

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Approval of 2024 Attendance Zone Committee Charge and

Purpose

PRESENTER: Susan K Bohn, Superintendent; Ingia Saxton, Assistant Superintendent

Student & Community Programs

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In May 2023, Aledo ISD voters approved the 2023 Bond Program, which included the construction of one new elementary school (Elementary School #7 - now named Lynn McKinney Elementary) planned to open in August 2024.

The addition of Lynn McKinney Elementary necessitates that the District's current elementary school attendance zones be redrawn and that middle school attendance zones be reviewed and possibly re-drawn as determined based on committee review.

The Administration and Board discussed the initiation of an Attendance Zone Committee (AZC) during the October 23, 2023, regular Board meeting. The proposed purpose and charge of the 2024 AZC is detailed below for the Board's consideration.

2024 Attendance Zone Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Attendance Zone Committee is to represent the Aledo ISD community in the study of data related to projected student enrollment growth, campus student capacity, safety, transportation, current and planned transportation infrastructure, and geographic location of planned development in the district, in recommending to the Board of Trustees new attendance zones for elementary and middle schools.

2024 Attendance Zone Committee Charge

The Attendance Zone Committee is charged by the Board of Trustees to:

- represent the priorities, expectations, and values of the entire community.
- consider the needs of all of the district's students,
- listen to and consider questions and feedback from all community members and the Board of Trustees,
- use facts and data to make informed decisions,

- recommend attendance zones that are projected to most efficiently use building capacity for the longest time period possible (given projected student growth), and
- recommend to the Board of Trustees an elementary attendance zone map (effective 2024-2025) and a middle school attendance zone map (effective 2024-2025) for approval by the Board and implementation by the Administration.

Upon approval of the AZC purpose and charge, applications for committee membership will be sent district-wide. Those members will be chosen through trustee appointment, campus nomination, and citizen application. The administration will ensure that the committee will be created with an emphasis on the diversity of committee members demographically and geographically in an effort to represent the community at-large as well as possible. The committee membership application will run through December 4, 2023.

The Administration anticipates that the work of the committee, resulting in a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, will be completed by March of 2024.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the proposed committee purpose and charge and for the AZC so that work can begin to redraw the attendance zones within Aledo ISD to support opening Lynn McKinney Elementary in August 2024.