

## November 28 Board Meeting Highlights

Alvord ISD Family – I have some highlights from the November 28, 2022 school board meeting.

**Facilities Update** – the board heard an update on the Intermediate Campus renovation project which is on schedule and within budget. The board discussed paying off half of the 3.5-million-dollar loan the district took out to pay for the renovation project early out of available fund balance. Potential future projects were discussed including the construction of a student walkway to provide a safer route between the high school and the fieldhouse / stadium, adding HVAC to the Intermediate Campus Gym, expansion of the High School Ag Shop, a new storage facility for baseball / softball / track, and replacing the football / track stadium lights with LED lights. The administration will be bringing back proposals for the board to consider, if approved these projects will be paid for out of the district's fund balance.

**Intermediate Campus Furniture Purchase** – the board approved the purchase of new furniture for the Intermediate Campus. The cost of the total purchase is \$161,352.74.

**FIRST Hearing and Report** – We are pleased to announce we received a Superior rating and a perfect score of 100 on the FIRST report. The language below taken from the FIRST website explains the purpose of the FIRST system:

The state's school financial accountability rating system, known as the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST), ensures that Texas public schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and that they improve those practices. The system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to better manage their financial resources to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes.

The electronic version of the 2021-2021 Alvord ISD FIRST report can be seen at

<https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/First/forms/District.aspx?year=2020&district=249901>

For more information about FIRST you can go to the website at

[https://tea.texas.gov/Finance\\_and\\_Grants/Financial\\_Accountability/Financial\\_Integrity\\_Rating\\_System\\_of\\_Texas\\_FIRST](https://tea.texas.gov/Finance_and_Grants/Financial_Accountability/Financial_Integrity_Rating_System_of_Texas_FIRST)

**EIF (Local) Board Policy** – our local board policy requires our students who graduate under the minimum plan to earn two more credits than the state requires. Typically, about 80% of our students graduate with an endorsement, we don't require more credits than the state does for an endorsement. About 10% to 15% of our regular education students graduate with just the minimum plan each year. Of those a few graduate early (fast track). These students typically are not involved in any activities and may be at risk of dropping out. They are ready to get on with life, their career, or continuing their education. We don't see any value in requiring two additional credits than the state does for the minimum graduation plan. Most districts in our county and area only

require what the state does. The board approved revising EIF (LOCAL) policy to match the state requirements for those who graduate under the minimum plan.

**2022-2023 Board Goals** – the updated board goals were approved.

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