



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: August 21, 2017

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Budgetary Elements Associated with the Proposed 2017 Bond Election

PRESENTER: Dr. Derek Citty, Superintendent

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S): Financial/Facilities - 5. The District shall exhibit excellence in financial and facility planning, management, and stewardship.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: During the August 14, 2017 Board Workshop, Trustees expressed interest in placing an agenda item on the August 21st agenda to consider various budgetary elements of the proposed bond election. This item acts to create that vehicle for discussion and action.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION(S): Administration will weigh in on one segment of the bond proposal. Administration requests Trustees consider shifting the \$1,000,000 estimated for Synthetic Turf to the line item entitled Program & Design Contingency. This will restore the majority of the funds removed prior to the August 14, 2017 board meeting by VLK and Administration in the draft document.

While classroom instruction always takes precedent over all extracurricular and cocurricular activities, Administration remains concerned about the viability of a bond proposal that creates unequal facilities for similarly configured schools, i.e. two middle schools having different elements such as varied athletic surfaces.

While there are no guarantees, Administration believes the budgetary estimate in place for Middle School #2 may allow for the inclusion of artificial turf as an alternate bid. In short, the base proposal sought by our future general contractor on this project could be for a natural grass field with an included alternate proposal to assess the true additional cost for artificial turf. Trustees could then decide as part of the contract approval process whether or not the inclusion of turf is worthwhile from a cost and fairness perspective.

FISCAL NOTE: Unknown at this writing. The impact to the final total amount of the proposed bond election will be driven by discussion and action related directly to this item.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMENDATION: As part of the discussion and action related to this item, Administration recommends transferring \$1,000,000 to the Program & Design Contingency line item and removing the \$1,000,000 amount estimated for the Synthetic Turf line item.