

April 24 Board Meeting Highlights

Alvord ISD Family – I have some highlights for you from the April 24 school board meeting.

Board Recognition – David Warren was recognized for his service to the Alvord ISD school board. Mr. Warren has served as an Alvord ISD trustee from 2016 to 2023, his current 3-year term expires in May and he did not seek re-election. We appreciate David's wisdom and insight and his focus on making decisions that benefit our students and staff. Please join us in thanking David Warren for his service to Alvord ISD.

Board Election – early voting started April 24th and ends on May 2nd. Election day is Saturday, May 6th. The board election results will be canvassed on May 10th. The elected board members will be sworn in at the May 30th regular school board meeting.

180 Degrees Abstinence Education Program – Our High School and Middle School counselors Catherine Kelly and Bonnie Foreman asked the School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) to consider a new abstinence education program for middle school and high school students. Alvord ISD School Board Policy EHAA (LOCAL) policy requires the board to first adopt a resolution convening the SHAC committee to recommend the curriculum materials for instruction, the board took this action at the March 27 school board meeting. The SHAC committee held two public meetings on April 6 and April 20 presenting the curriculum materials to the public before recommending the curriculum materials to the board for approval at the April 24th board meeting. Parents will have to opt their child into the presentation. The board approved the 180 Degrees program, I have copied a link to their website below.

<https://180degreestx.com/>

Facilities Update – the board heard an update on the intermediate school renovation project and approved budget amendments for the following projects:

Bulldog Stadium Lighting Project – the board approved a proposal from Techline Sports Lighting and budget amendment of \$121,900 to pay for LED replacement lights for Bulldog Stadium.

Ag Shop Expansion Project – the board reviewed the competitive sealed proposals, the administration is working on ranking the proposals and will be bringing a proposal back to the board for consideration.

Safety Sidewalk Project – a new sidewalk will be built between the High School and the stadium / field house area to give students a safer route across the bridge. The board approved a budget amendment of \$54,000 for the project.

Track Resurfacing Project – the track needs resurfacing to extend the life of the track, the board approved a \$105,000 budget amendment to pay for the project.

Bus Repair – the board approved a budget amendment to replace the engine on a Special Education ADA accessible bus with a factory rebuilt engine for \$39, 216.

Drug Dog Contract – the board renewed the drug dog contract with Black Creek they come 10-12 times per year and we have been pleased with their services.

Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification - This is an annual requirement. School Districts are required to certify annually to the State Board of Education and the Commissioner that for each subject in the required curriculum students have access to the instructional materials that cover all of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. The board approved the certification.

School Board Training Announcement – this is an annual requirement before the May school board election, the board president announced the board training board members have received for the previous year.

New Employees: the board approved the following new hires:

Erin Cornell will be the Special Education teacher at Alvord Middle School, she is currently employed as a Special Education teacher and Department Chair at Chisolm Trail Middle School in Northwest ISD.

Chasen Jackson will be the Counselor at Alvord Middle School and Alvord Intermediate, she is currently a counselor at McCarroll Middle School in Decatur ISD.

Brad Bland will be the Ag Mech teacher at Alvord High School, he is currently the Ag Mech teacher at Tioga High School.

Taalor Owens will be the Animal Science teacher at Alvord High School, she is currently teaching Ag at Winters High School.

Damon Motley was approved as a part time Ag Mech teacher at the March 27 board meeting. Mr. Motley will serve part time next year as the lead Ag teacher for the Ag Department.

Tommy Tomlinson will be a girl's coach and will be teaching at the High School or Middle School, Coach Tomlinson is currently a part-time coach for us.

Dr. Randy Brown
Alvord ISD Superintendent