

May 28 School Board Meeting Highlights

Alvord ISD Family:

I have some highlights from the May 28 school board meeting for you.

Board Members Oath of Office– Recently re-elected board members Jim Looney and Lance Thweatt took their oaths of office.

Election of School Board Officers – the board re-elected the following board members to their board officer positions: Daniel Ruddick is the Board President, Mark Gose is the Board Vice-President, and Lance Thweatt is the Board Secretary.

Facilities Update – work on the Intermediate School gym HVAC project is beginning this week and will be completed before the upcoming school year. The board approved this project last summer, it took a year to get the equipment delivered and work scheduled.

Budget Workshop – the board saw their first look at next year’s budget with preliminary taxable values available to project revenue. Several factors including a loss in federal funding, the political battle over vouchers which resulted in our state legislature’s refusal to allocate over 5 billion dollars in available funding to education, and inflation have created what is being described as a financial “perfect storm” for school districts in the state of Texas. Some difficult decisions will have to be made as we work through our budgeting challenges in the upcoming months before the budget is adopted in August. The board was shown what can be described as a painfully balanced budget, we need at least \$1 million dollars in additional funding that we will not receive to provide what is needed for our students and staff.

Security – Alvord ISD Police Chief Tony Vo discussed some proposed safety and security grant expenditures.

New Hires -

New paraprofessionals at the elementary campus include Laura Campbell, Aubrey Petty, Omar Baltiera, Amy Cunnius, and Shylo Organ.

Victor Tran will be filling the Police Officer vacancy. He is joining us from the Bridgeport Police Department where he worked as a School Resource Officer in Bridgeport ISD.

Anndra Mann will be the elementary music teacher. She taught this past year at Sacred Heart

Elementary in Muenster.

Emily Shipman will be a new second grade teacher, she is graduate of Dallas Baptist University.

Brian Rose will be our new Assistant Band Director, he is joining us from Midland ISD.