

**AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Summary of Annual Retreat
October 17, 2019**

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Cruz asked members to do a turn-and-talk about what they thought were two highlights of the last school year, and several members shared their thoughts.

Dr. Cruz then went over the following points:

All means all we still have a lot of work to do to recognize the genius of all of our kids. We know our values are good we need to make sure that our practices truly reflect our values. Compared to other urban districts, our consistent graduation rate of over 90 percent really stands out.

people know who they are.

Our school changes process focuses on getting all kids into the best learning environments. Yes, there are some school consolidation consideration

and opportunity.

School changes also include schools being open longer, as well as program expansions but

State of District Finances

Nicole Conley, Chief of Business and Operations, George Gogonas, Budget Director, and Christian Clarke-Casarez, Special Assistant, were present for this discussion. Mr. Gogonas went over the following points:

Overview of HB 3 and its impact on AISD, including an increased Basic Allotment in state funding, but also a reduced district tax rate.

The FY20 adopted budget still relied on \$3.1 million out of our fund balance.

Even with reduced recapture payments, we will still be heavily impacted.

We are already reading gearing for FY21 budget planning, which will include budget priorities, school changes, and multi-year planning.

FY21 budget planning will also be considering certain initiatives, looking at factors such as cost (can we afford it), equity (for all or for some), reasonableness, and progress toward goals.

Our long-term budget management includes maintaining structural balance, district financial ratings, and sufficient reserve and cash levels.

Discussion points included:

ningful budget input.

We now have to pay more to TRS, in addition to Social Security.

With more school autonomy, schools will not all look the same we have to strike a balance on how much we want that.

We do get Special Education funding from the state, but we spend twice that much looking at how to best spend the money, and this is a high priority for the district.

School Changes Update

Matias Segura, Operations Officer, and Celso Baez, Assistant Director of Community Engagement, went over the following points:

We just wrapped up an extensive round of community engagement.

We made adjustments to our meeting format and messaging, to be more responsive to community concerns.

We also added some additional meetings to accommodate various languages.

We received a lot of input that we now need to review.

There are three new district-wide 0.432.61 Tm5BT/(sp)1F1 11.04f1 0 0 9(en)3(.912 0 612 92 reW*

Name	Category	Vertical Team	School	Present
Kathy Winfrey	Classified Employee	Not Applicable	Winn	No
Laurie Beaman	District-Level Employee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Alonzo Blankenship	District-Level Employee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Dr. Jane Ross	District-Level Employee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Andy Anderson	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Vickie Black	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes
Alberto Gonzalez	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No
Kevin Manzke	At-Large	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No