



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2017

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion of the Final Disposition of the 2015 Bond

PRESENTER: Earl Husfeld

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S): Financial/Facilities – The District shall exhibit excellence in financial and facility planning, management, and stewardship.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The 2015 Bond Program was approved by the District's voters on May 9, 2015.
- During several board meetings over the course of the past year, the topic of using remaining bond funds to repay outstanding debt has been discussed by the Board of Trustees and Administration.
- To assist with this on-going discussion, the following financial information and considerations are being shared with you this evening.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

- In order to give you the most up-to-date information possible, a financial analysis of the 2015 Bond Program, similar to the September 18th handout, will be distributed at the board meeting.
- As discussed during the September 18th board meeting, the following items have been updated for your continued consideration and discussion related to the use of 2015 Bond Program funds:
 - When the original bids/quotes were received for Walsh Elementary School, several items were "value engineered" out in order to get the anticipated cost within budget parameters. The thinking was the District would re-assess the need for these items at a later date after determining if funds were available for them.
 - The primary item we are asking for your consideration and discussion is to complete three (3) classrooms on the lower level of Walsh Elementary that were removed from the scope of the original construction.
 - Additional items being discussed and evaluated is a canopy outside of the Music and STEAM rooms at the front of the building, a canopy for the outdoor learning area, small sections of additional sidewalk in two (2) areas, and for safety purposes the re-examination of the fencing at the southern area of the building.



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- I anticipate final pricing for these items will be available for either the December or January board meetings.
- Another item we are asking for your consideration and discussion is for a District owned (private) fiber optic pathway from the District's Technology/Police Building to Walsh Elementary School.
 - We are currently utilizing a VPN (virtual private network) connection over the Internet to connect Walsh Elementary School. This method has some limitations and is not the long term goal. However, the VPN was used because Internet access was the only available option as construction ended and the school year started. Long-term, we need either the private fiber connection or will need to acquire a 10 GB circuit from a service provider for Walsh Elementary School.
 - One of the primary benefits of this private fiber is improved Internet for the District. This fiber will allow us to leverage the 10 GB Internet connection at Walsh Elementary School with the rest of the District. This connection is 20 times faster than the existing district connection.
 - Another benefit is this private fiber connection will provide connectivity for all future campuses to be built in the Walsh Development. This fiber will be connected at the service provider's facility in Walsh Development. This means we will utilize this same fiber pathway to connect all future campuses within Walsh Development. For comparison, a 10 GB connection between campuses can cost \$5,000 per month per campus from a service provider. Over the long-term scale of the Walsh Development, this private fiber will easily pay for itself many times over.
 - Due to the issues our instructional and technology staff experienced with the roll-out of the Promethean panels the District purchased, the Promethean Company provided all of the panels for Walsh Elementary School at no cost to the District. This savings is estimated to be worth approximately \$250,000.
 - The one-time budgeted cost for this private fiber pathway and installation is estimated to be \$350,000, without potential e-rate funding. The District released a Request for Proposals for this potential project on November 8th. The responses are slated to be received in early January 2018 with a presentation being made to the Board of Trustees at the January board meeting.
- The last item we are asking for your consideration and discussion is for funding to purchase additional student technology devices. In April 2017, the Board of Trustees approved Technology Package No. 3 in the amount of \$1,512,579.36 for student technology devices. This award provided for five (5) devices per

classroom. During the roll-out of this project, we shared with District staff that if technology funds remained after the completion of all technology projects provided for in the 2015 Bond Program, the Administration would approach the Board of Trustees with the idea of utilizing any remaining technology funds to expand the number of technology devices for each classroom.

FISCAL NOTE:

None – Informational Report

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

None – Informational Report