

Alvord ISD Family: I have some highlights for you from our March 25th school board meeting.

Student Recognition - High School FCCLA Sponsor Karri Bennington recognized students Isabella Campbell and Andrea Mora for advancing to the FCCLA State competition.

Superintendents Report – end of the year activities including elementary Rise and Shine programs, banquets, and graduation were discussed during the Principal's and Superintendent's reports. We are now allowing these activities to be held in person and indoors.

Facilities – the board heard an update from architect Mark Canterbury on proposed concepts to renovate and repurpose the old high school / old middle school building. The board directed Mr. Canterbury to move forward with the process to allow the board to select a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) and seek bids for the proposed work. If approved this project will be paid for out of the district's fund balance.

Teacher Laptops – The board approved the purchase of laptops for teachers for the 2021-2022 school year.

Pre-K Tuition – Alvord ISD currently only accept students in Pre-K if they qualify, students qualify for Pre-K if they are economically disadvantaged or if they qualify because of Limited English Proficiency. We do not receive funding for Pre-K students if they do not qualify, however, some districts accept and charge tuition for non-qualifying Pre-K students. This idea has been discussed amongst our admin team in the past, we also recently had a family member of a future Alvord ISD student ask us to consider making Pre-K tuition an option for students who don't qualify. The board authorized the superintendent to develop and implement a plan to offer Pre-K tuition as an option for students who do not otherwise qualify for Pre-K. The plan will include a lottery system for families who are interested as we may not have the space of the staff to accommodate all of those who may be interested. Details including the tuition fee will be released soon.

2021-2022 School Calendar – the 2021-2022 school calendar was approved; the calendar will be sent out today.

Bank Depository Contract - The board approved an extension of the Bank Depository Contract with Legend Bank.

Dr. Randy Brown

Alvord ISD Superintendent