

April 22 Board Meeting Highlights

Alvord ISD Family – I have highlights for you for from the April 22 school board meeting

Elementary Therapy Dog – during her principals report Elementary Principal Jamie Mitchell gave the board information about the new therapy dog that will be at the elementary campus next year.

Texas School Health Benefits Program Additional Contribution – due to an unprojected \$23.6 million dollar increase in our employee health insurance pool claims we are being required to pay an additional \$150 per participating employee for the next 9 to 10 months. The school board approved a \$50,000 budget amendment to pay for the increase for the remainder of this budget year. More information will be sent to the staff about this issue and potential changes in health insurance and benefits for next year.

Chromebook and Interactive Whiteboard Lease – the board approved the Chromebook and new Interactive Whiteboard (Promethean Whiteboard) lease. The existing whiteboards will be replaced with new smartboards in each classroom. Charlie Mann will be sending out more information to the staff soon.

Copier Lease – the board approved a new copier lease with RICOH.

Instructional Materials Ratification – The board approved the Ratification of Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials for the 2024-2025 school year. School Districts are required to annually certify to the State Board of Education and the Commissioner that for each subject in the required curriculum students have access to the instructional materials that cover all of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.

Wise County Law Enforcement Agreement & Memorandum of Understanding – the board approved the agreement and MOU will allow all of the law enforcement agencies in the county, including the Alvord ISD Police Department, to align in terms of response protocol, pursuit policies, and mutual aid agreements. All of the law enforcement agencies in the county have approved or will be approving the agreement.

School Board Training Announcement – this is an annual requirement before the May school board election, the board president announced the board training board members have received for the previous year.

Board Election – early voting started April 22nd and ends on April 30th. Election day is Saturday, May 4th. The board election results will be canvassed on May 9th. The elected board members will be sworn in at the May 28th regular school board meeting.

New 2024-2025 Employees: the board approved employment of the following new employees for next school year.

Hannah Dell will be a first-grade teacher. She did her student teaching at Roanoke Elementary and has been a pre-school coordinator at Gateway Church.

Jessica Palmer will be a 5th grade science teacher. She previously worked in Decatur ISD and is currently filling a temporary role teaching PE at Alvord Elementary.

Rebecca Tapp will be a 5th grade English / Language Arts teacher. She is currently teaching at Bridgeport ISD.

Patrick Koele will be our new girls' assistant coach and Elementary PE teacher. He previously coached and taught Elementary PE at Lake Dallas ISD.

Tracy Cofield will be our new Ag Mech teacher. She is currently teaching at Groesbeck ISD.

Randy Brown

Alvord ISD Superintendent