

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board of Trustees Meeting July 10, 2020

Consider Approval of 2020-2021 School Year Calendar

SUMMARY:

To request approval of a revised 2020-21 calendar.

Board Goal

Teaching and Learning

- Develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority.
- Incorporate best practices into teaching, learning, technology and leadership.
- Foster and support an advanced digital learning environment.

Culture and Climate

- Honor the dedication and professionalism of all staff.
- Promote health, wellness and emotional well-being.

Opportunities for Students

- Support college, career, military and life readiness.
- Develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board previously approved the proposed 2020-21 Calendar in December, 2019. In June, 2020 the Board was provided an overview of an intercessional calendar as suggested by TEA. It remains the recommendation to the Board not to consider an intercessional calendar.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Allow for professional development for all staff in standardized digital platforms.
- Ensure all necessary resources are available in district.
- Planning and preparation of instructional arrangements for a variety of possible scenarios.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

No additional significant issues to report other than those reflected in the summary of this consent agenda item.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

TEA has communicated how funding for ADA during closure will be calculated. Dr. Nivens has presented state funding projections in a separate topic.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Approval of this item allows for maximum professional development and preparation for all staff members. In addition to instructional preparation it allows for receipt of PPE and allows for building preparation as needed for additional safety precautions.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

The instructional day will increase by 5 minutes, with a reduction of two instructional days, still providing for the required 75,600 instructional minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

Consideration for the current start date of 8/12, or further delayed start of 9/1 or 9/8.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the proposed calendar with an 8/26 start date.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Susannah O'Bara, Area Superintendent for Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

None

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Susannah O'Bara

Signature of Superintendent: _____