

**ARLINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Wednesday, July 29, 2020
5:00 p.m.**

NOTICE of Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees by Videoconference or Telephone

As you know, health officials have been encouraging people from avoiding crowded events in order to avoid possible contact with persons who may be unaware they have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus. While our school board meetings are open to the public, we want you to remain safe, and therefore recommend and encourage you to participate by watching the school board meeting online at **www.aisd.net**. Thank you for your commitment to Arlington Independent School District, and we wish you and your family safety and health during these difficult days.

Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, this meeting will be conducted by videoconference or telephone call. At least a quorum of the board will be participating by videoconference or telephone call in accordance with the provisions of Sections 551.125 or 551.127 of the Texas Government Code that have not been suspended by order of the governor.

Again, members of the public may access this meeting as follows: **www.aisd.net**. An electronic copy of the agenda packet is attached to this online notice.

*Members of the public who desire to address the board regarding an item on this agenda must comply with the following registration procedures: Members of the public seeking to provide comments concerning an agenda item shall be required to register to provide comment by sending an email to the Superintendent of Schools Secretary **lbenjami@aisd.net** **NO LATER THAN 3:00 p.m. the day of the board meeting** indicating (1) person's name; (2) subject the member of the public wishes to discuss, and; (3) telephone number at which the member of the public may be reached.*

Public comment will be divided by agenda item and non-agenda item. When it is time for the portion of the meeting to listen to registered public comments for agenda or non-agenda items, the District shall attempt to contact the registrant in the order in which the registration was received. If for any reason the registrant does not answer the call, the Board will proceed to call the next registrant. This process shall continue until the list of registrants has been exhausted. The registrant will have 5 minutes to provide public comment concerning the subject identified by the registrant. If a registrant does not speak English they must indicate so when registering and list the name of their translator, and additional time shall be provided in accordance with law. If a registrant requires the use of a TTY system, the registrant must indicate this requirement at the time of registration and the registrant shall be allowed to communicate on a topic for twice the amount of time allowed for persons not requiring the use of the TTY system.

The open portions of this meeting will be recorded and made available to the public upon request.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. For more information about public comment, see Policy BED.

CALL TO ORDER:

CLOSED MEETING:

Adjournment to closed meeting pursuant to Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney to seek and receive legal advice); 551.072 (discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property); Section 551.073 – (negotiating contracts for prospective gifts or donations); Section 551.074 - (consider the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, non-renewal or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee); Section 551.076 (consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel and devices); Section 551.082 – (discussing or deliberating the discipline of a public school child or children, or a complaint or charge is brought against an employee of the school district by another employee); Section 551.0821 – (deliberating in a matter regarding a public school student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation); Section 551.083 (considering the standards, guidelines, terms or conditions the Board will follow, or instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups in connection with consultation agreements).

1. Consultation with Attorney on Tax Ratification Election
2. Duties of Public Officials During a Tax Ratification Election
3. Consultation with Attorney on Tarrant Appraisal District Recall Process

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION: *Upon Conclusion of Closed Meeting*

OPENING CEREMONY:

PUBLIC HEARING: None

OPEN FORUM FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

Must Pre-Register. Registration via email as stated above must be completed in its entirety and submitted no later than **3:00 p.m.** This first Open Forum is limited to agenda items other than personnel. Any personnel concern should be brought directly to the Superintendent or Board President prior to the meeting, who will guide you to the proper procedure pursuant to Board Policy. Speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes. When more than one individual wishes to address the same agenda item, the President may ask the group to appoint one spokesperson.

DISCUSSION:

- A. Long-Range Financial Planning for General Operating Budget (pg. 7)

DISCUSSION / ACTION:

- A. Consider Proposed 2020 Tax Rate for Revised Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate (pg. 9)

B. Reopening Schools 2020-2021 Plan Update

OPEN FORUM FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Must Pre-Register. Registration via email as stated above must be completed in its entirety and submitted no later than **3:00 p.m.** Any personnel concern should be brought directly to the Superintendent or Board President prior to the meeting, who will guide you to the proper procedure pursuant to Board Policy. Speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes. When more than one individual wishes to address the same agenda item, the President may ask the group to appoint one spokesperson.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

This time is for the Superintendent to acknowledge varying kinds of activities occurring within the district. This includes such items as recognition of outstanding performance by district staff and/or students, the initiating of new programs and special activities.

The Superintendent will report on the following subjects:

- A. Recognition of outstanding performance by district staff and students
- B. Initiation of new programs and special activities

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORTS:

At this time on the Agenda allows each member to inform other Board Members, the administrative staff and the public of activities which are of interest.

The Board Members will report on the following subjects:

- A. Board member attendance at various school and community events.
- B. Board member announcement of various upcoming school and community events.
- C. Board member visits to various campuses
- D. Board member recognition of outstanding performance by district staff and students
- E. Board member recognition of new programs and special activities

CLOSED MEETING:

At any time during the meeting the Board may adjourn into closed meeting for consultation with its attorney (Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071) or for a posted agenda item pursuant to Texas Government Code sections 551.072 – 551.084 (see below).

