



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 2020-2021 Budget Update

PRESENTER: Earl Husfeld, Chief Financial Officer

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Per Section 44.002 of the Texas Education Code, “the Superintendent shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a proposed budget covering all estimated revenue and proposed expenditures of the District for the following fiscal year.”
- The budget must be prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles, rules adopted by the State Board of Education, and adopted policies of the Board of Trustees.
- Budgets for the General Fund, the Child Nutrition Fund, and the Debt Service Fund must be included in the official district budget and must be adopted by August 31.
- As noted in the July 2020 monthly financial reports for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, revenues to date are generally meeting budget projections. Expenditures to date are generally below budget projections.
- As we discussed during the August 10 Budget Workshop, the COVID-19 pandemic has led to considerable uncertainty in the development of the 2020-2021 proposed budget.
- This uncertainty is primarily related to the projected cost of COVID-19 expenditures, the possibility of less students leading to less state revenues, and the possibility of a lower collection rate of current year property taxes.
- The District intends to pursue any additional relief funding that may become available for necessary COVID-19 expenditures.
- The public meeting to discuss the budget and tax rate is scheduled for August 24, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Also at that meeting, the Administration will recommend the 2020-2021 budget for Board approval.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

None – Informational Report

ATTACHMENTS:

Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

None – Informational Report

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ *(name of school district)* will hold a public meeting at _____ *(time, date, year)* in _____ *(name of room, building, physical location)* _____ *(city, state)*.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ _____ / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax
Approved by Local Voters \$ _____ / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	_____ % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Debt service	_____ % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____ % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ _____	\$ _____

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).

** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ _____

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	<u>Maintenance & Operations</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year's Rate	\$	\$ *	\$	\$	\$
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$	\$ *	\$	\$	\$
Proposed Rate	\$	\$ *	\$	\$	\$

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$	\$
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$	\$
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$	\$
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$	\$
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is _____ (school voter-approval rate) _____. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of _____ (school voter-approval rate) _____.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.