

Alvord ISD Family: I have some highlights for you from the February 23<sup>rd</sup> school board meeting.

**Facilities Update and Fund Balance Analysis** – the district is working on plans to continue the work of addressing facility needs throughout the district. The board asked for options from our architect (Mark Canterbury) to renovate and repurpose the old High School / Middle School building located on the Hwy 287 access road. Multiple options were discussed, the board asked Mr. Canterbury to develop a plan for the building that could include space for district administration offices and a multi-purpose space. This multi-purpose could include a workout (weight room) area on one side and an open multi-purpose space in the center. If completed this work, like the elementary gym project, will be paid for out of our fund balance.

The board was given an update on the damage caused by the recent weather storm. We did have some pipes burst at the middle school and elementary, the high school had some less severe leaks. Our maintenance staff did a fantastic job of preventing and responding to damage.

**Resolution to Authorize One-Time Payment to Employees:** the board gave each employee a one-time payment of \$1,000. The law doesn't allow us to typically give an additional payment to employees, however, a school district can give an additional payment if additional work is required to get the job done. The school board understands that this has been a difficult school year with an increased workload, longer hours, and more stress for everyone.

**Resolution to Pay Employees during an Emergency Closure** – the board approved this resolution so that we can pay employees during the recent school cancellation (February 16-19)

**Missed School Day Waiver** – the board approved a waiver from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) which means we will not have to make up the days we missed recently due to the winter weather.

**Broadband License** - Alvord ISD is one of very few districts in the state with a broadband license. Recent changes to FCC regulations will make it difficult for school districts to keep the license. The board declared the license as surplus, which allows us to sell it, and authorized the superintendent to negotiate and enter a contract to sell the license.

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