

Alvord ISD Community News

Alvord ISD Family: I have some highlights for you from the March 24, 2025 school board meeting.

Program Updates – the board heard an update from Gifted & Talented Education Coordinator Sara Taylor and were led through voice warm up and dynamic scene partner exercises by our One-Act play student cast members and directors Candace Mercer and Dena Tomlinson.

Academic Update –The campus principals gave an update on what the student academic assessment data has looked like during the course of this school year and what work the teachers have done to respond to students learning needs.

Facilities Update – Director of Operations Charlie Mann gave an update on the Ag Barn project concepts, plans to replace the baseball stadium netting, and plans to convert the Intermediate School music room to two classrooms.

Budget Amendments – The board approved the following budget amendments:

- **Teacher Laptop Purchase** - \$38,175 – the current teacher laptops will be replaced due to their age and condition.
- **ERATE for Network Core Switch Replacements** - ERATE is a program that discounts specific technology for schools based on their free and reduced rate meal eligibility numbers. The board approved the \$38,845 project, we will receive \$22,646 back from ERATE and actually spend \$16,198.
- **Baseball and Softball Field Lights** – We will replace the lights at both the baseball and softball fields with LED lights like we did at the football stadium at a cost of \$200,900. This will significantly improve the lighting capacity, provide additional lighting for the parking lot areas, and save on our energy costs.

Contracts for Teachers, Counselors, School Nurses- – the board approved the 2025-2026 school year contract recommendations for professional employees (teachers, counselors, nurses).

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