

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Aspermont Independent School District
January 22, 2025**

At a regular meeting of the Aspermont Independent School District Board of Trustees held on January 22, 2025, members Bay Hecht, Brandon Criswell, Jennifer Hodges, Tres Myers, Shane Polk, Lorenzo Calamaco and Superintendent Zach Morris. Ray Bradley was absent. Also in attendance were Jeff Hurt, Tiffany Potts, Kenny Border, Pat Potts, Teddye Myers, Allison Martin, Melanie Bell, Ryann Koenig, Jessi Rabel, Peyton Calamaco, Emily, Kenzy and Brayden Blankenship, Jamyah Keeper, Maleah Hecht, Keslie Criswell, Karter Morris, Autumn Pena, Clayton Martin and Luis Chavez.

President Lorenzo Calamaco called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Superintendent Zach Morris recognized Allison Martin for her UIL Service Leadership Award. This award comes from UIL where more than 1,500 coaches are nominated. Allison Martin will be presented this Spring with the award from UIL.

Tiffany Potts and Alexis Gaspar recognized the board of trustees for their dedication and leadership for the district.

No one addressed the board in an open forum.

Kenny Border delivered information regarding Foundation Innovation. After the presentation and discussions, Brandon Criswell made a motion to proceed with the creation of the education foundation for Aspermont ISD. Tres Myers seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Brandon Criswell made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 22, 2024 board meeting as they were presented. Bay Hecht seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Bay Hecht then made a motion to approve the bills from the end of December through the middle of January 2025. Shane Polk seconded the motion. All trustees were in favor.

The board of trustees moved to the ordering of the May 3, 2025 school board election. Brandon Criswell made a motion to approve the order, seconded by Jennifer Hodges. All trustees were in favor.

Next the trustees discussed the contract with MWM for architect services. After discussions, they chose to table the contract to the following meeting pending more information.

Tiffany Potts updated the board on the culture created surrounding the UIL schedule. One Act Play is preparing for their competition. The FFA stock show was a success. The Ag Mechanics show locally went well, great opening of the season for the ag mechanics kids. RTI groups are going well and working hard on STAAR prep.

Alexis Gaspar reported on board goals for the district. Growth was made district wide for all students.

Superintendent Zach Morris delivered the attendance report of 181 students, and the percentage has grown slightly. He then delivered budget and investment reports. Most line items are right where they need to be. The Permanent School fund is still on track to be around \$50,000 for the end of the year. Doors are all installed, access control is in the process of being updated, fence across the gym will begin shortly. He delivered updates to the bond process.

After a quick break, the board of trustees went into closed session at 7:32 pm. The trustees reconvened into open session at 8:11 pm.

Brandon Criswell made a motion to extend Superintendent Zach Morris's contract to 2026-2027. Tres Myers seconded the motion. Bay Hecht abstained from voting. Motion passed 5-0.

Brandon Criswell then made a motion to increase Superintendent Zach Morris' salary 2%. Shane Polk seconded the motion. Bay Hecht abstained from voting. Motion carried 5-0.


Brandon Criswell made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Shane Polk. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on February 18th, 2025.

For the Board of Trustees:

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President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ken Bradley", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary