



# Board of Education Highlights

An unofficial report of Board proceeding on Monday, February, 2024



## Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Loftiss introduced Altus High School vocal music student De'Ray Foster. De'Ray led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Ms. Reuter, the Altus High School choir teacher introduced the three AHS students who were selected to All-State Choir. Kymanee Otaniyi and Matilyn Dennis are seniors at Altus High School and Jed Lee is an AHS Freshman.

## Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Holder introduced the Site Support Employees of the Year and read a portion of their essay. Christy Duffy, the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant was selected by her peers as the 2024 Altus Public Schools Support Employee of the Year.

Lastly Linda Wiginton, the AHS Swim Coach introduced her Boys and Girls 5A State Runner-Up Swim Teams. Along with the team placings, several student-athletes placed in individual races at state.



### **Consent Agenda**

The consent Agenda was approved with one vote. It consisted of financial reports, activity fundraisers, out-of-state trip requests, use of facilities agreements, Sylogist Ed Software Service Agreement and MAPS II funding reports.

### **Board Policy**

Board Policy 400.060 Parent Participation in the School District was revised, and policy 700.418 Student Pronouns Usage were both approved. Both policies follow state law.

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Worbes and only members of the board met in executive session to discuss the Superintendent's ongoing evaluation.

### **Sale of District's \$6.7M General Obligation Bonds**

Members of the Board voted to authorize the sale of the District's \$6.7M General Obligation Bonds.

### **Britton, Kuykendall, & Miller**

The Auditing Firm Britton, Kuykendall, & Miller was approved to conduct the Altus Public Schools audit for the 23-24 school year.

### **Contracts**

Contracts were approved for Certified Career Staff and Retired Certified Staff. Temporary contracts on a 1st or 2nd year basis were also approved.

### **Increase of Building Fund from State Aid and/or Federal Funds for Schools**

Each year Altus Public Schools creates an estimate of needs. The District cannot spend more money in a school year that is not appropriated in that estimate of needs. The Board voted to increase the Building Fund by \$2.5 million dollars that the District received from the Department of Defense for the Rivers project.

### **Leadership Oklahoma**

Members of the Board approved Mr. Worbes to apply to the Leadership Oklahoma Class of 37 for the 24-25 School Year.

### **Surplus**

Surplus items were approved and declared surplus to be sold at the next surplus sale.

### **Altus Air Force Base**

School Liaison Gwen Brakebill reminded the members of the board that April is the Month of the Military Child. She is encouraging everyone Purple Up on April 15.

### **Personnel**

#### **Retirements**

Randall Coffman  
Athletic Director - DIST  
Effective 6/30/24

Joannie Cook  
SPED Paraprofessional – AHS  
Effective 3/10/24

Kass DeWeese  
Secretary – AJH  
Effective 6/4/24

DeLane Sampler  
Teacher's Aide – AECC  
Effective 5/17/24

#### **Resignations**

Lisa Hunter  
Pom Coach – AHS  
Effective 5/17/24

Margarita Molina  
Cook – AJH  
Effective 3/28/24

Chelsea Thompson  
SPED Paraprofessional -RIV  
Effective 5/17/24

Renee Apollonio  
Teacher – PRIM  
Effective 5/17/24

Will Boyd  
Teacher – AECC  
Effective 5/17/24

Marilyn McCollum  
Teacher – RIV  
Effective 5/17/24

Griselda Morales  
Teacher – AECC  
Effective 5/17/24

Chloe Peirce  
Teacher – RIV  
Effective 5/17/24

Stephanie Tucker  
Teacher – RIV  
Effective 5/17/24

Loren Tyson  
Nurse – DIST  
Effective 3/11/24

Emelie Von Raesfeld  
Teacher – PRIM  
Effective 5/17/24

Madaline Wells  
Teacher – AIS  
Effective 5/17/24

**Reassignments with a Change in Salary 24-25**

**School Year**

Blake DeLao  
From: Band Director - AJH  
To: AHS Assistant Principal  
Effective: 7/17/24

Dusty Davis  
From: Assistant Athletic Director - DIST  
To: Athletic Director – DIST  
Effective: 7-1-24

**New Hires 23-24 School Year**

Stella Carson  
Teacher's Aide – AECC  
Effective: 3/25/24

Meghan Davis  
Cook – AHS  
Effective: 2/27/24

**New Hires 24-25 School Year**

Elisabeth Kincannon  
Teacher – PRIM  
Effective: 8/8/24



