

Alvord Unified School District

Board of Education Regular Meeting
March 18, 2021, 4:00 PM
Via Teleconference

MINUTES

Attendance Taken at 4:00 PM:

Present:

Ms. Lizeth Vega
Dr. Joanna Dorado
Mrs. Julie Moreno
Mr. Robert Schwandt
Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

1. BOARD MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE

2. CALL TO ORDER – 4:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

a. Establishment of Quorum

Minutes:

All five Board Members were in attendance.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Public Comment

Minutes:

No public comment was received for this portion of the meeting.

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega adjourned to Closed Session at 4:04 p.m.

a. CLOSED SESSION

1. Student Discipline Cases Pursuant to Education Code 48912 & 48918 - Student Disciplinary Actions

2. Public Employee Appointment/Assignment/Reassignment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code 54957):

3. Conference with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6

4. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8

5. Conference with Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation (Government Code 54956.9(b)(1))

6. Superintendent Evaluation

7. Liability Claim

8. Settlement Agreement

1. Special Education Compromise and Release Agreement #20-21-02

Motion Passed:

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Ms. Lizeth Vega.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

2. Special Education Compromise and Release Agreement #20-21-03

Motion Passed:

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Ms. Lizeth Vega.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

3. Special Education Compromise and Release Agreement #20-21-04

Motion Passed:

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Dr. Joanna Dorado.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

4. Special Education Compromise and Release Agreement #20-21-05

Motion Passed:

Passed with a motion by Ms. Lizeth Vega and a second by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

4. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION- 6:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega reconvened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

5. INTRODUCTORY PROCEDURES

a. Call to Order and Welcome

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega stated the following Agenda Items would be amended: 10.d.10. and 11.d.1.

Motion Passed: Recommendation to amend Agenda Item 10.d.10.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt and a second by Mrs. Julie Moreno.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

Motion Passed: Recommendation to amend Agenda Item 11.d.1.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Mr. Robert Schwandt.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

c. Public Comment

Minutes:

No public comment was received for this portion of the meeting.

6. PRESENTATION Music in Our Schools

Minutes:

Emily M. Devor, Ed.D., Director III, Elementary Education provided a presentation on the current Elementary Music offerings and the district's celebration of Music in Our Schools month. Dr. Devor introduced the following AUSD Elementary Music Teachers: Beth Schwandt, Alissa Chitwood, Camryn Fitz, Dan Nguyen, and Daniel (Judd) Bonner.

7. RECOGNITION - Project 2 Inspire Graduates

Minutes:

Alejandro Cisneros, Coordinator, Family Engagement provided a presentation of the parents who participated and graduated from the CAFE Project 2 Inspire Program. Mr. Cisneros introduced two of the graduates of the program: Maribel Carrera and Ana Cervantes.

8. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS 2021

a. Recognize 2021 Site Classified Employees of the Year

Minutes:

The Alvord Unified School District staff recognized and congratulated the following individuals for being chosen as their site Classified Employee of the Year for 2021:

Arlanza Elementary	Noreen Neal, School Library Assistant I
Collett Elementary	Rebecca Davenport, Instructional Assistant IBI
Foothill Elementary	Natalia Vazquez, Bilingual Clerk Typist I
La Granada Elementary	Xochilt Mendez-Nunez, Campus Supervisor I
Lake Hills Elementary	Irma Hays, Special Ed. Instructional Assistant I
McAuliffe Elementary	Aven Callahan, School Library Assistant I
Myra Linn Elementary	Stephanie Rodriguez, PE Assistant
Orrenmaa Elementary	Dawn Fischang, School Secretary
Promenade Elementary	Sandra Kirley, School Secretary
RMK Elementary	Roger Garcia, Head Custodian I
Stokoe Elementary	Leticia Velazquez, School Secretary
Terrace Elementary	Olivia Larios, School Library Assistant I
Twinhill Elementary	Lucy McReynolds, Campus Supervisor I
Valley View Elementary	Luz Molina, Bilingual Assistant
Arizona Middle	Olivia Perez, Bilingual Clerk Typist I
Loma Vista Middle	Shellee King, Food Service Worker III
Villegas Middle	Amber Barnthouse, School Library Asst. II
Wells Middle	Sarah Caudillo, Clerk Typist II
Alvord High	Roxana Diaz, Bilingual Clerk Typist II
Alternative Ed.	Victoria Santana, Career Services and Outreach
Hillcrest High	Cynthia Donnhauser, Registrar

