



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: February 20, 2017

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Naming Elementary #5 "Walsh Elementary School".

PRESENTER: Dr. Derek Citty, Superintendent

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S): All

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The District has set a precedent of naming schools after those who donated property. McCall Elementary, opened in 2008, is formally named after Patricia Dean Boswell McCall whose family donated the school site to AISD.

In addition, when approving the donation of school site property to AISD, the District approved a Memorandum-of-Understanding between AISD and the Walsh Ranches Limited Partnership which states at paragraph 6:

"Name. Owner hereby requests the name of the Elementary School to be constructed on the School Site to be "Walsh Elementary School". Under AISD's Board Policy, final naming rights on the Elementary School are reserved to the Board of Trustees for AISD, which hereby agrees to consider any proposed name submitted by Owner in the event that the Board of Trustees does not agree to name the school "Walsh Elementary School."

This items returns for Trustee consideration after being tabled at the January 23, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees. At this meeting Trustees directed Administration to request Walsh Ranches Limited Partnership consider a name for the campus with a more specific focus honoring individuals. Mr. Malcolm Loudon, representing the Walsh family's interests, formally requests the District name the campus, "*Mary D. and F. Howard Walsh Elementary School*".

In addition, Trustees have subsequently requested Administration provide a list of any tangible or intangible things the Walsh family has done for Aledo ISD. A few items that may fall under this request are:

- The donation of 14.51 acres of property for purposes of an elementary school site
- A donation of \$1,000,000 to be used as the District wishes upon groundbreaking of the new school
- Funding of Bearcat Vision (\$50,000)
- Funding the Dan Manning Award (\$50,000)
- Funding the Don Daniel Award (\$100,000 to date)

Note: There are other items not specifically listed such as Walsh Holdings funding a waste substation lawsuit for several hundred thousand dollars. The previous list only outlines a sampling of kindnesses and support shown to AISD over the years.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION(S): The District policy that guides this decision is found at CW (LOCAL): NAMING FACILITIES:

“The Board may name a District facility or a portion of a facility:

- 1. To reflect the name of the residential community or communities the facility serves;*
- 2. After a local geographic area or feature or after a local municipality;*
- 3. In honor of a family, individual, or organization donating property to the District; or*
- 4. To honor an outstanding individual.*

A District facility or portion of a facility shall not be named after a current employee of the District.

The consideration of the naming of a facility shall be included on the agenda of a duly called Board meeting. The Board shall have the final decision on the naming of facilities.”

FISCAL NOTE: There is no known impact to the 2016-17 budget related to consideration of this item.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMENDATION: Administration recommends Trustees permanently name Elementary #5, the “*Mary D. and F. Howard Walsh Elementary School*” per the request (as amended) found in the memorandum-of-understanding between AISD and the Walsh Ranches Limited Partnership.