Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees Aspermont Independent School District April 21, 2025

At a regular meeting of the Aspermont Independent School District Board of Trustees held on March 17, 2025, members Ray Bradley, Bay Hecht, Jennifer Hodges, Lorenzo Calamaco, Brandon Criswell, Jennifer Hodges, Tres Myers, Shane Polk and Superintendent Zach Morris. Also in attendance were Kolby Bradshaw, Jeff Hurt, Adriana Cox, Alexis Gaspar, Tiffany Potts, Cesily Hecht, Samantha Polk, Teddye Myers, and Mabree Myers.

President Lorenzo Calamaco called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Superintendent Morris led the invocation followed by Lorenzo Calamaco leading the pledges.

No one addressed the board in an open forum.

Tiffany Potts presented Kolby Bradshaw the student of the month for the secondary campus. Kolby Bradshaw was recognized as a true gentleman, taking care of business, and continuing to have a great attitude.

Mrs. Cesily Hecht was awarded the staff of the month. Mrs. Hecht balances all of her many responsibilities well. She is a joy to be around and students enjoy being in her classroom.

Alexis Gaspar presented student of the month for the elementary campus to Mabree Myers. Mabree is always smiling and ready to help out her classmates. Mrs. Samantha Polk received the staff of the month form the elementary school. Mrs. Polk was praised for positive attitude, creativity, and openness to being coached into a better educator.

Moving to consent items, Brandon Criswell made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2025 board meeting as they were presented. Tres Myers seconded the motion, all were in favor.

After reviewing the presented bills from March to current day, Brandon motioned to approve the bills. Bay Hecht seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brandon Criswell motioned to approve the architectural contract with MWM. Jennifer Hodges seconded the motion. All trustees were in favor.

No action was taken on the TAPPS plan for District reimbursement.

Tres Myers made a motion to approve the 2025 - 2026 AISD School Calendar, which won the staff majority vote. Ray Bradley seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

Tiffany Potts updated the board on the busy spring schedule. Staar testing schedules, field trips are planned for the zoo, science spectrums, hosting an elementary track meet. Eighth grade will travel to Austin and Juniors will travel to Washington, DC in May. Book blast was a new program at the elementary school that was successful for the students to receive free books. 14 students will compete in San Angelo for the UIL Regional Academics meet, 1 student will be competing at the State VASE competition in San Marcos, 3 students will travel to Lubbock to compete in the horse judging competition, and 2 students will be traveling to State Track Meet.

Superintendent Morris delivered his reports. Enrollment is at 181 with 97% attendance. The budget report is right on track with spending in the 75-80% range. Tax collections are right around 95%. Permanent funds checks are down slightly. Discussions were had about potentially offering a stipend for current staff members to serve as a main contact for safety and security. Mr. Morris discussed becoming a healthcare hub for the surrounding small communities. Students from AISD and surrounding districts would be able to travel to AISD to gain certifications. Facilities report was given along with first round drawings that would show renovations being made.

After a quick break the board of trustees moved into closed session at 7:25 pm. The board of trustees reconvened into open session at 7:51 pm.

Brandon Criswell made a motion with Jennifer Hodges to approve the elementary teachers as presented. All trustees were in favor.

Brandon Criswell made a motion to approve hiring Margaret Silva as a classroom teacher. Tres Myers seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Brandon Criwell then made a motion to approve the secondary teachers contracts as presented. Tres Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brandon Criswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. Ray Bradley seconded the motion. All in favor.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 19th, 2025.

For the Board of Trustees:

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