La Sierra High
Norte Vista High

Celina Martinez, Bilingual Secretary II
Lynn Fischer, Senior Account Clerk

b. Recognize 2021 School Counselors of the Year

Minutes:

The Alvord Unified School District staff recognized and congratulated the following individuals for being chosen as the School Counselors of the Year for 2021:

Elementary Counselor of the Year

Erika Marquez, Twinhill Elementary School

Middle School Counselor of the Year

Maureen Snyder, Arizona Middle School

High School Counselor of the Year

Teresa Bierbaum, Hillcrest High School

c. Recognize 2021 Site Support Employees of the Year

Minutes:

The Alvord Unified School District staff recognized and congratulated the following individuals for being chosen as Site Support Employees of the Year for 2021:

Arlanza Elementary
Collett Elementary
Foothill Elementary
La Granada Elementary
Lake Hills Elementary
McAuliffe Elementary
Myra Linn Elementary
Orrenmaa Elementary
Promenade Elementary
RMK Elementary
Stokoe Elementary
Terrace Elementary
Twinhill Elementary
Valley View Elementary
Arizona Middle
Loma Vista Middle
Villegas Middle
Wells Middle
Alvord High
Alternative Ed. High
Hillcrest High
La Sierra High
Norte Vista High

Megan Fields-Pia, Elementary Literacy Teacher
Giannette Makboul, School Psychologist
Christina Moreno, Instructional Coach (Elem.)
Virginia Evans, Elementary Literacy Teacher
Laurel Flores, Speech Therapist
Aldrich Tan, Resource Specialist
Sharina Prince, Resource Specialist
Michelle Morales, Elementary Counselor
Linda Gutierrez, School Psychologist
Brooke Van Hoogmoed, Elementary Counselor
Philip Lee, Instructional Coach (Elem.)
Elena Lozoya, Speech Therapist
Jennifer D'Antoni, Instructional Coach (Elem.)
Carleen Paul, Elementary Literacy Teacher
Kristin Inae, Instructional Coach (Sec.)
Tracy Lech, Librarian
Denyse Buck, Instructional Coach (Sec.)
Ofelia Cervera, Instructional Coach (Sec.)
Trisha Sherman, School Psychologist
Anthony Recendez, School Counselor
Pamela Edmondson, Instructional Coach (Sec.)
Yadhyra Carlos, School Psychologist
Jennifer Casillas, Instructional Coach (Sec.)

d. 2021 District Employee of the Year Recognitions

Minutes:

The Alvord Unified School District staff recognized and congratulated the following individuals for being chosen as Employee of the Year for 2021.

Certificated Administrator of the Year

Ian Fish, Assistant Director, Student Services

Principal of the Year

Kristen Moorhouse, Villegas Middle School

Classified Administrator of the Year

Michael Willingham, Director II, Integrated Technology

Confidential Employee of the Year

Mayra Figueroa, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

Counselor of the Year

Teresa Bierbaum, Hillcrest High School

Site Support of the Year

Megan Fields-Pia, Arlanza Elementary School

Classified Employee of the Year

Aven Callahan, McAuliffe Elementary School

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION/ SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Minutes:

Trustee Mrs. Carolyn Wilson highlighted and congratulated all the 2021 Employees of the Year as well as the Project 2 Inspire graduates. Mrs. Wilson also congratulated the students that won Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards at the Riverside County Office of Education Science and Engineering Fair. The winners were as follows: Julian Alonso, Arizona Middle School; Andrew Pool, Hillcrest High School; Gabriel Evans, Stokoe Elementary School; Johnny Pool, McAuliffe Elementary School; and Bentley Rivera, Orrenmaa Elementary School. Mrs. Wilson expressed her excitement for the reopening of schools and stated she looked forward to visiting school sites on the students first day back to in-person learning. Mrs. Wilson wished everyone a nice Spring Break.

Trustee Mr. Robert Schwandt highlighted all the recognitions that were honored that evening. Mr. Schwandt stated that he was impressed by the Project 2 Inspire graduates. Mr. Schwandt stated the importance of parent involvement in students' lives. Mr. Schwandt stated he has begun District branding by sharing with the community all the good things occurring within the District. Mr. Schwandt shared that he attended the latest La Sierra Business Council Meeting and presented the reopening plans for the District. Mr. Schwandt expressed his excitement with the upcoming reopening of schools.

