

Aransas Pass Independent School District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 10, 2023

The Aransas Pass Independent School District Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on April 10, 2023 in the boardroom located at 2300 McMullen Lane, Suite 600, Aransas Pass, Texas.

President, John Mullenax; Vice President, David Rector; Secretary, Edel Deases; Trustee, Wanese Butler; Trustee, Delfino Flores; Trustee, Victor Galvan; and Trustee, Olivia Hill were present. Others present were Superintendent, Cara Cooke; Assistant Superintendent, Wayne Bennett; Director of Business and Finance, Cheryle Stansberry; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Shelley Dominguez; Technology Director, Jason Brou; Director of Special Programs, Chris Johnson; Aransas Pass High School Interim Principal, Michael Todd; AC Blunt Middle School Principal, Derick King; Charlie Marshall Elementary Principal, Rheanna Picarazzi; Faulk Elementary Principal, Jodie Algueseva; CTE and PTECH Coordinator, Matthew Esqueda; and other interested parties.

Opening Ceremonies

With a quorum established, President, John Mullenax called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Secretary, Edel Deases led the group in the pledges of allegiance to the Texas and United States flags. Vice President, David Rector delivered the invocation.

Public Testimony

At this time President, John Mullenax opened the meeting for any member of the community who would like to address the board on matters concerning the district. There was none.

District Recognitions

The Panthers and Employees of the Month for February 2023 were recognized by the Board and presented a certificate on behalf of the Board by Vice President, David Rector.

Panther of the Month for April 2023

<i>Vivian Garcia</i>	<i>Faulk</i>
<i>Ivey Granks</i>	<i>Charlie Marshall</i>
<i>Jaden Edmunds</i>	<i>AC Blunt</i>
<i>Faith Vasquez</i>	<i>APHS</i>

Employee of the Month for April 2023

<i>Heather Heslip</i>	<i>Faulk</i>
<i>Devereaux Merrill</i>	<i>Charlie Marshall</i>
<i>Erica Sheffield</i>	<i>AC Blunt</i>
<i>Stacy Ostrom</i>	<i>APHS</i>
<i>Assistant Principals</i>	<i>Administration</i>
● <i>Hesper Donaghue</i>	
● <i>Elizabeth Ward</i>	
● <i>Stacy Ostrom</i>	

● Glen Hayes
Rebecca Moreno

Maintenance and Transportation

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent, Cara Cooke shared the student enrollment and attendance report for March 24 through April 5, 2023. CTE and PTECH Coordinator Matthew Esqueda shared a presentation providing an overview of the district's Pathways in Technology Early College High School (PTECH) program. Mrs. Cooke also shared an update on the district's calendar of upcoming events, and end-of-year testing schedule.

Financial Reports

Information was shared with the Board regarding the accounts payable, budget status and investment, tax collection reports, bond finance, FEMA status, and ESSER expenditure reports for March 2023.

Consent Agenda

The minutes of the March 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting were provided for consideration. Secretary, Edel Deases moved to approve the consent agenda item. Trustee, Olivia Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Announce Board Training Hours

President, John Mullenax announced the continuing education hours of the Board of Trustees. President, John Mullenax called for the pages as announced be attached to these meeting minutes, and the minutes be posted to the APISD website within 10 business days of the meeting and the posting be maintained until the deficient trustees meet the requirements.

Action Agenda

The recommendations and tabulations for vendors and purchase of equipment or services related to the Healthcare Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant were provided for consideration. Secretary, Edel Deases moved to approve the Healthcare JET Grant vendors and purchase of equipment or services. Vice President, David Rector seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The recommendations and tabulations for vendors and purchase of equipment or services related to the Welding Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant were provided for consideration. Trustee, Olivia Hill moved to approve the Welding JET Grant vendors and purchase of equipment or services. Secretary, Edel Deases seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The list of out-of-adoption textbooks to be considered for disposal were provided for consideration. Trustee, Wanese Butler moved to approve the disposal of out-of-adoption textbooks. Trustee, Olivia Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The budget amendment for Faulk Elementary to move unused travel funds to instructional supplies was provided for consideration. Secretary, Edel Deases moved to approve the budget amendment. Trustee, Wanese Butler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion

At this time, President, John Mullenax opened discussion for topics for future meetings. Mrs. Cooke shared that Coach Taylor will be presenting the update on the district's athletic programs at the May 2023 regular board meeting. Trustee, Wanese Butler requested administration consider holding a preliminary budget workshop for the 23-24 school year in June, July, and August prior to approving the budget and tax rate at the end of August 2023. Mrs. Butler also requested the team of 8 discuss setting a date for team building training in June, and get a list of dates from the Region 2 Education Service Center.

