

Alvord ISD Family – I have some highlights for you from the April 27 school board meeting and previous board meetings related to the superintendent search.

### **April 27, 2026 Board Meeting Highlights**

#### **FCCLA Program Update**

Alvord High School teacher Karri Bennington and students Angelica Martinez, Heather Wilson, Brooklynn Miller, Alexa Miranda, and Issac Romo gave an update on our FCCLA program.

#### **Budget Workshop**

The Board reviewed an early draft of the 2026–2027 budget. Projections show an increase in revenue; however, the budget remains very preliminary as the district is still awaiting preliminary property values and next year’s student enrollment numbers. Current estimates indicate a tighter budget year as the district considers enrollment, staffing, program needs, and employee compensation. The budget will continue to be refined as more information becomes available before final adoption at the end of August.

#### **Region 11 Benefits Interlocal Agreement Approved**

The Board approved participation in the Region 11 Benefits Interlocal Agreement, allowing the district to continue partnering with other districts to provide competitive and cost-effective employee benefits.

#### **Instructional Materials Certification**

The Board certified that the district has adequate instructional materials in place to support instruction and ensure all students have access to materials aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

#### **2026–2027 School Calendar Approved**

Board Member Jim Looney made a motion to approve a 4-day calendar with Fridays off, including a provision that at least one teacher from each campus would work the Friday academies each week without additional pay due to budget concerns. The motion did not receive a second. The Board later approved the 4-day calendar with Fridays off by unanimous vote.

This decision followed extensive feedback from staff, parents, and the District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC). After initially approving the move to a 4-day week at the March 23 meeting, the Board asked administration to explore two options based on survey comments:

- Option A: Mondays off in the fall / Fridays off in the spring
- Option B: Fridays off for both semesters

Survey results showed a clear preference for Fridays off all year (Option B):

- DEIC Survey: 88.9% preferred Fridays off
- Staff Survey: 70.7% preferred Fridays off (75 responses)

- Parent Survey: 64.7% preferred Fridays off (215 responses)

Based on this feedback, the Board selected the Friday-off structure for the entire school year.

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### **School Board Training**

School Board President Daniel Ruddick announced the board training credits for the year.

### **Personnel Recommendations**

The Board unanimously approved the administration's personnel recommendations, including contract renewals for current teachers and the hiring of additional teachers for the 2026–2027 school year. Board Member Jim Looney was not present for the vote.

### **Superintendent Search Summary**

- February 17, 2026: The Board selected CCR Educational Consultants as the district's superintendent search firm, Rod Townsend served as the lead consultant.
- February 23, 2026: The Board met with consultant Rod Townsend to plan the search process.
- March 25, 2026: The Board met with Mr. Townsend to review the applicants
- March 30, 31, and April 1, 2026: The Board conducted initial rounds of candidate interviews
- April 6, 2026:
  - The Board conducted second-round interviews with three candidates.
  - The Board voted to name Aaron Tefertiller as Lone Finalist:
    - Motion by Toby George, second by Garrett Archa
    - Vote: 5–2 approval
    - For: Daniel Ruddick, Aaron Moore, Travis Taylor, Toby George, Garrett Archa
    - Against: Jim Looney, Lance Thweatt
- April 13, 2026: The Board met in closed session to discuss contract details with the lone finalist.

- April 27, 2026: The Board approved the superintendent contract for Aaron Tefertiller by a 5–1 vote, with Lance Thweatt voting against and Jim Looney not present for the vote.

I would like to congratulate Aaron Tefertiller, we look forward to the future of Alvord ISD under his leadership. As you can see from the summary above the board put in a great deal of time, including work at 7 called and 2 regular school board meetings in conducting this search. I would like to thank the board for their time and service in conducting this search.

### **Superintendent Transition Plan**

Dr. Randy Brown will continue serving as superintendent for the remainder of the school year, Mr. Tefertiller will assume the superintendent duties on or around June 1, 2026.