Trustee Mrs. Julie Moreno congratulated all the 2021 Employee of the Year recipients. Mrs.

Moreno expressed her gratitude to all District employees for their hard work. Mrs. Moreno highlighted the District's Music Program and staff members that are involved with music in their personal lives. Mrs. Moreno expressed her gratitude for the music pin that was gifted to the Board of Education. Mrs. Moreno recognized the Dell Scholarship winners from La Sierra High School: Susana Ochoa, Elizabeth Lopez, and Maria Rodriguez. Mrs. Moreno thanked the A.V.I.D teachers at La Sierra High School for supporting students in the scholarship process. Mrs. Moreno highlighted the Project 2 Inspire Program and its latest graduates. Mrs. Moreno reiterated the importance of parents' involvement in students' academic lives. Mrs. Moreno encouraged all parents to participate in the Project 2 Inspire Program. Mrs. Moreno stated she is looking forward to the return of students to school.

Trustee Dr. Joanna Dorado highlighted that Riverside County has moved to the Red Tier. Dr. Dorado stated she is enthusiastic about the possibility of having an in-person graduation ceremony for high school seniors at the end of the current school year. Dr. Dorado also highlighted and congratulated the 2021 Employee of the Year recipients. Dr. Dorado expressed her gratitude to all district employees for their hard work in preparing for the reopening of schools. Dr. Dorado stated that she is excited to visit the school sites and see the students on their first day back to school. Dr. Dorado honored Mr. Kevin Emenaker, Executive Director, Administrative Services for all his hard work in the preparation of reopening schools and also wished him a happy birthday.

Trustee Ms. Lizeth Vega highlighted that the Los Angeles Clippers had a Teachers Appreciation Program to recognize teachers' dedication throughout the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Vega recognized the three Alvard USD teachers that were honored: Jessica Godfrey, La Sierra High School; Robin Luther, Norte Vista High School; and Jaymee O'Rafferty, Norte Vista High School. Ms. Vega also highlighted that the National Postsecondary Strategy Institute Reach Higher honored the District and school counselors for the district's college-going efforts and financial aid assistance efforts. Ms. Vega congratulated all school counselors for their hard work. Ms. Vega wished the following staff members a happy birthday: Kevin Emenaker, Executive Director, Administrative Services; Dusty Nevatt, Chief Business Officer; and Mayra Figueroa, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education.

Superintendent Dr. Allan Mucerino congratulated all the honorees that were recognized that evening. Dr. Mucerino stated that he would like to reassure all families that the District is ready for the reopening of schools on March 22, 2021. Dr. Mucerino stated that this past year due to the pandemic; one of the main points that has come out of the pandemic is for district educators, staff, and families to learn to adjust and pivot through the constant changes. Dr. Mucerino expressed his gratitude to all district staff, labor partners, students, and families for all their hard work during this past year and for participating in the district's ThoughtExchange surveys. Dr. Mucerino encouraged everyone to show each other grace as everyone works to adapt to the reopening of schools. Dr. Mucerino commended the Board of Education for getting the District to this point and working through all the challenges the pandemic has caused this past year.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Your Superintendent recommends approval of Consent Agenda items 10.a.1. through 10.e.2.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Mrs. Julie Moreno.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

a. Board of Education/Superintendent

1. Adopt Minutes - 2/25/21

2. Adopt Minutes - 3/2/21

3. Adopt Minutes - 3/3/21

4. Adopt Minutes - 3/4/21

b. Administrative Services

1. Ratify Agreement - Ram Plumbing Heating & Air, Inc. - McAuliffe Elementary School

2. Amend Agreement - New Dimension General Construction - District-Wide

3. Approve Agreement - FC & Sons Roofing, Inc. - Zack Earp Stadium Restroom Portable

4. Approve Agreement - New Dimension General Construction, Inc. - Foothill Elementary School

5. Approve Agreement - West Coast Arborists, Inc. - Various Sites

c. Business Services

1. Ratify Purchase Order List Number 13 - 2020-2021

2. Amend Legal Services Agreement - Fagen, Friedman & Fulfrost, LLP

3. Approve Warrant Listing for the month of February 2021

4. Accept Gifts & Donations - February 1, 2021 - February 28, 2021

5. Report of Receipts for February, 2021

d. Educational Services

1. Ratify Memorandum of Understanding - La Sierra University Enactus, eLibrary Drives

2. Amend Agreement - Riverside County Superintendent of Schools Contract No. IN60074 AT (Assistive Technology Services)

3. Amend Agreement - Harcourt Outlines, Inc., La Sierra High School

4. Amend Agreement - PresenceLearning, Inc. Service Order for Speech Assessments

5. Approve Riverside County Superintendent of Schools Agreement IN60314 - CTE Instructor Extra-Duty Hours, La Sierra High School

