

Alvord ISD Family:

I have some highlights for you from the August and September board meetings.

The 2019-2010 budget approved by the school board includes a pay increase based on a 9% of midpoint calculation for all employees. The budget also includes over \$600,000 for facility improvements, most of that money will be spent on the elementary gym renovation project.

The M&O tax rate was lowered from \$1.17 to \$1.068 thanks to a new school finance plan passed by our legislators during the last legislative session. M&O revenue is used for the annual operations of the school district. The 2019-2020 I&S tax rate remained at \$.184. I&S revenue is used to pay for the high school, middle school, and newer additions to the elementary school.

The board approved an additional \$447,559 phase to the elementary gym renovation project which will be paid for out of the 2019-2020 budget. This phase will include work on the lower roof and exterior and will include six new adjustable basketball goals for the gym. This extends the estimated completion date to at least February for the work that has been approved so far. The district has committed \$1,081,013 for the project. Renovation of the classrooms, lobby, concession stand, and locker rooms are being planned for future phases of this project.

Work on the old middle school gym is also being planned that will include repair of the roof and gutters and renovation of the lobby, bathrooms, and concession stand.