

MEETING DATE: December 14, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Approval of 2021 Attendance Zone Committee Charge and Purpose

PRESENTER: Susan K Bohn, Superintendent

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In November 2019, Aledo ISD voters approved the 2019 Bond Program, which includes the construction of one new elementary school (Elementary School #6) and one new middle school (Middle School #2). Elementary School #6 will open in August 2021, and Middle School #2 will open in August 2022.

The addition of the two new schools necessitates that the District's current elementary school attendance zones be redrawn and that middle school attendance zones be drawn for the first time.

The Administration and Board discussed an Attendance Zone Committee (AZC)Process during the November 16, 2020 regular Board meeting. During this Board meeting, the Administration recommends that the Board approve the attached Purpose and Charge for the AZC so that work can begin to form the committee.

The members of the AZC will be chosen through trustee appointment, campus nomination, and citizen application. The emphasis in creating the committee will be on diversity of committee members demographically and geographically in an effort to represent the community at-large as well as possible. The number of members on the committee is expected to be between 35 and 40.

The AZC's process for recommending new attendance zones to the Board of Trustees for approval will include the opportunity for the Board of Trustees and all community members to share feedback with the AZC. The Administration anticipates that the work of the committee, resulting in a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, will be completed in March of 2021.

The Administration is constructing guidelines for the opportunity for a student who currently attends a campus as a 4th grader (during this 2020-2021 school year) to be "grandfathered" to stay at that campus for his/her 5th grade year during the 2021-2022 school year. If a parent chooses for such a "rising 4th grader" to stay on the campus to

which he/she is currently assigned, any sibling of that "rising 4th grader" may also attend the campus for only one school year (the 2021-2022 school year). If a parent chooses to keep their "rising 4th grader" (and any sibling) on their current campus for 5th grade, the parent must provide transportation for their child/ren on that campus.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

2021 Attendance Zone Committee Charge and Purpose

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approves the proposed 2021 Attendance Zone Committee Charge and Purpose.