

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, December 16, 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), Henry Moreno (Vice-President), Keri James (Secretary), Carl Brown, Alixana Buvinghausen, Chris Davis, Renee Frieda

Guests Present: Valencia Lowe, Emily Sadler, Anton Riecher, Kandi Darnell, Bob Shelton, Brenden Morris, Donna Zapata, Olivia Zapata, Melissa Gutierrez, Kandy Stein, Jerel Beaty, Tim Gutierrez, Shelby Spivey, Joanie Dubose, Ronda Shelton, Julie Salazar, Brittany Briscoe, Sabrina Long, Isabel Arevalo, Anabel Arevalo, Gabby Rodriguez, Lucero Reyes, Dan Newberg, Robyn Wheeler, Stephanie Espinosa, Gail Sessions, Nancy Martin, Lysandra Reyes, Shelby Spivey, Linsey Outlaw, Melinda Dugosh, Joseph Sadler

School Officials Present: Dr. Todd Grandjean (Superintendent), Dawn Schneider (Director of Student Services), Juan Gonzalez (DHS Principal), Kandi Darnell (DMS Principal), Michael Gomez (Intermediate Principal), Magdalena Strickland (Elementary Principal), JodiAnn Dzierzanowski (DAEP/DLA 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 Henry Moreno, Renee Frieda, Carl Brown, Keri James, Chris Davis, Alixana Buvinghausen, and Nancy Pepper were present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Nancy Pepper **and Invocation** by Pastor Dan Newberg

3. **Citizen Communication**

A. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

The following people spoke regarding a 4-day school week. Emily Sadler, Melissa Gutierrez, Ronda Shelton, Kari Davis.

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

4. **2023 Bond Projects Plans Preview and Cost Estimate Presentation**

Bob Shelton, Architect and Brenden Morris (Weaver & Jacobs) presented information on the plans and cost estimates for the 2023 Bond Project.

5. **Devine Middle School Campus Report**

Kandi Darnell presented the DMS Campus Report

6. **Action Item**

A. Nancy Pepper moved and seconded by Carl Brown to name the DSAC Basketball Court the "Sessions Court" as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7. **Administrative Reports and Discussion**

A. Central Office Reports

1. Superintendent's Monthly Reports Board Priorities, Safety & Security Report, Monthly activity and district event calendars.
2. Director of HR/Info Mgmt Monthly Report
3. Director of Special Education Monthly Reports
- B. Monthly Business Reports and Payment of Bills
- C. Principals' Reports on Campus Sports 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 Reports
 5. Devine Learning Academy/DAEP Principal Monthly Reports
- D. Directors' Monthly Reports

8. Consent Agenda

Carl Brown moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to approve consent agenda as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

- A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on November 18, 2024 and Called Meeting on December 4, 2024.
- B. Walsh, Gallegos, Trevino, Kyle, and Robinson PC Legal Services Retainer Agreement
- C. Approve Donation from Athletic Boosters

9. Action Item(s):

- A. Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Carl Brown to Approve Revised SRO Agreement as presented. This motion Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10. Closed Session

Nancy Pepper stated for the record that the Board of Trustees, beginning at 7:35 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, 551.076, and 551.082. NO FINAL ACTION, DECISIONS, OR VOTES WILL BE TAKEN WHILE THE BOARD IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

11. Reconvene from Closed Session

Nancy Pepper left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
The board reconvened in open session at 8:17 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Carl Brown moved and seconded by Keri James to adjourn. This motion Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary