



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: August 29, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Approval of the Bearcat Growth Committee Recommendation of the 2019 Bond Program

PRESENTER: Christi James & Jim Scott, Co-Chairs, Bearcat Growth Committee

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Due to the rapid student growth in Aledo ISD, the Administration and Board of Trustees have been discussing planning for facilities to meet the learning needs of our students. At Board meetings on October 15 and 17, and November 12, 2018, the Administration and Board discussed the bond planning process that would take place prior to a potential November 2019 bond election. In addition, the Administration and Board discussed, studied, and shared with the community, demographic and financial data that is informing our planning for growth.

The Bearcat Growth Committee (BGC) was appointed by the Board of Trustees at its December 17, 2018 regular Board meeting, and has met as a group during 10 meetings between January 24 and August 1, 2019. Each month while the BGC met, the BGC Co-Chairs and members updated the Board of Trustees on their work.

The purpose and charge of the committee are as follows:

BGC Purpose:

The purpose of the Bearcat Growth Committee is to represent the Aledo ISD community in the study of data related to enrollment, finances, instructional priorities, and facility needs, and in recommending to the Board of Trustees a bond program to address district-wide facility needs due to growing student enrollment and aging facilities.

BGC Charge:

The Bearcat Growth Committee is charged by the Board of Trustees to:

- represent the priorities, expectations, and values of the entire community,
- consider the needs of all of the district's students,
- use facts and data to make informed decisions,
- recommend a program that meets the district's building capacity needs for as long as possible and extends the life of facilities where possible,
- understand the district's finances to develop a program that is fiscally sound, and
- recommend to the Board of trustees a bond program and the associated request of voters for a possible November 2019 bond election.

On August 1, 2019, the BGC met and constructed a bond program to recommend to the Board of Trustees for a November 5, 2019 bond election. At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on August 8, 2019, the BGC Co-chairs, Christi James and Jim Scott, and members of the BGC presented the following bond program for the Board's consideration. The BGC members detailed the BGC process as well as their work together.

• Middle School #2	\$62,501,000
• Aledo Middle School Renovation/Expansion	\$33,446,000
• Elementary School #6	\$35,858,000
• McAnally Renovation to Elementary School	\$9,611,000
• Vandagriff Renovation to Early Childhood Campus	\$1,709,000
• Coder, Stuard, McCall Elem. furniture replacement	\$1,800,000
• Land for future school sites	\$4,525,000
• School buses	<u>\$500,000</u>
Total	\$149,950,000

The BGC intends to recommend the bond program to the Board of Trustees for approval.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

None

ATTACHMENTS: Bearcat Growth Committee Presentation of Recommended Bond Program

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the recommended bond program of \$149,950,000, as presented by the Bearcat Growth Committee, for a November 5, 2019 bond election.