

Alvord ISD Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Board Meeting – Held Wednesday, February 4 (Rescheduled due to winter storm Fern)

Following a week of weather-related school closures, the Alvord ISD Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, February 4, to conduct district business. Below are highlights from the meeting:

Board Appreciation Month

January is **School Board Appreciation Month**, as designated by the Texas Association of School Boards. We are grateful for our school board members who volunteer their time and leadership in service to our students, staff, and community. Campus students and staff are showing their appreciation throughout the month, and FCCLA students hosted the board for a meal prior to the meeting. The boardroom was decorated with signs from the Elementary, Intermediate, and Middle School campuses.

Thank you, trustees, for all you do for Alvord ISD!

Financial Audit & Fund Balance

The district's annual financial audit was presented by our auditor.

- The audit report was **clean**, reflecting strong financial practices.
- The district continues to maintain a **healthy fund balance**, positioning Alvord ISD well for future needs.

Academic Update

Assistant Superintendent **Jessica Bull** and campus principals provided an update on academic progress and district planning as we prepare for upcoming **STAAR assessments**. The board received an overview of our academic plan and ongoing efforts to support student success.

Facilities Planning

The superintendent shared information about an upcoming **district-wide facilities assessment**, which will help guide long-term planning for facility needs and future projects.

Public Hearing

The board held the required public hearing for the **Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)** and district educational performance.

All required information is available on the district's Academic Performance webpage: <https://www.alvordisd.net/academicperformance>

Calendar Options Discussion

The board discussed school calendar options, including a **modified 4-day instructional week**.

- The District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC) has developed a modified 4-day plan, Assistant Superintendent Jessica Bull presented the plan to the board for discussion only
- The DEIC will continue work on the process to develop a traditional and a modified 4-day plan for future approval.

Budget Amendments Approved

The board approved several budget amendments, including:

- **\$248,205** for the scheduled maintenance tax note payment related to the Intermediate School renovation and previous projects.
- **\$16,850** to construct a sidewalk from the high school to the greenhouse.
- **\$7,500** for greenhouse repairs to support student learning opportunities.

Class Size Waiver

The board approved a **class size waiver** for one second-grade classroom exceeding the 22:1 student-teacher ratio.

- A fifth third-grade teacher is planned for next school year.

Library Book Purchases & Donations

The board approved library book purchases and donations for the **Elementary, Intermediate, and Middle School** campuses.

Book lists are available on the district website.

School Board Election

The board officially called the **May 2 school board election**.

- Board positions currently held by **Aaron Moore** and **Travis Taylor** are up for election.
- Candidate filing runs from **January 15 – February 13**.
Election details are available
at: <https://www.alvordisd.net/schoolboardelections>

Purchasing Cooperative

The board approved continued participation in the **Region 10 ESC Purchasing Cooperative**, which allows the district to purchase food, supplies, and cleaning products with **no participation fee**.

Winter Storm Closure

The board approved a resolution allowing district employees to be **paid during the recent winter storm school closure.**