



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: Superintendent Reports

- A. Campus Enrollment Numbers
- B. District Events
- C. Community Meetings Update
- D. Legislative Update
- E. Make Education a Priority

PRESENTER: Dan Manning

ALIGNS TO BOARD PRIORITY(S): ALL

Report Information:

A. Total Enrollment on Mar. 8th: 4,704

Projections by campus:

- Vandagriff ES: 519
- Coder ES: 489
- Stuard ES: 556
- McCall ES: 517
- McIS: 366
- AMS: 774
- Daniel 9th: 373
- AHS: 1,110 (24 at Aledo Learning Center)

B. District Events/Accomplishments

1. Congratulations to our Aledo HS Ladycat Girls basketball team who were Regional Champions and advanced to the state tournament in Austin. Congratulations to Coach Rusty Johnson, his players and coaches for a great season.

2. Congrats to the Aledo HS Color Guard at the Feb. 23 Mansfield Regional Color Guard competition, Aledo High School's Color Guard placed first, dominating schools including Wakeland, The Colony, Keller, Keller Central, Lakeview Centennial, Wylie East, Mansfield Legacy and Summit. Congratulations!

AND- 140 of our AHS band students are advancing to the UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Austin in May. This is a record number again for the high school band program. Students will compete at the University of Texas Campus on Memorial Day. Congratulations!

3. McAnally Intermediate School is offering a shot clinic on Monday, March 25th to all current sixth-graders to help prepare them for seventh grade immunization requirements. The clinic is from 8 a.m. to noon that day.

4. The Board voted on March 4th to name TASB's Executive Search Services (ESS) as the firm to assist the district in its search process for our next superintendent. Hiring a search firm ensures the district will have a transparent and thorough process to attract the best possible candidates for superintendent.

This process will allow us to have input from staff, students and the community regarding the type of leader we are seeking. The Board has asked that school personnel, students and the public be involved in developing a profile of the qualifications and characteristics of the person the Board should seek to hire as the next superintendent.

5. Reminder- Good Friday, March 29 will be a district holiday. All campuses will be closed.

C. Community Meetings- I have held three more recent “Brown Bag” community meetings at elementary campuses. Parents from Stuard, Vandagriff and McCall came out to the library for an opportunity to ask me questions and share concerns and ideas about the district. Thank you to all the parents and community members who have attended.

D. Legislative update- Some tentative good news from Austin. It looks as though some of the \$5.4 Billion in cuts to public education from the 2011 legislative session will be restored although way less than needed. As of last week, it is proposed that \$1.5 billion be restored which would mostly cover the growth of adding approximately 160,000 students to public schools in the next two years. The final decisions on funding will be made later in the session. Texas' per-student spending has fallen to 47th or 48th (depending on the source) nationwide, decreasing more than \$700 in the 2012-2013 school year and \$1,000-plus since the cuts first took effect. Texas currently spends \$8,400 per student, \$3,055 less than the national average.

F. Make Education a Priority Update- Feb. 23rd rally for public education was held in Austin. Approximately 2,000 parents, teachers, students and other supporters rallied at the capitol asking lawmakers to restore the deep cuts made to public ed in 2011. Board president Bobby Riques participated in the press conference that morning at the capitol with several state leaders.

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FISCAL NOTE: None

Administrative Recommendation: Report Only