

Feb 27 School Board Meeting Highlights

Alvord ISD Family: I have some highlights for you from the February 27 school board meeting.

High School Ag Mech Projects – the following HS Ag Mech students presented their projects to the board:

Lowboy Trailer - Austin Souther, Nate Hill, Kaleb Flake

Case Tractor Restoration - Cooper Masten

Flatbed Trailer - Hayden Sands, Tyler Baird, Jaden DoByns, Colt Manning

These projects are very impressive as is the amount of time and effort put in by these students. A special thanks to Mr. Danny Souther for his support of our Ag Mech teams and for Mr. Damon Motley for filling in as our Ag Mech instructor this school year.

Intruder Audits – the Texas School Safety Center recently conducted intruder audits at Alvord Elementary school and Alvord Middle school, we are pleased to announce that the auditors were unable to gain access. No findings were reported.

Facilities Report – the board authorized the district to advertise for competitive sealed proposals for the High School Ag Shop Expansion project and the football / track stadium light replacement project. We hope to bring proposals for the board to consider at the April regular school board meeting. The board heard an update on the intermediate school renovation projection which is within budget, we are on track to move in after the July 4th holiday. We also discussed the track resurfacing project, Intermediate School HVAC project, and the proposed student walkway between the HS Ag Shop and the Fieldhouse.

2023-2024 District Calendar – the 2023-2024 calendar was approved. This calendar is very similar to our calendars from the past few years. It was developed with input from the District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC) and the staff. Kelly Martin will be sending out the calendar soon.

Wage Payments During Emergency School Closings – we recently had to close school due for several days due to winter weather. The board approved a resolution allowing the district to pay employees who were forced to miss work due to the bad weather closure.

Auditor Engagement Letter –the engagement letter with the Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, PC firm was approved. This firm has completed financial audits for Alvord ISD for the past two years.

FFAC (LOCAL) Board Policy - The School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) recommended that the school district consider and implement an Unassigned Opioid Antagonist administration plan. The board approved the revised policy allowing us to implement the recommendation. The administration of Naloxone is a simple procedure to be administered by either an automatic injector or a nasal mist

spray. Naloxone is able to quickly reverse life threatening respiratory depression in persons who have ingested an opioid drug. Employees can be easily trained on the administration techniques during our annual CPR/AED/EpiPen training. If this medication is inadvertently administered to a person who is not experiencing the adverse effects of opioid ingestion there are essentially no side effects.

Administrator Contracts – Contract extensions were approved for Elementary Principal Jamie Mitchell, current Middle School Principal (future Intermediate School Principal) and Assistant Superintendent Jessica Bull, High School Principal Aaron Tefertiller, Director of Operations Charlie Mann, and Director of Safety and Security and Chief of Police Tony Vo. My contract was also extended by the board last month.

Dr. Randy Brown
Alvord ISD Superintendent