



## ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

**MEETING DATE: June 17, 2013**

**AGENDA ITEM: Superintendent Reports**

- A. Campus Enrollment Numbers
- B. District Events
- C. Legislative Update
- D. Special Commendation

**PRESENTER: Dan Manning**

**ALIGNS TO BOARD PRIORITY(S): ALL**

**Report Information:**

**A. Total Enrollment on June 5th: 4,660**

Projections by campus:

- Vandagriff ES: 519
- Coder ES: 492
- Stuard ES: 562
- McCall ES: 511
- McIS: 365
- AMS: 759
- Daniel 9<sup>th</sup>: 370
- AHS: 1,082

**B. District Events/Accomplishments**

1. **Class of 2013** -Graduation Numbers: Aledo HS had 350 graduates; 53 graduated from Aledo Learning Center this year; 297 crossed the stage on June 5th, 218 of which were Texas Scholars. Class of 2013 received \$7.8 million in scholarship offers.
2. **The "Year of the Ladycat"**- Four Ladycat sports teams made it to state this year including volleyball, basketball, golf and softball. Congratulations to all our lady athletes for a tremendous year.

**C. Legislative Update**- The 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative has completed its regular session although the Governor has called them back into a special session. There were over 900 bills filed regarding public education in this session, with several key bills being passed that will effect public education and Aledo ISD.

- **Senate Bill 1**- provides appropriation of \$3.93 billion to public education, Some highlights of the bill include:
  - Restores \$3.4 billion in school district formula funding. (Aledo ISD projected to receive about \$1.3 million over next biennium)
  - Restores about \$200 million to various programs, including pre-K and the Student Success initiative.

- It adds a new \$330 million funding stream to districts to cover the new 1.5 percent districts must contribute to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS).
- House Bill (HB) 5, Makes sweeping changes in testing and graduation requirements for public schools. The bill passed both House and Senate unanimously and was signed by Governor Perry June 10<sup>th</sup>. Some of the most important features are:
  - HB 5 decreases the number of mandatory end-of-course (EOC) tests from 15 to five. EOCs will be required for Algebra I, Biology, English I, English II, and United States History. The English I and II end-of-course assessments will cover both reading and writing, eliminating the need for separate tests.
  - HB 5 creates a new “Foundation High School Program” which will also allow students who take additional or specific courses to earn endorsements in science, technology, engineering and mathematics; business and industry; public services; arts and humanities; or multidisciplinary studies. A student must take four math courses to earn any endorsement.
- SB 1458 the TRS bill that makes the pension fund actuarially sound to ensure the continuation of a defined benefit pension system and provides a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for some retirees.

Benefit Changes

- All current TRS members that are vested in the system would not be impacted by changes in the retirement calculation (vesting equals 5 years of service credit).
- Minimum age of 62 only for new hires and non-vested members (as of August 31, 2014).

Contribution Rate Changes

- State rate would increase from 6.4 percent to 6.8 percent;
- Employee contribution rate would increase incrementally over four years;
- Creates a new school district rate set at 1.5 percent of minimum salary for any TRS participating employee. This provision only becomes effective during the second year of the biennium and the state appropriated \$330 million to assist districts for the first year;
- All three contribution rates would be linked together to ensure future rate decreases would be shared by all contributors.

**D. Special Commendation- Recognizing Dr. Derek City**

**FISCAL NOTE: None**

**Administrative Recommendation: Report Only**