ADJOURNMENT

The agenda order may be adjusted by the Presiding Officer at any time during the meeting.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open

Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, chapter 551, subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f).

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed meeting of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this notice, then such closed meeting is authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., for any of the following reasons:

Section 551.071 - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.

Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

Section 551.073 - For the purpose of negotiating contracts for prospective gifts or donations.

Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.

Section 551.076 - To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel and devices.

Section 551.082 - For the purpose of deliberating in a case involving discipline of a public school child or children, or in a case in which a complaint or charge is brought against an employee of the school district by another employee and the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing.

Section 551.0821 - For the purpose of deliberating in a matter regarding a public school student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation.

Section 551.083 - For the purpose of considering the standards, guidelines, terms or conditions the Board will follow, or instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups in connection with consultation agreements provided for by Section 13.901 of the Texas Education Code.

Section 551.084 - For the purpose of excluding a witness or witnesses from a hearing during examination of another witness.

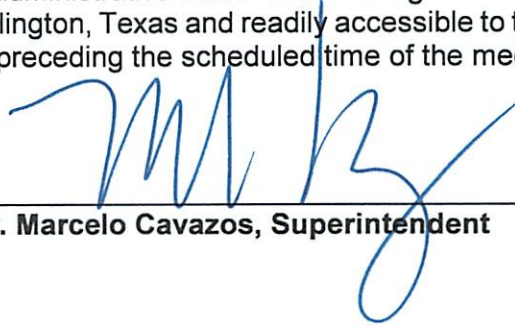
Should any final action, final decision or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed meeting, then such final action, final decision or final vote shall be at either:

- A. the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting, or
- B. at a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine.

Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OR GIVING OF NOTICE

On this 24th day of July, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., this notice was posted on a bulletin board at a place convenient to the public at the central administrative office of the Arlington Independent School District, 1203 West Pioneer Parkway, Arlington, Texas and readily accessible to the general public at all times beginning at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting.



Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, Superintendent

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**Arlington Independent School District
Board of Trustees Communication**

Meeting Date: July 29, 2020

Discussion Item

Subject: Long-Range Financial Planning for General Operating Budget


Purpose:

To update the Board on long-range financial planning for the general operating budget

Background:

Long-range financial planning is essential to ensure the District remains fiscally sound and uses resources effectively and efficiently to accomplish the District's goal that "100% of AISD students will graduate exceptionally prepared for college, career and citizenship." It is a best practice for all government entities. It is especially effective at identifying structural budget deficits and facilitating scenario analysis. Financial planning is a good fit with other long-range planning processes such as the District's strategic plan strategies, the school finance system, long-range facilities planning and information technology priorities.

The Administration will provide an update of the planning work for the general operating budget, including survey results and considerations of the possibility of a voter-approval tax rate election.

Submitted to: Board of Trustees Arlington Independent School District	Submitted by: 
	Prepared by: Darla Moss
	Date: July 23, 2020

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Arlington Independent School District Board of Trustees Communication

Meeting Date: July 29, 2020	Discussion/Action Item
Subject: Consider Proposed 2020 Tax Rate for Revised Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate	

Purpose: To provide the Board of Trustees an opportunity to vote on the proposed tax rate that will be posted in the Revised Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for the 2020-21 Budget.


Background: Texas Education Code 44.004 requires school districts to hold a public meeting to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate for the succeeding year, and to publish a "Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate" (Notice) at least 10, but not more than 30, days prior to that meeting. The public meeting must be held before the budget can be adopted.

The language and format of the notice is prescribed by the state Comptroller's office and must include both the proposed Maintenance & Operations tax rate and the proposed Debt Service tax rate. A school district may not adopt a tax rate that exceeds the proposed rate published in the notice. Should the Board desire to set a tax rate higher than that published in the original notice, the District would be required to publish a revised notice with the higher proposed tax rate and hold another public hearing to discuss the revised tax rate.

A public meeting was held on June 23, 2020, to discuss the District's fiscal year 2020-21 budget and proposed tax rate after posting the required notice of the meeting on June 13, 2020. The Board of Trustees adopted the budget on June 23rd, following the required public meeting. The 2020 tax rate is scheduled to be adopted by the Board on August 13, 2020.

District administration will present information to the Board about the District's 2020 certified property values and long-range financial needs. Actions to fund the budget and address long-range financial needs, including possibly calling a future tax ratification election, will be discussed. If the Board determines that it is necessary to consider adopting a tax rate higher than the rate published in the original notice published on June 13, 2020, a vote will be taken on the revised proposed rate and a public meeting to discuss the rate will be held on August 13th before the Board votes on the 2020 tax rate. A notice of the public meeting will be published in accordance with the provisions of Texas Education Code 44.004.

Recommendation: A formal vote on the proposed Maintenance & Operations and Debt Service tax rates that will be posted in the Revised Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for the 2020-21 Budget is recommended.

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