6. Professional Services Agreement - Wenger Corporation

7. Approve Agreement - Harcourt Outlines, Inc., Promenade Elementary

8. Approve Agreement - Literacy Partners, Arlanza Elementary

9. Approve Agreement - Tiburon Telecommunications, Inc., Low Voltage Service and Support, District Wide

10. Approve Service Agreement (Strategies) - Ellevation Education

11. Approve Subscription Agreement (EL Students) - Ellevation Education

e. Human Resources

1. Ratify Student Teaching and Internship Program Agreement - California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

2. Approve Revised Job Description - Director III, Fiscal Services

11. ACTION ITEMS

a. Report Out of Any Actions Taken in Closed Session

b. Board of Education/Superintendent

1. Adopt Resolution No. 41 - In Support of a Waiver Request on Statewide Assessments

Motion Passed: Board approval is requested for adoption of Resolution No. 41 in support of a waiver request on statewide assessments.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Mr. Robert Schwandt.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

c. Business Services

1. Adopt Resolution No. 42 - Computer Discount Warehouse Government (CDWG) LLC-Piggyback/Cooperative Agreement

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 42 authorizing Alvord Unified School District to piggyback on a cooperative agreement identified as Irvine Unified School District Bid No. 19/20-01 Technology Equipment and Peripherals for the procurement of technology equipment and supplies. This agreement is valid through December 31, 2021.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt and a second by Mrs. Julie Moreno.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

2. Adopt Resolution No. 43 - Encumbrance of Funds for 2021-2022 Prior to July 1, 2021

Motion Passed: Board approval is requested for the annual adoption of Resolution No. 43 authorizing the encumbrance of funds from the 2021-2022 proposed budget prior to July 1, 2021. This allows purchase orders to be issued in numerical sequence by the automatic purchase order system prior to July 1 for certain circumstances where there are requirements for items or services immediately after the beginning of the fiscal year.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Mr. Robert Schwandt.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

d. Human Resources

1. Approve Personnel Order No. 13-2020-2021

Motion Passed: Board approval of Personnel Order No. 13 is requested.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moreno and a second by Mr. Robert Schwandt.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

Minutes:

Personnel Order was Amended:

Certificated Employee Appointment:

Cortez Melvin to Arlanza ES Principal, Elementary amended to **Interim** Elementary Principal.

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING - Public Disclosure of the Memorandum of Understanding between Alvord Unified School District and the Alvord Educators Association

Motion Passed: California school districts are required to disclose the fiscal impact of any negotiated agreement, and conduct a public hearing so that members of the public may be given the opportunity to provide input prior to ratification by the Board.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moreno and a second by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

Minutes:

No public comment was made for the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was closed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt and a second by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

3. Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Alvord Unified School District and the Alvord Educators Association

Motion Passed: Board approval is requested for the Memorandum of Understanding between Alvord Unified School District and the Alvord Educators' Association. The agreement was reached on November 30, 2020. The MOU provides certificated bargaining unit members with a one-time retirement bonus of \$25,000.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt and a second by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

4. Adopt Resolution No. 44 - Elimination of One Vacant Classified Management Position

Motion Passed: Board approval is requested for adoption of Resolution No. 44 Elimination of One Vacant Classified Management Position.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Mr. Robert Schwandt.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

5. Approve Addition of One Director III, Fiscal Services Position - Business Services Department

Motion Passed: Board Approval is requested for the addition of one Director III, Fiscal Services position for the Business Services Department.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt and a second by Mrs. Julie Moreno.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

12. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Educational Services

1. Presentation - Local Control Accountability Plan

Minutes:

Dr. Emily M. Devor, Director III, Elementary Education, provided an updated presentation and overview of the 2021-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan.

b. Administrative Services

1. District-Wide Facilities Report

Minutes:

Executive Director, Administrative Services, Mr. Kevin Emenaker provided the Board of Education a presentation of the District Wide Facilities Report and Safety Measures update.

13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Minutes:

No agenda items were brought forward by the Board of Education for future Board Meetings.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Dr. Allan J. Mucerino
Superintendent