaplains is believed to be redundant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board recognizes an individual who is a chaplain may also be, or have, credentials of a professional counselor or professional mental/behavioral health provider. Currently, the Board does not authorize a blanket policy to hire chaplains or other individuals into campus/student counselor jobs, mental/behavioral health roles, or other District jobs that the individual does not meet the professional qualifications and job requirements.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 2024 by the Aransas Pass ISD Board of Trustees.

Presiding Officer's Signature: 

Secretary's Signature: 