

Board of Education Highlights

An unofficial report of Board proceeding on Monday, November 13, 2023



Pledge of Allegiance

The Rivers Navigators led members of the board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Rivers Navigators are a group of fourth-grade student leaders. Those students are Gaberiella Brady-Lee, Samantha Cook, Kai Schoof, Annabelle Fioritto, Cannon Stallings, Kassadee Morris, Lexi Kauffman-Perez, Riley Hutson, and Mason Choi.

Superintendent's Report and Comments

Mr. Worbes reminded the board members of the upcoming filing period on December 4th, 5th, and 6th for the District 4 board seat. Amanda Davis informed the board of the new school app, website, and two-way communication platform Altus Public Schools will using next school year. Apptegy is a publishing platform that specializes in school communication with its Thrillshare and Rooms features.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was approved with one vote. It consisted of monthly financial reports, six use of facilities requests, All-Star Olympics approval, the 125 Plan, three activity fundraisers, two out-of-state trip requests, and MAPS II statements.

Executive Session

The Board and the Superintendent entered into an executive session to discuss the ongoing evaluation of the Superintendent.

2024 Board Meetings Date

Below are the approved dates for the Altus Public Schools Board Meetings in 2024. January 11, 2024 (Thursday) February 12, 2024 March 11, 2024 April 8, 2024 May 13, 2024 June 10, 2024 July 8, 2024 August 12, 2024 September 9, 2024 October 14, 2024 November 12, 2024 (Tuesday) December 9, 2024

2024-2025 School Calendar

Members of the Board approved the submitted 2024-2025 school calendar. It is attached to this document.

Out-of-State Trip Requests

Dr. Lana Mowdy, Amanda Davis, and Roe Worbes were approved to attend a required conference for the DoDEA Grant to be held in Savannah, Georgia in December. Dr. Mowdy was also approved to travel to Colorado in February for the 2024 DoDEA Grant Program Region IV Professional Learning meeting. Both trips are required and will be paid for with grant funding. Bruce Farquahar was approved to attend the National Association of Agricultural Educators conference from November 26 through December 3, 2023. Additionally, Cindy Allen and ten district technology coaches were approved to attend the Future of Technology Conference on January 24-27, 2024.

Oklahoma Public School Investment Inter-local Cooperative

The Board approved the vote of Roger Adair to executive director of the Oklahoma Association of School Business Officials.

BOK Financial Securities

The Board of Education approved the contract for financial advisory services with BOK Financial Services Inc.

Resolution Approved

During the regularly scheduled meeting of the Altus Board of Education, the Board approved a resolution authorizing the calling and holding of a Special General Obligation Bond Election. Members of the board agreed to a 6.7 million dollar bond which would be a continuation of the 2019 bond and will not be an increase in current property taxes. The proposed 6.7 million dollars will be dedicated to building a safe room at Altus Elementary that will double as classrooms and a state-of-the-art library media/STEM center as well as completing Phase II of Kiwanis Park, the school's baseball/softball complex. The election will take place on February 13, 2024.

Sale of 6.66 Irrigable Acres

Board members approved the sale of 6.66 irrigable acres through closed bids. This sale will be for water rights, not the actual land.

Altus Air Force Base Comments

School Liaison Officer Mrs. Gwen Brakebill congratulated the school district on the \$750,000 Department of Defense Education Activity grant awarded earlier this fall.

Personnel

Resignations Ashlynne Cowman Altus Primary Special Education Teacher Effective 11/24/23

Lauren Holsey Altus Junior High Girls Basketball Coach Effective 10/16/23 Erica Moldonado Altus High School Cook Effective 10/11/23

Faith Lake Rhine Altus Intermediate School Part-Time Cafeteria Cook Effective 1018/23

Jordania Ruble Altus Junior High Custodian Effective 10/27/23

Lorry Williams AECC Cook Effective 10/18/23

Danielle Willis Altus Junior High Secretary Effective 10/30/23

Reassignments with a Change in Salary

Jennifer Hurd From: 7-hour Cook @Rivers To: Teacher's Aide @AES Effective: 10/25/23

Nicholas Kendall From: 9th Grade Girls Basketball Assistant To: HS Wrestling Assistant Effective: 10/1/23

Cheryl Palmer From: 7-hour Cook @AHS To: 4-hour cook @AIS Effective 10/25/23

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2024- 2025 Calendar



Parent Conference Day

Important

Dates

July 4.....Independence Day Observed

Aug. 8, 9,12, 13, 14Professional Days

Sept. 19.....School/ Parent Conferences

July 15.....Principals Report

August 2One-Stop Enrollment Aug. 8.....Teachers Report

Aug. 12......Pirst Day of School Sept. 2....Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 20.....No School Oct. 18-21......Fall Break

Nov. 11.....Veterans Day

Nov. 25-28......Thanksgiving Holiday Dec. 20Last Day of First Semester

Dec. 23-Jan 3Christmas Holiday

Jan. 20.....Martin Luther King Day Feb. 13.....School/Parent Conferences

Jan. 7.....First Day of Second Semester

Jan. 6.....Professional Day

Grading Periods

1st Nine Weeks: Aug. 15 - Oct. 11

2nd Nine Weeks: Oct. 14- Dec. 20

3rd Nine Weeks: Jan. 7 - March 7

4th Nine Weeks: March 10 - May 22

Student Reports

Progress Reports: Sept. 18 Nov. 20 Feb 12 April 16

Report Cards: Oct. 16

Jan. 9 March 12 May 22 April 18-21Éaster Break April 25......No School May 9.....No School May 16.....No School May 22Last Day of School May 23.....Staff Work Day/ High School Graduation May 26Memorial Day

Feb 14No School Feb. 17.....Presidents' Day March 17-21Spring Break

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** Parent Conferences will be held from 3:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. ** For current events visit our website: www.altusps.com Facebook: @AltusPublicSchools Twitter@AltusSchools