

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Aspermont Independent School District  
November 16, 2020**

At a regular meeting of the Aspermont Independent School District Board of Trustees held on November 16, 2020, members Ray Bradley, Jennifer Hodges, Lorenzo Calamaco, Brandon Criswell, Dana Berry, Jared Bell, Bay Hecht were present along with Superintendent Zach Morris. Others present were Tricia Hurt, Trent Van Meter, Kristin Marsh, Ronnie Garcia, Jim, Belinda, and Joseph Hecht, Diane Kolb, Ethan, Bethanie, Holly, Bo, and Haydon Martin, Charla and Chayna Brown, and Shannon Berry.

Superintendent Morris called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m with the invocation and pledges.

No one addressed the Board in an open forum.

Kristin Marsh, notary, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected board member Dana Berry.

Bay Hecht made a motion to nominate Jared Bell as Board President. Brandon Criswell seconded the motion and with no other nominations, Jared Bell was elected Board President with all voting for.

Brandon Criswell made a motion to nominate Lorenzo Calamaco as Board Vice-President. Ray Bradley seconded the motion. With no other nominations, Lorenzo Calamaco was elected Board Vice-President unanimously.

Bay Hecht made a motion to nominate Brandon Criswell to Board Secretary. Brandon Criswell stated due to conflicts with work he would not be able to serve as Board Secretary. Bay Hecht then nominated Jennifer Hodges. Brandon Criswell seconded the motion. With no further nominations, Jennifer Hodges was elected to serve as Board Secretary unanimously.

The Board then moved on to Staff Recognitions. Mr. Van Meter presented Diane Kolb the Elementary Staff of the Month Award. Mr. Van Meter recognized Mrs. Kolb's consistent happiness, great attitude, and for being the first to volunteer to help out and go above and beyond. Mr. Van Meter presented Holly Martin with the

Elementary Student award. Mr. Van Meter recognized Holly's polite demeanor, her sweet personality, and her helpful nature. Mr. Garcia awarded Colin Brown the Secondary Staff award stating that she was always willing to help out, worked hard, and never complained. Mr. Garcia then presented Joseph Hecht with the award of Secondary Student of the Month. Mr. Garcia recognized Joseph's leadership, setting a positive example, and always being there to help out.

The Board then moved to approve the Consent Items. Bay Hecht made a motion to approve board minutes from the October 19, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Brandon Criswell and passed unanimously. Ray Bradley made a motion to approve bills from the month of October 2020. Bay Hecht seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Board considered the approval of the 2020-2021 Annual Contract with Abilene Regional Day School Program for the Deaf. Bay Hecht made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Lorenzo Calamaco. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Morris presented the Board with the annual renewal of contract with West Texas Food Services Co-op along with some benefits of being a member of the co-op. Motion for approval was made by Ray Bradley, seconded by Lorenzo Calamaco and passed 7-0.

Following, Mr. Morris presented the Board with the 2020-2021 Targeted Improvement Plan. Brandon Criswell made a motion to approve the Improvement Plan. Bay Hecht seconded the motion, and motion carried unanimously.

Next the Board considered the Recapture Agreement "Purchase of Attendance Credits". Motion was made by Brandon Criswell and seconded by Ray Bradley for the 2020-2021 school year; we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code 11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, 48.257 and TEC Chapter 49, Subchapter A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 18 Funding).

Elementary Principal Trent Van Meter addressed the Board previous events that had been successful including the Fall Festival, Talent Show, Red Ribbon Week,

Health Fair, and Nursing Home Costume Parade. He also stated that after school remediation would be starting back up after the Thanksgiving break along with the after school enrichment activities starting back after the Semester.

Mr. Garcia addressed the Board for the Secondary Campus. He spoke on the struggles with remote learning and upcoming events including the ACT in December, UIL, OAP, State Cross Country and basketball games.

Superintendent Morris updated the Board on attendance; as of November 16, there are currently 213 students enrolled in the district. He presented the Board the budget up to date, and the investment report for October 2020. COVID protocol in the gym was discussed as well as audit findings.

Brandon Criswell made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dana Berry. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 21, 2020.

For the Board of Trustees:

  
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President

  
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Secretary