President, John Mullenax closed the open meeting at 8:29 p.m. and stated that the board would convene in executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551.001 et seq., concerning any and all purposes permitted by the act.

- *Section 551.074 Personnel*
 - a. *Contract Recommendations*
 - i. *Administrators*
 - ii. *Teachers/Coaches*
 - iii. *Other Certified Personnel*
 - iv. *Non-Certified Personnel*
 - b. *New Hire - Aransas Pass High School Principal*
 - c. *Information - New Hires*
 - d. *Resignations*
 - e. *Consideration of Superintendent's pending retirement and resignation and consideration of leadership transition*

The board ended the closed session at 10:00 p.m., and reconvened in open session.

Secretary, Edel Deases moved to approve the contract recommendations as recommended by administration. Vice President, David Rector seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee, Wanese Butler moved to approve the resignations as recommended by administration. Trustee, Olivia Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary, Edel Deases moved to approve the new hire for the Aransas Pass High School Principal position. Trustee, Wanese Butler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee, Olivia Hill moved to approve the resignation of Superintendent Cara Cooke due to retirement effective July 31, 2023. Vice President, David Rector seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vice President, David Rector moved to appoint Assistant Superintendent, Wayne Bennett as interim superintendent effective August 1, 2023. Secretary, Edel Deases seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2 with Trustee, Delfino Flores, and Trustee, Victor Galvan voting nay.

There being no further business before the board, President, John Mullenax adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

John Mullenax, President

Blaise Miller, Secretary to Board

BOARD PRESIDENT'S SCRIPT

Under State Board of Education Rule, completing required continuing education each year of service is a basic obligation and expectation of any sitting board member. As Board President, I am required to announce the name of each member who:

- Has completed the required continuing education;
- Has exceeded the required continuing education; and
- Is deficient in meeting the required continuing education.

There are eight training areas for board member continuing education included in this announcement:

1. Local District Orientation
2. Orientation to the Texas Education Code
3. Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code
4. Team Building
5. Additional Continuing Education
6. Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals
7. Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children
8. School Safety

This annual announcement does not cover open government and cybersecurity training required for trustees under other law

To the extent applicable to each board member, I will announce the completion or deficiency as to required training.

Local District Orientation

This is a requirement for new board members. No board members were required to complete local district orientation training for the time period covered by this announcement.

Orientation to the Texas Education Code

This is a requirement for new board members. No board members were required to complete Orientation to the Texas Education Code training for the time period covered by this announcement.

Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code

This is a post-legislative session requirement. No board members were required to complete Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code training for the time period covered by this announcement.

Team Building

The entire board and the Superintendent must participate in the annual team-building session. The following board members are deficient in meeting the required annual

team-building training: John Mullenax, David Rector, Edel Deases, Wanese Butler, Delfino Flores, Victor Galvan, and Olivia Hill.

Additional Continuing Education

The following board members have exceeded the additional continuing education requirements: John Mullenax, Wanese Butler, and Olivia Hill.

The following board members are deficient in meeting the additional continuing education requirements: David Rector, Edel Deases, Delfino Flores, and Victor Galvan.

Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals

The following board members have completed the biennial training on evaluating student academic performance and setting goals: John Mullenax, David Rector, Edel Deases, Wanese Butler, and Olivia Hill.

The following board members are deficient in meeting the required biennial training on evaluating student academic performance and setting goals: Delfino Flores and Victor Galvan.

Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children

The following board members have completed the biennial training on identifying and reporting abuse and trafficking: John Mullenax, Wanese Butler, Victor Galvan, and Olivia Hill.

The following board members are deficient in meeting the required biennial training on identifying and reporting abuse and trafficking : David Rector, Edel Deases, and Delfino Flores.

School Safety

The following board members have completed the biennial training on school safety: John Mullenax, Victor Galvan, and Olivia Hill.

The following board members are deficient in meeting the required biennial training on school safety: David Rector, Edel Deases, Wanese Butler, and Delfino Flores.