

COMMITTEE OF TEN

MEETING MINUTES and notes

March 17th, 2008

Attendees:

Dan Callahan	Eric Coulter	Stacey Gramley	Jeannette Neeld	Cheryl Brown
Stefanie Carey	Vic Johnson	Neil Truman	Kristen Wurzbarger	Rachel Fowler
Kristen Welch	Trisha Hank	Laurie Benson	Doug Ball	Doyle Speer
Dwight Shoemaker	Greg Welch	Stan Boruff	Mike Hedrick	Steve Willits
Marta Tucker	Michael Retherford	Judy Trimble	Jim Taylor	Doug Nelson
Trisha Carlberg	Alan Boucher	Frank Bockman	Connie Hillegoss	Marcia Garrett
Kathy Albert	Bill Fleurette	Marge Seiver	Carol Kiddoo	Roger Kiddoo
Darla Dixon	Ben Botkin	Robert Blackfurt	John Swank	Mike Seiring
Dick Robinson				

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UPDATES- Steve Willits brought up the legislation regarding board apportioning.

- ✦ Vershoore is working on the 3,3,1 apportioning option.
- ✦ 3 from Westmer District, 3 from Aledo, and 1 at large.
- ✦ Time Frame unknown.
- ✦ At this time, the option is only available to schools who are consolidating high schools only (leaving lower grades alone)

Presentation to Joint Boards

- ❖ Vic Johnson- we are still in the “reporting” stage.
 - Final recommendation will be later
 - Opened up the floor to Board comments and concerns
- ❖ Dan Callahan gave a summary of finance findings
 - Meeting scheduled for Fri. March 21 with State finance advisor to decide tax rate
 - Lawyer is ready to go – timeline works
- ❖ Jeannette Neeld went over extra-curricular report
 - Meeting planned April 2, 3:30 WHS
- ❖ Kristin Wurzbarger went over curriculum report
 - Meeting planned for March 26, 5:30 WHS – separate into grade level groups
- ❖ Cheryl Brown- Transportation report

- All reports are available upon request

Discussion Summary

Many issues brought up and discussed at length

- ❖ Facilities – 7,8 at WHS and 5,6 at AJH
- ❖ Spreading individual school bonds throughout new district
- ❖ Lack of Board support from Aledo
- ❖ Possibility of only consolidating high school – leaving GS and JH the same mentioned

Opposing and Supporting views were heard on all issues

Timeline

- ✦ **March 24** – Finance mtg. 7pm Aledo Unit office
- ✦ **March 26** – Curriculum mtg. 5:30 WHS
- ✦ **April 2** – Extra Curricular mtg. 3:30 WHS
- ✦ **April 7** - COT meeting – Closed session 7pm Aledo Unit Office
- ✦ **April 14** – “Townhall” meeting – 7pm WHS
- ✦ **April 15** – “Townhall” meeting – 7pm AJH
- ✦ **April 21** – Joint Board Mtg. 7pm – AJH - Final recommendation
- ✦ **May 21** – Final petition deadline, Schedule hearing