

Minutes of Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Aledo ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Aledo ISD was held Thursday, January 25, 2018, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Aledo ISD Administration Board Room.

I. Call to Order

President, Jay Stringer, called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

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

III. Work Session

A. Bond Election Survey Results

Presenter: Michael Baselice, President & CEO of Baselice Associates

A presentation was made online by Michael Baselice. No questions were presented by the Board. Mr. Baselice said he would welcome any questions or concerns as they arise at a later date.

B. Demographic Report

Presenter: Trent Smith, Templeton Demographics

A presentation was made by Mr. Smith. Questions were asked and answered.

C. Bond Next Steps

Presenter: Dr. Derek Citty, Superintendent

Dr. Citty, Superintendent, gave his thoughts and recommendations regarding timelines and forming a Bond Steering Committee. Questions were asked and answered. It was decided to re-address this issue at a future Board meeting.

A brief recess was called at 7:08 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 7:22 P.M.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags - McCall Elementary

Presenter: Julie Choate, Principal McCall Elementary

V. Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection

Presenter: Jay Stringer, President

VI. Campus Presentation - McCall Elementary School

Presenter: Julie Choate, Principal McCall Elementary

Julie Choate, Principal, and students gave a presentation of all the activities that their Student Council has been doing this year.

VII. Superintendent Report

Presenter: Dr. Derek Citty, Superintendent

Dr. Derek Citty, Superintendent, announced upcoming district events such as the Jack Harvey Award on Friday (1/26) where Ms. Arlene Shelton would be receiving an award. Several members of Central Administration will be attending the Mid Winter Conference in Austin from 1/29/18 – 1/31/18. Brown bag lunches will be starting up. DCS Dissolution meetings are still taking place. January is School Board Recognition month. It is also Career Technology Education month. February 5-9 is Counsellor's Appreciation week. February 19-21 National Future Farmers of America Week.

The Aledo 'A' logo is now a Trademark Logo. We will continue to enforce infringement of the logo as it does add value to the District. Entities that use it without our permission are taking money from our District and students.

The United States Department of Education Ruling on Texas Special Education Services 8.5% limit of servicing Special Education Students was discussed. Dr. City, Superintendent, said the reality is that the number could be greater or smaller than 8.5%. He wants the community to know that Aledo ISD has never observed this limit. If students are tested and recognized as having a need they will be served.

Lynn McKinney, Deputy Superintendent, attended a City Council Meeting with the City of Aledo to represent the District to show our opposition of the Licensing of a Business, opposite McAnally Intermediate, to sell wine and beer.

The following teachers' names were drawn for the Terry and Helen Hyles Perfect Attendance Award for the Fall semester:- Krysti Kelley, Korie Kiser, Joey Qualls, Stan Reid, Ashleigh Estes, Kimberly Cox, Stephen Reves, Brooke Green, Cassie Baumann and Andrea Ferreira. They will each receive a check for \$250.00.

Dr. Citty, Superintendent, expressed his thanks to the First Responders, Community, Principals, Staff, Students and Administrators for the amazing job that was done by everyone dealing with the fires on Monday January 22nd.

VIII. Commendations

Rick Herrin, Communications Director and Hoyt Harris presented certificates to the Associated Press 5A Football Players and Trainers. Coach Steve Wood also recognized and honored the Seniors of 2018. In honor of school board recognition month, Dr. Citty and Mr. Herrin thanked the Trustees for all their service. Library books purchased by each school library were presented with name plates inside each book to honor board members. These books will be in the school libraries for students to check out. Our next commendation was to the Aledo PTO who have sponsored many events throughout the year. They have very generously gifted to each elementary campus a check for \$12,700 each. The High School and Ninth Grade Campus received a check for \$5,000 each and the Aledo Learning Center received a check for \$1,100. PTO President, Jennifer Taylor, was recognized and thanked for an incredible donation

