

Alvord ISD Family

I have some highlights for you from the September 28, 2020 school board meeting.

Superintendents Report:

Asynchronous Plan – the district's Asynchronous Plan for remote learners has been approved by the Texas Education Agency. The campus administrators, led by Middle School Principal Jessica Bull, did a great job of developing the plan.

Water Bottle Dispensers – the district received 6 of the 12 water bottle dispensers that were ordered in July this week. The district is providing water bottles to all campuses, when the water bottle dispensers are installed the students will be able to refill water bottles at the water fountains.

Basketball Seating – UIL rules require schools to limit seating to 50% capacity at all events. We typically have large crowds at basketball games, making seating arrangements at 50% capacity more difficult than any other sports. The school districts in our UIL Basketball District have all voted to split sites for basketball games this season, meaning boys and girls games will not be held at the same site on the same night. If our girls are playing at home our boys will be away, and vice versa. If we had boys and girls playing the same night at the same site, we would definitely have had to pre-sell tickets and limit the number of fans in attendance. We hope this plan will allow us to sell tickets at the game and not turn anyone away.

Facilities Update

Elementary Playground – the work on the latest phase on the elementary playground has been partially delayed due to a delay in parts from the manufacturer. The maintenance department plans on completing the current phase of the project this week. The Elementary PTO is raising money for additional work on the playground.

Elementary Security Fence – the district will use funds received from a security grant to install a fence that will secure the play area north of the elementary gym.

Staff Development Minutes Waiver – this board approved a waiver will allow us to receive instructional minutes credit for 2 days of staff development this year. If we have to cancel school this would give us additional minutes we can bank and use so we don't have to make up days. The current calendar provides 3 days of instruction in addition to the minimum requirement. This waiver will give us 2 additional days, meaning all together we will have 5 days we won't have to make up if we had to cancel school for any reason.

Board Vacancy – the board appointed Lance Thweatt to fill the vacancy created when Catey Allen resigned from her position on the board. If you see Lance, please congratulate him and thank him for volunteering to serve our students and staff.

Dr. Randy Brown

Alvord ISD Superintendent