

## Alvord ISD Community News

Alvord ISD Family: I have some highlights for you from the January 27, 2025 School Board Meeting.

**Board Appreciation Month** – each January is designated as Board Appreciation Month by the Texas Association of School Boards. This gives us the opportunity to thank our school board members for their service to our kids and schools. The board was recognized by all of the campuses and served a meal at the High School Library by the FCCLA students.

Current Alvord ISD School Board members are Jim Looney, Lance Thweatt, Russell Rice, Daniel Ruddick, Mark Gose, Aaron Moore, and Travis Taylor. Please take the opportunity to thank these gentlemen for their dedication and service to the students and staff of Alvord ISD.

**Financial Audit** – the board was presented the financial audit for the 2023-2024 school year. The audit was “clean” meaning there were no findings or deficiencies. The district fund balance is currently at \$4,524,843 which is a healthy fund balance for a district of our size.

**Facilities Update** – We discussed the district facility needs including the need for additional capacity at the Ag Barn due to the number of students participating in FFA and showing animals. The district is asking for quotes for a district wide facility assessment to help us determine what our options for the Ag Barn needs are. The assessment will also help us plan for district wide long-term maintenance needs and plan for growth.

**4-Day Week Presentation** – In December the board asked for a summary of the research showing the impacts of the 4-day week. Intermediate School Principal and Assistant Superintendent Jessica Bull presented this information to the board which was prepared by DEIC member James Kwasny, Mrs. Bull, and reviewed by the DEIC committee. After much consideration and discussion, we will not be moving forward with plans for a 4-day week calendar. The DEIC will be meeting soon to work on a traditional calendar for next school year.

**TAPR** - Each year we are required to hold a public hearing of our Educational Performance and the Texas Academic Performance Report. We have created a web page that contains all of the required information. You can see the webpage at <https://www.alvordisd.net/academicperformance>

**School Board Election Order and Calendar**– the board is annually required to call a board election. Russell Rice, Daniel Ruddick, and Mark Gose are up for election this year. Saturday, May 3 is the election date. All of the school board election information on our website which can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.alvordisd.net/schoolboardelections>

**Superintendent's Evaluation & Contract**— the board conducted my annual evaluation and extended my contract by one-year to June 30, 2028 (1-year extension / 3-year contract). Board members who were present and voted in favor of the extension were Jim Looney, Russell Rice, Daniel Ruddick, and Travis Taylor. Lance Thweatt voted against the extension.

I am very thankful to be a member of the bulldog team. We can be proud what we have accomplished together. We are in a position to achieve great things together in the future.

Randy Brown  
Alvord ISD Superintendent