IX. Board Member Reports

Presenter: Jay Stringer, President

- A. Mr. Stringer, President, gave a public announcement that he does not intend to run again for a position on the Board. He expressed what an honor it has been to service the staff and students of Aledo ISD.
- B. Community Partners
Presenter: Dr. David Tillman
A report was not presented as Dr. Tillman was not in attendance.
- C. Education Foundation
Presenter: Jennifer Loftin
Ms. Loftin said that the next big event for the Education Foundation will be the Bearcats and Boots event on April 6th.
- D. Legislative Report
Presenter: Forest Collins
Mr. Collins said the Texas Commission on Public Finance met and discussed several items, one of which was shifting the burden of school finance from property tax. The next meeting will be on February 8th and you can listen to a live broadcast from the TEA website.

X. Public Comment

President Jay Stringer opened the floor for Public Comment and there were none.

XI. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Forrest Collins and seconded by Hoyt Harris, to approve the minutes from the December 4, 12 & 18, 2017 board meetings, the monthly financial reports, innovative courses, 2018-19 District Wide Calendar, Postponement of the Strategic Planning Process and Postponement of the Districts of Innovation Committee.

Motion was: 5 FOR
 0 AGAINST

XII. Administrative Report Items

Presenter: Jay Stringer, President

- A. Earl Husfeld, CFO, gave a report on the School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Report. He was pleased to report that Aledo ISD was given a Superior rating for the 2016-17 school year. The report will be posted on the District website. No questions were asked.

B. Earl Husfeld, CFO, presented the Budget Development Calendar/Process Report. He advised that TASB will be coming to do a full salary review and in depth analysis in March which he will present to the Board in April. No questions were asked.

C. Scott Kessell, Director of Student Services & Safety presented the 2017 District Drug Survey Report. Dr. Derek City, Superintendent, and Jennifer Loftin expressed their thanks to Mr. Kessell for all his hard work and would like to follow up on the legal concerns regarding getting the community involved in the next course of action.

XIII. Action Items

A motion was made by Jennifer Loftin, seconded by Julie Turner, to approve the Annual External Audit Report as presented by administration.

Motion was: 5 FOR
 0 AGAINST

A motion was made by Forrest Collins, seconded by Hoyt Harris, to approve the District Fiber Project as presented by administration.

Motion was 5 FOR
 0 AGAINST

A motion was made by Forrest Collins, seconded by Julie Turner, to approve the Calling of Election of Trustees – May 2018, as presented by administration.

Motion was 5 FOR
 0 AGAINST

XIV. Executive Session. At 9:03 P.M. the Board was called to executive session by President Jay Stringer, after citing Texas Government Code Section 551.071 Private consultation with School Attorney, Texas Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel and Texas Government Code Section 551.072 – Real Property. Amended contract for Elementary School No. 6 Site and Middle School No. 2 Site. Texas Government Code Section 551.076 Safety & Security.

XV. Return to Open Session: At 9:51 P.M. the meeting was declared open by President Jay Stringer with no actions or decisions made.

A motion was made by Forest Collins, seconded by Hoyt Harris, for the Board to approve the amended Contract for Elementary School Site No. 6.

Motion was 5 FOR
 0 AGAINST

A motion was made by Hoyt Harris, seconded by Julie Turner, for the Board to enter into discussions only regarding Middle School No. 2.

Motion was 5 FOR
 0 AGAINST

XVI. Trustee Comments/Acknowledgments. Forrest Collins mentioned that it might be a good idea to use Dr. City's expertise and other administrative staff's input during the search process for a new Superintendent. Ms. Turner expressed her thanks to Jay Stringer for all his years of Service. Dr. City said he would like a work session added to next month's Agenda regarding the remaining dollars from the Bond. He also expressed his thanks to the Trustees and to Mr. Stringer.

XVII. President Jay Stringer adjourned the meeting at 9:57 P.M.

Presenter: Jay Stringer, President

SECRETARY _____ PRESIDENT _____

APPROVED _____