

COMMITTEE OF TEN

Joint Board Meeting

Minutes and Notes

April 21st, 2008

Attendees:

Westmer Board	Alan Boucher
Aledo Board	Frank Bockman
Committee of Ten	Lots of other people

I. Introduction – Alan Boucher

- ❖ History of Consolidation talks with Aledo and Westmer CUSD 203
- ❖ General Trend in the state to consolidate

II. COT presentation

- ❖ Eric Coulter opened
- ❖ Kristen Wurzbarger presented curriculum
- ❖ Jeannette Neeld presented extra curricular
- ❖ Cheryl Brown presented transportation
- ❖ Vic Johnson presented facilities
- ❖ Rachel Fowler closed

III. Questions and Comments

- ❖ Question on what capacity of the buildings we will be using with recommendation
- ❖ Explain how 7 at large works
- ❖ What will happen to either school if we don't consolidate
- ❖ Concerns on how we are to save money without closing a building
- ❖ Want to know reasons why we are keeping the Joy building open
- ❖ What dollar amount would be saved to close Joy building

IV. Boards separate for deliberation

- ❖ Boards questioned Scott Brunton, attorney “what are we actually voting on”
- ❖ Aledo board Commented before the vote
 - COT commended for following Points of Agreement with acceptable tax rate – believes we have a good package
 - Noted that we will have challenges along the way, but we are better together
 - It was mentioned that taxes will more than likely go up without consolidation – possibly higher when separate
 - Board would like COT to check into ways to lessen the negative effects of transitioning students to new buildings
 - Rachel Fowler gave suggestions that will be looked in to – identify problems, work them out early, accentuate children's strengths, make them comfortable
- ❖ Aledo votes to approve resolution 7-0
- ❖ Westmer votes to approve resolution 7-0

V. Moving Forward

- ❖ Petitions will be signed for ROE by May 21st
- ❖ Marketing being planned
- ❖ Election will be in November
- ❖ Simple majority in both districts is needed to pass consolidation