

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees

### Devine ISD

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Devine ISD was held on Monday, June 16, 2025 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Administration Building, 605 W Hondo Ave., Devine, TX 78016

**Board Members Present:** Nancy Pepper (President), Keri James (Secretary), Carl Brown, Alixana Buvinghausen, Chris Davis,

**Board Members Absent:** Candace Esparza, Henry Moreno (Vice-President)

**Guests Present:** Joslyn Wilson, Rhonda Lesak, Joe Navarro, Ronda Shelton, Abigail Beadle

**School Officials Present:** Dr. Todd Grandjean (Superintendent), Dawn Schneider (Director HR/Info Mgmt), Kandi Darnell (DMS Principal), Michael Gomez (Intermediate 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 6:30 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, Chris Davis, Carl Brown, Ali Buvinghausen, and Nancy Pepper were present.

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by Nancy Pepper.

#### 3. Citizen Communication

A. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items. None.

B. Public Address for Items on the Agenda. None.

#### 4. Employee Recognition

Todd Grandjean and Joe Navarro recognized Nurse Joslyn Wilson for her helpfulness during a student medical emergency.

#### 5. Public Meeting to Discuss the 2025-2026 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

Shannon Ramirez presented the proposed budget.

A. Public Comments. None.

#### 6. Adopt Devine ISD 2025 - 2026 Budget

Carl Brown moved and seconded by Chris Davis to adopt the 2025 - 2026 proposed General Fund Budget, Debt Service Budget, and Cafeteria Fund Budget as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

#### 7. Adopt Devine ISD 2024 - 2025 Final Amended Budget

Chris Davis moved and seconded by Keri James to adopt the 2024 - 2025 Final Amended Budget as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

#### 8. Administrative Reports and Discussion

##### A. Central Office Reports

a. Superintendent's Monthly Reports on Board Priorities, 2023 Bond Projects Update Monthly Activity Calendar District Event Calendar

b. Director of HR/Info Mgmt Monthly Report

##### B. Monthly Business Office Reports and Payment of Bills.

#### 9. Consent Agenda

Carl Brown moved and seconded by Keri James to approve consent agenda as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

A. Minutes of the regular board meeting on May 19, 2025 and called board meeting on June 9, 2025

B. Approve Region 20 Commitments

C. Approve Communities in Schools to Provide Mental Health Services

- D. Approve the Application for Optional Flexible School Day Program
- E. Approve Donations from Devine Athletic Boosters

**10. Action Item (s)**

- A. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to adopt the 2025-2026 Salary and Stipend Tables as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
- B. Chris Davis moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to adopt the 2025-2026 Compensation Plan as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
- C. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Keri James to approve state waiver for staff development as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
- D. Keri James moved and seconded by Carl Brown to endorse Rich Sena for Region 20, Position D for TASB Board of Directors as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
- E. Carl Brown moved and seconded by Chris Davis to set transfer tuition rates at \$500 for the 1<sup>st</sup> student and \$250 each for any additional siblings. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
- F. Alixana Buvinghausen moved and seconded by Carl Brown that the board add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as offered by TASB Policy Service for consideration and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 125 This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
  - 1. (LEGAL) Policies
  - 2. (LOCAL) Policies (see list below)
  - BDAA(LOCAL): OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS - DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD OFFICERS
  - BDB(LOCAL): BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION - BOARD COMMITTEES
  - BDF(LOCAL): BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION - ADVISORY COMMITTEES
  - EI(LOCAL): ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
  - FDE(LOCAL): ADMISSIONS - SCHOOL SAFETY TRANSFERS
  - FEC(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE - ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

**11. Closed Session**

Nancy Pepper stated for the record that the Board of Trustees, beginning at 7:20 p.m., will convene 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. NO FINAL ACTION, DECISIONS, OR VOTES WILL BE TAKEN WHILE THE BOARD IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**12. Reconvene from Closed Session**

The board reconvened in open session at 8:27 p.m.

**13. Action Items Discussed in Closed Session**

- A. Ali Buvinghausen moved and seconded by Carl Brown to hire Mark Raygosa as Elementary School Principal as recommended by the Superintendent. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

**14. Adjournment**

- Chris Davis moved and seconded by Ali Buvinghausen to adjourn. This motion Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary