

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Aspermont Independent School District  
January 18, 2021**

At a regular meeting of the Aspermont Independent School District Board of Trustees held on January 18, 2021 members Jared Bell, Bay Hecht, Jennifer Hodges, Ray Bradley, Dana Berry, Brandon Criswell, and Lorenzo Calamaco were present along with Superintendent Zach Morris. Tricia Hurt, Trent Van Meter, Ronnie Garcia, Kristin Marsh, Maleah Hecht, Madalyn Gonzales, Mattie Koenig, Jessi Rabel, and Hadley McLaury were also in attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m with Superintendent Morris leading the invocation and Jared Bell leading the pledges.

No one addressed the Board in an open forum.

Elementary Principal Trent Van Meter presented the Board Members with letters and drawings as well as posters from the Elementary Students in honor of School Board Appreciation Month. Superintendent Morris recognized members of the Hornet Council including Maleah Hecht, Mattie Koenig, Madalyn Gonzales, Jessi Rabel, Hadley McLaury and Mrs. Hecht for serving the Board of Trustees dinner in appreciation of their continued service. He also recognized each of the Board Members for their service to Aspermont ISD.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from December 16, 2020 meeting by Brandon Criswell and seconded by Lorenzo Calamaco. All were in favor.

Next, Brandon Criswell made a motion to approve the bills from December 2020. Bay Hecht seconded the motion and all were for.

Bay Hecht made a motion to approve ordering a School Board Election for May 1, 2021. Motion was seconded by Ray Bradley and passed unanimously.

Superintendent Morris presented the Board with proposed changes to the Return to School/ Remote Learning Policy. Brandon Criswell made a motion to approve the changes made to policy and Ray Bradley seconded. All were in favor.

Elementary Principal Trent Van Meter presented his report to the Board on previous events that happened on the Elementary campus including the Christmas program and the competition of maps testing for the middle of the year. Van Meter spoke on what is to come in the next weeks including after school programs, new curriculum coming to the Pre-K, and many students being involved with Little Dribblers.

Mr. Garcia addressed the Board for the Secondary Campus. He spoke on the UIL Invitational Meet in Haskell, UIL State cheer competition, and sports. Secondary has a number of events upcoming including the Winter Formal, a Blood Drive, FCCLA is hosting a Princess Ball, and the ACT in February.

Superintendent Morris updated the Board on attendance; losing 6 students since returning for the second semester. The District is currently at 208 students. He presented the Board the budget up to date and stated that 46% of the budget was spent, as well as the investment report for December 2020. Mr. Morris presented the Board Members with the FIRST report.

The Board of Trustees went into closed session at 7:05 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:38 p.m.

Brandon Criswell made a motion to extend Superintendent Morris' contract and a 2% raise. Seconded by Ray Bradley. Bay Hecht abstained from vote and motion carried 6-0.

Brandon Criswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bay Hecht. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on February 22, 2021.

For the Board of Trustees:

  
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President

  
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Secretary