

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Devine ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Devine ISD was held on Monday, February 16, 2026 beginning at 6:45 PM in the Administration Building, 605 W Hondo Ave., Devine, TX 78016

Board Members Present: Nancy Pepper (President), Henry Moreno (Vice-President), Keri James (Secretary), Alixana Buvinghausen, Chris Davis, Candace Esparza,

Board Members Absent: Carl Brown

Guests Present: Anton Reicher (The Devine News), Shelby Haass, Nathan Roberson, Britny Stricker, Kandy Stein, Doug Bull.

School Officials Present: Dr. Todd Grandjean (Superintendent), Dawn Schneider (Director of HR/Info Mgmt), Kandi Darnell (DMS Principal), Lysandra Reyes (Intermediate Principal), Mark Raygosa (Elementary Principal), Jenni Hagdorn (Special Ed Director), Shannon Ramirez (CFO), Geri Woods (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Nancy Pepper called this meeting of the Devine Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated for the record that a quorum of board members was present, that this meeting had been duly called, and that notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. She further stated that trustees Candace Esparza, Henry Moreno, Keri James, Chris Davis, Alixana Buvinghausen, and Nancy Pepper were present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation** led by Nancy Pepper.

3. Citizen Communication

- A. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items. None.
- B. Public Address for Items on the Agenda. None.

4. School Bus Safety Belt Report

Kandy Stein presented a report regarding SB 546 requirement for 3-point safety belts in all buses by September 1, 2029. Out of 23 total buses, we have 14 with 3-point seat belts, 2 with 2-point lap belts, and 7 with no seat belts. Retrofitting will cost \$447,000. Ms. Stein stated that if we continue purchasing 2 buses per year as we have in the past several years, we will be compliant by the deadline.

5. Public Hearing on TAPR, Special Ed Compliance, and Safety

Todd Grandjean presented the TAPR report and the safety report; Jenni Hagdorn reported on Special Education.

6. Administrative Reports and Discussion

A. Central Office Reports

- 1. Superintendent's Monthly Reports on Board Priorities, Monthly Activity Calendar, District Event Calendar, 2023 Bond Projects, and Safety & Security Report
- 2. Director of HR/Info Mgmt Monthly Report and STAAR EOC Report
- 3. Director of Special Education Monthly Reports

B. Business Office Monthly Reports and Payment of Bills

C. Principals' Reports on Campus Sports/Activities

- 1. Devine High School Principal's Report
- 2. Devine Middle School Principal's Report
- 3. Devine Intermediate School Principal's Report
- 4. JJ Ciavarra Elementary School Principal's Report

5. Devine Learning Center/DAEP Principal Monthly Reports

D. Directors' Monthly Reports

7. Consent Agenda

Candace Esparza moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to approve consent agenda as presented. This motion passed, 6-0.

Those in favor: Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0; Absent: Brown

A. Minutes of January 22, 2026 Board Meeting

B. Budget Amendment (this item was pulled out of the consent agenda to be considered as an action item)

C. Public School Week Proclamation

8. Action Item(s):

A. Consider and take possible action to approve 2026-2027 Instructional Calendar. No action taken.

B. Candace Esparza moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to set the following dates for budget workshop meetings Monday, March 30, 2026, Tuesday, May 5, 2026, and Thursday, May 28, 2026 if needed. This motion passed, 6-0.

Those in favor: Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0; Absent: Brown

C. Keri James moved and seconded by Chris Davis to not adopt the Resolution related to Texas Education Code Section 25.0823 and Prayer in Schools. This motion passed, 6-0.

Those in favor: Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0; Absent: Brown

Ali Buvinghausen moved and seconded to adopt a resolution affirming our constitutional and legal right to choose to pray in school. This motion passed, 6-0.

Those in favor: Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0; Absent: Brown

D. Alixana Buvinghausen moved and seconded by Henry Moreno to approve repairing the DMS Gym floor as presented. This motion passed, 6-0.

Those in favor: Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0; Absent: Brown

E. Candace Esparza moved and seconded by Chris Davis to approve the budget amendment with the stipulation that additional quotes are acquired for the sound system. This motion passed, 6-0.

Those in favor: Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0; Absent: Brown

The items added to the posted budget amendment: DMS Gym Floor for \$51,200 and sound systems for the tennis courts, softball field, and DSAC for not more than \$56,500.

F. Candace Esparza moved and seconded by Alixana Buvinghausen to approve the JOC contracts with Comfort Commander AC & Heating for both HVAC and Kitchen Repairs as presented. This motion passed, 6-0.

Those in favor: Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0; Absent: Brown

9. Closed Session

Nancy Pepper stated for the record that the Board of Trustees, beginning at 7:58 p.m., will convene in a closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of discussing items listed under Texas Government Code Section 551.074 and 551.082. NO FINAL ACTION, DECISIONS, OR VOTES WILL BE TAKEN WHILE THE BOARD IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

10. Reconvene from Closed Session

The board reconvened in open session at 8:44 p.m.

11. Action Items Discussed in Closed Session

A. Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Keri James to adopt 2026 Superintendent's Goals and Evaluation Instrument as discussed in closed session. This motion passed, 6-0.

Those in favor: Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0; Absent: Brown

12. **Adjournment**

Henry Moreno moved and seconded by Ali Buvinghausen to adjourn. This motion passed, 6-0.

Those in favor: Buvinghausen, Davis, Esparza, James, Moreno, Pepper

Those opposed: 0; Absent: Brown

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary