



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2017

AGENDA ITEM: Consider seating the 2017 Aledo ISD Bond Steering Committee.

PRESENTER: Dr. Derek Citty, Superintendent

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S):

Board Priority #3 – Parents and members of the community shall have meaningful opportunities to communicate and participate in the education processes of the District.

Board Priority #5 – The District shall exhibit excellence in financial and facility planning, management, and stewardship.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In the spring semester of 2014, the Aledo ISD Board of Trustees seated the AISD 2025 Committee. Among several tasks, this committee was asked to develop a ten-year growth plan for the District. This growth plan was presented to the Board by the 2025 Committee and accepted by the Board in June of 2014.

After passage of the May 2015 Bond election, the first construction programs undertaken were additions/renovations projects, safety/security projects and the construction of Walsh Elementary School.

The various projects associated with the 2015 Bond Election are nearing completion.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION(S): As the District continues to grow at an even more rapid rate, Administration believes it is in the best interest of the community to examine prospective bond programs in light of both current demographic estimates of future enrollment and the District's chronological position within the ten-year growth plan.

The proposed composition of the committee is:

- Eighteen members representative of two parents from each of the nine traditional campuses
- Seven members appointed by Trustees
- Four business representatives
- Three to five members of the AISD 2025 Committee

The charge of this committee will be to:

- Review the most recent demographic data for AISD
- Review the District's ten-year growth plan
- Determine the District's immediate needs related to anticipated growth over the next three to five years
- Determine the estimated cost of the aforementioned identified needs
- Recommend the timing of the next bond election
- Recommend the scope, including estimated cost, of the next bond election
- Recommend the number and composition of propositions within the next bond election

While it is estimated this process will take four meetings held in June of 2017, the committee may choose to extend the process through additional meetings, if necessary.

It is important the committee's work be completed with a recommendation to Trustees by July 31st. This should allow Trustees ample time to review the information, seek clarification, if necessary, and time to call the bond election should the Board so choose.

Administration also encourages Trustees to allow ample time to formally survey the community interest based on information which will be developed during the Bond Steering Committee's work. The data gleaned from such a survey can be very helpful to both Trustees and Administration when developing the components of a bond election.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be some measure of expense related to securing the services of a meeting facilitator. This, and all other anticipated costs related to this committee, will be born within already approved departmental budgets for the 2016-17 school year.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMENDATION: Administration recommends Trustees approval of the 2017 Bond Steering Committee, as presented.