

**AISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES REVISED CHARGE  
to the  
2009-2010 FINANCIAL FUTURES COMMITTEE**

Since its inception in 1992, the Financial Futures Committee (previously named the Citizens Budget Review Committee) has provided the AISD Board of Trustees with valuable input from the community through insight into the community's expectations. The Board believes the function of the Committee is vital to the Board, AISD administration, and taxpayers.

The Committee shall operate strictly within the charge approved by the Board of Trustees.

The Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board and shall not assume the responsibilities or duties of the Board or administration.

The Committee shall be comprised of a maximum 31 members appointed by the Board of Trustees. Committee membership shall include:

- A minimum of two and a maximum of four representatives from each of the six high school networks. Individuals serving the Committee in this capacity must reside within their respective network attendance zone. Individuals related to an AISD employee by blood (consanguinity) within the third degree or by marriage (affinity) within the second degree are not eligible for these positions.
- One employee representative from each of the three teacher associations (ATPE, TSTA, and UEA)
- One employee representative from the administration association
- One employee representing non-certified employees
- Two at-large non-employees who do not necessarily reside in the District.

The Committee shall represent equally all citizens, all students, all school campuses, and all taxpayers within the boundaries of the Arlington ISD.

The Committee shall operate within applicable AISD policies and regulations and applicable law.

All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public.

All Committee meetings will be facilitated by an individual or individuals appointed by the Board of Trustees as a Facilitator. The Facilitator(s) will appoint a Spokesperson from among the six Committee members who are also appointed by the Board to serve on the 2009 Bond Advisory Committee.

The AISD administration shall be available to the Committee as required, but within limitations imposed by the administration's daily duties.

The Committee shall provide interim progress reports to the Board of Trustees as appropriate.

Each Committee member will be asked to make a firm commitment to attend all Committee meetings and to participate in the formation of the final report to the Board. Committee members shall miss no more than one Committee meeting within each round of meetings to be eligible to vote on recommendations compiled by the Committee. The specific timeline, frequency of meetings, and agendas for the meetings will be established by the Committee Chairperson, Facilitator(s), and appropriate AISD staff.

Two-thirds of the Committee membership must be present at scheduled meetings in order for the Committee to vote. If less than two-thirds of the Committee membership is present, they shall meet but not vote. All decisions of the Committee shall be made by majority vote.

Recommendations relating to employee compensation are specifically excluded from the charge to the Committee and will be considered strictly by the Board of Trustees.

The Committee shall present its final report to the Board prior to the administration's final budget recommendations to the Board.

The Board of Trustees may act upon the recommendations presented by the Committee by approving, amending, altering, or not approving all or any part of the final report.

The Financial Futures Committee is charged with the following:

- Gathering external and internal data on issues relating to Texas public education, including school finance and accountability, to understand how those issues affect AISD's general operating budget.
- Review the current general operating budget to gain an understanding of cost drivers.
- Review preliminary budgets prepared by the administration.
- Identify and prioritize any programs, departments, or expenditures the Committee can identify and agree by majority vote that the Board of Trustees should consider reducing or deleting from the budget for deferral to a future year budget or possible future bond election, elimination, or possible outsourcing.
- Exchange information with the AISD 2009 Bond Advisory Committee, as appropriate, to understand how capital needs and the recommendations of that committee might impact the general operating budget and AISD taxpayers.
- Elect a Chairperson for the Committee.
- Advise the Board on general operating financial issues affecting the school district, including the tax rate and the need to hold a tax rollback election.
- Present to the Board a report of recommendations and Committee votes regarding the 2009-2010 AISD budget at the Board's meeting on June 18, 2009.