

Alvord ISD Family,

I have some highlights to share from the February 17 and February 23 School Board meetings.

Band Program Update

Band Director **Josh McDaniel** provided the Board with an update on the band program and the work our students are doing. We also enjoyed a wonderful performance by a saxophone trio — **Heather Wilson, Ashton Haynes, and Jesse Wynn** — who represented our district very well. We appreciate their hard work and Mr. McDaniel's leadership.

Superintendent Search

At the February 17 meeting, the Board interviewed superintendent search firms and selected **Rod Townsend and CCR Educational Consultants** to assist with the superintendent search process.

CCR Educational Consultants has extensive experience conducting superintendent searches across Texas and is known for its structured, community-focused approach. Mr. Townsend met with the Board again on February 23 to begin outlining next steps in the process.

More information about the search timeline and opportunities for community input will be shared soon.

Staffing Updates

The Board and administration discussed instructional and operational staffing needs for next year.

- **Sam Hahn** has been promoted to **Maintenance Foreman**.
- The district will add an additional **maintenance worker** and a **Lead Custodial position**.
- Due to enrollment increases, we will be adding **3rd grade and 5th grade teaching positions** for the 2026–2027 school year.

Employment opportunities are posted at:
<https://www.alvordisd.net/employment>

Auditor Engagement

The Board approved the engagement letter with **Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, P.C.** to conduct this year's audit. This firm has completed five audits for Alvord ISD and has been a strong partner, providing guidance and support throughout the year as needed.

School Board Election

Because no candidates filed to oppose **Aaron Moore** or **Travis Taylor**, the Board officially **canceled the May 2 School Board Election**. We appreciate their continued service to our district.

Senate Bill 11 – Period of Prayer

State law required the Board to take a recorded vote on whether to adopt an optional “period of prayer” policy under Senate Bill 11.

It is important to clarify that this vote was not about whether students may pray. Students already have and exercise the right to pray under the First Amendment and existing district policy.

The question before the Board was whether to create a formally structured, district-recognized prayer period under the new statute, which would require consent forms, tracking procedures, and specific operational guidelines.

After consideration, the Board voted **not to adopt the resolution**. As a result, current practices remain in place, and no additional administrative procedures will be needed.

Missed School Days Waiver

Due to Winter Storm Fern and the week of missed instruction, the district is eligible to apply for a **Missed School Day Waiver**, and we will move forward with that process.

Administrator Contracts

The Board extended contracts for the following administrators:

- Liz Espolt – Elementary Principal
- Tammie Klein – Intermediate Principal
- Brandy Callaway – Middle School Principal
- Aaron Tefertiller – High School Principal
- Charlie Mann – Director of Operations
- Jessica Bull – Director of Instruction and Special Programs
- Matt Fanning – Athletic Director

We are fortunate to have a strong leadership team serving our students and staff.

Safety and Security

During closed session, the Board reviewed the results of the district's most recent **Intruder Detection Audit** with Director of Safety and Security / Alvord ISD Police Chief Tony Vo. Ensuring the safety of our students and staff remains a top priority.

Thank you for your continued support of Alvord ISD.

Randy Brown
Alvord ISD Superintendent