



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: Superintendent Reports

- A. Campus Enrollment Numbers
- B. District Events
- C. Community Meetings
- D. Security Update
- E. State Lawsuit Update
- F. Legislative Update
- G. Make Education a Priority
- H. Terry and Helen Hyles Teacher Attendance Drawing

PRESENTER: Dan Manning

ALIGNs TO BOARD PRIORITY(S): ALL

Report Information:

A. Total Enrollment on Feb. 15: 4,711

Projections by campus:

- Vandagriff ES: 517
- Coder ES: 489
- Stuard ES: 560
- McCall ES: 519
- McIS: 366
- AMS: 774
- Daniel 9th: 373
- AHS: 1,113 (29 at Aledo Learning Center)

B. District Events/Accomplishments

1. Congratulations to our Aledo HS Academic Decathlon team which took the Bronze Team Medal at Regional competition Jan. 26th in Mansfield. The team also combined for a Silver medal in Super Whiz, and Andrew Antonakes was named Overall Regional Varsity MVP, and walked away with 11 total medals, including five gold medals from the math, economics, history, speech and interview contests. Andrew is also ranked sixth in the state overall.

2. Basketball- Our Girls basketball team has won the District championship and are currently in the playoffs. As of Feb. 12, the Boys are in contention for last playoff spot.

3. Congratulations to the Aledo HS girls and boys swim teams for success in the recent district meet. The Ladycats won the District Championship, and the Bearcats team took second place. Both teams participated in the Regional meet last weekend.

4. Varsity Tennis did well last week in Boswell HS tournament winning several singles and mixed doubles awards.

5. Reminder- Spring Break will be March 11-15. All District Facilities will be closed.

C. Community Meetings- I continue holding “Brown Bag” community meetings at elementary campuses in February. One was held recently at Coder I and have three more scheduled in the coming weeks. Stuard will be Feb. 21st, Vandagriff will be Feb. 28th, and McCall on Mar. 7th. All meetings start at 12:00 noon.

D. Security Update- Tom Kelly has been hired as a part time officer and Wes Cummins as a full time officer.

E. State Lawsuit Update- On Monday, Feb. 4th, Judge John Dietz issued a ruling in the four month long school finance lawsuit that Aledo ISD joined along with over 600 school districts across the state. Judge Dietz’s ruled that the system Texas uses to fund public schools violates the state's constitution by not providing adequate funding to school districts and failing to distribute the money in an equitable manner. The state plans to appeal the decision to the Texas Supreme Court.

F. Legislative update- There are several important bills that were recently proposed in the Texas Legislature regarding public education that are worthy of our attention. House Bill 5, Under Texas law today, high schoolers must pass 15 end-of-course exams in order to graduate. Aycock’s bill would trim that down to five: Algebra I, Biology, U.S. history, and reading and writing tests for English II.

Provides flexibility for students to develop their talents and pursue their interests

- Creates one diploma that affords all students a variety of postsecondary opportunities. Students may earn an additional endorsement in one of four areas: STEM, Business and Industry, Public Services, and Arts and Humanities.
- Greatly expands course options and allows individual students more flexibility
- Allows districts to partner with community colleges and industry to develop rigorous courses that address workforce needs, provide technical training and count towards graduation
- Grants current ninth and tenth grade students the benefits of the new structure
- Allows all high school graduates to be eligible for automatic admission to Texas public four-year universities since all students graduate under the same diploma
- Reduces the number of end-of-course assessments from fifteen to five
- Allows students to meet their graduation assessment requirement by passing ELA II (reading and writing), Algebra I, Biology and US History
- Eliminates the requirement that the end-of-course assessments determine fifteen percent of a student's course grade
- Establishes clear graduation requirements for students and parents by eliminating the cumulative score requirement
- Encourages college readiness by allowing satisfactory performance on Advanced Placement exams, SAT exams and the ACT to satisfy graduation requirements

G. Make Education a Priority Update-

H. Terry and Helen Hyles Teacher Attendance Drawing

Feb. 23rd- “Save our Texas Schools” Rally in Austin

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FISCAL NOTE: None

Administrative Recommendation: Report Only