

HIGHLIGHTS

an unofficial report of board proceedings April 13, 2026

PURPLE STAR RECOGNITION



Altus Public Schools recently recognized its strong partnership with military families during Monday's meeting. Nearly 30% of the district's students are military-connected, reflecting the close relationship with Altus Air Force Base. A group of students representing military-dependent families was honored, highlighting the important role these students and their families play in the school community. The Altus Board of Education signed a Resolution to declare April the Month of the Military Child.



The evening also included a special presentation from the Oklahoma State Department of Education, as Altus Public Schools received the prestigious Purple Star School designation. Superintendent Roe Worbes, along with Colonel Kind and Altus military-connected students, accepted the award on behalf of the district. This recognition celebrates the district's continued commitment to supporting military-connected students and their families.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



Altus Junior High 8th grade student, Isabella Young led the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the board meeting.



Powerlifting State Placers



Altus High School Powerlifting Coach, Braden Jones, introduced the five student-athletes who placed at the state powerlifting competition earlier this year: Gabe Morales, Bray Harter, Sara Hernandez, Dallas Eichelberger, Nathan Sanchez, and Coach Jones.

Coach Jones also educated those in attendance on the sport of powerlifting, a competitive weightlifting competition. Athletes are divided into weight classes, similar to wrestling. There are three specific lifts, and each athlete has three attempts to complete. Many of these athletes are returning to AHS and have big plans for next year.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved by a single vote. Included in the consent agenda were budget reports, capital improvement and technology plans, activity fundraisers, out-of-state trip request, use-of-school facilities, and MAPSII Funds reports, and MOUs with SWODA and JAG. The Board Resolution declaring April the Month of the Military Child.

Board Policy

Policy 200.065, Altus Public Schools Wellness policy was revised.

Executive Session

Superintendent Worbes and members of the board entered into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's on-going evaluation.

Shive takes seat #4



Newly elected board member Michael Shive attended his first meeting after being elected to Seat #4 in the April 7 election. Michael is an Altus High School Graduate. He and his wife Kirstie have 4 children.

BOARD OFFICERS

Each April, the Board reorganizes and elects a new president and vice president. Traditionally, the board member who is two years away from the end of their term is selected to serve as president, while the member who is two years away from the end of their term is selected to serve as vice president. Jessie Gonzales will serve as president, and Justin Landers will serve as vice-president for this year.

2026-2027 Contracts

Members of the board approved the 2026-27 regular contracts for certified career staff, and 2026-27 contracts for support staff.

E-Rate

Members of the board approved the resolution for schools and libraries universal services (E-Rate) for 2025-2026. This resolution authorizes the filing of the Form 471 Applications for Funding Year 2025-26 and the Payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services.

Summer Food Service Program

The Summer Food Program was approved for May 27 through June 18, 2026. Breakfast and lunch will be served Monday through Thursday, and are free of charge for community children up to 18 years old. Additionally, six Child Nutrition employees were approved to run the Summer Food Service Program

Out-of-State Travel

Two out-of-state trips were approved. Mr. Worbes, Mrs. Darby and Mr. Loftiss were approved to attend the Gear-Up Training in Washington D.C. this summer to be paid with Gear-Up funds. Altus Archery teams, coaches, volunteers and Mr. Worbes were approved to travel to the National Archery Competition in Louisville, KY in May.

Surplus

Surplus from Altus Junior High School was approved.

Personnel

Retirements

Tamera Kerr
Teacher - AECC
Effective: 5/22/26

Support Resignations

Rachelle Basaldua
Paraprofessional - AECC
Effective: 5/22/26

Janeth Cuellar
Teacher's Aide - AES
Effective: 5/22/26

Paula Davis
Teacher's Aide - RIV
Effective: 5/22/26

Alexis Fierro - AES
Teacher's Aide
Effective: 5/22/26

Olivia Gonzalez
Custodian -AHS
Effective: 3/30/26

Amalia Garcia De Olson
8hr Bus Driver- DIST

Sabrina Ramirez
Secretary - Dist
Effective: 6/3/26

Support Resignations Cont.

Emma Tahbonemah
Paraprofessional - AIS
Effective: 5/22/26

Jeffrey Thompson
Teacher's Aide - AJH
Effective: 5/22/26

Certified Resignations

Patsy Annis
SPED Teacher - AJH
Effective: 5/22/26

Telena Byrd
SPED Teacher - PRIM
Effective: 5/22/26

Jammie Hamm
STEAM Director - RIV
Effective: 5/22/26

Jenny Leverett
Teacher - PRIM
Effective: 5/22/26

Angela McKenzie
Teacher: RIV
Effective: 5/22/26

Reassignment with a Change in Salary

Melissa Snyder
From: SPED Para @PRIM
To: 8 hr Bus Driver
Effective: 3/23/26

Personnel

Reassignment with a Change in Salary Cont.

Jill Elrod

From: Teacher @AIS

To: SPED Teacher @AIS

Effective: 8/6/26

New Hires 2025-26 SY

Caroline Baldwin

Custodian - AHS

Effective: 4/14/26

Krista Duke

Paraprofessional - AHS

Effective: 4/14/26

Margo Loutzenhiser

Long-Term Sub - AJH

Effective: 3/11/26

New Hires 2026/27

Certified

Brenda Daigle

Teacher - AES

Effective: 8/6/26

Kalin Dyer

Speech Therapist - DIST

Effective: 8/6/26

Delaney Gobeille

Teacher - AECC

Effective: 8/6/26

Alyson Hays

Teacher - AES

Effective: 8/6/26

New Hires 2026/27

Certified Cont.

Margo Loutzenhiser

Teacher - AJH

Effective: 8/6/26

Melody Majors

Teacher - AES

Effective: 8/6/26

Clara Oates

SPED Teacher - RIV

Effective: 8/6/26