

# Agenda of Special Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Jarrell ISD

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Jarrell ISD will be held February 8, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Jarrell ISD Annex Cafeteria, 508 N. 5th Street, Jarrell, TX 76537.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

1. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum
2. Pledge to American and Texas Flags
3. Public Comments
4. Communication and Informational Items
  - A. Attendance Zones/Boundaries presented by Laura Buckley 2
  - B. Bond Ethics Training 19
5. Action Items
  - A. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Board Resolution Authorizing Employee Pay During Emergency Closure
  - B. Consideration and Possible action to Approve Donated Softball Scoreboard from JB Stone presented by Robert Navarro 31
  - C. Consider and take action to adopt a Resolution to Approve the Engagement of Leon Alcala, PLLC to Serve as Bond Counsel presented by Robert Navarro 35
  - D. Consider Adoption of an Order Calling School Building Bond Election
6. Adjourn to Closed Session: The Board may recess into Closed Session for purposes permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code Sections 551.001 et seq., 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.082, 551.083, 551.084
  - A. Discussion of Personnel, Gov't. Code 551.074
  - B. Discussion Regarding School Safety
7. Return to Open Session and Take Action if Needed on Closed Session Items
  - A. Possible Action on Personnel
    1. Consideration and Possible Action on Additional Positions
    2. Consideration and Possible Action on Employing Personnel
  - B. Consideration and Possible Action on purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property
8. Adjournment

# Jarrell ISD Elementary Attendance Zones

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Laura Buckley  
Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

Special Board Workshop  
February 8, 2023

# BEFORE WE BEGIN: Things to Know...

## TEXT:

- **Black Text = Attendance Zones**
- **Royal Blue Text = Links to Actual Documents**
- **White Text = Double Creek Elementary Big Picture**

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## FORMAT: For each month, we'll...

- **explore relevant events.**
- **highlight input opportunities & their primary purpose.**



# PROCESS OVERVIEW

## Elementary Attendance Zones Timeline



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# OUR JOURNEY...

## SEPTEMBER

Established a committee to include the following:

-Parents

-Teachers and Staff

-Community and Stakeholders

-Invited staff to give input via [Google Form](#).

-Posted the position for Double Creek Elementary Principal

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# SEPTEMBER: INPUT OPPORTUNITY...

## STAFF SURVEY

**Primary Purpose: Give Voice to Staff**

**Question** - In relation to attendance zones and staff assignments, what input- suggestions, requests, concerns- do you have that you would like for us to consider as we prepare to open Double Creek Elementary?

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# OUR JOURNEY CONTINUED...

## OCTOBER

-Held [1st Meeting](#): Oct. 18th

-[Provided follow-up to meeting.](#)

-Updated staff via email and gave input opportunity via [Google Form](#).

-Accepted applications for principal.

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# OCTOBER: INPUT OPPORTUNITIES...

## OCT. 18TH MEETING

### Primary Purpose: Establish Priorities

- Capacity
- Traffic Patterns
- Proximity
- Demographics
- Subdivisions staying intact

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## STAFF SURVEY

### Primary Purpose: Give Voice to Staff

**Survey** - Please use this form to ask any questions you may have pertaining to attendance zones and staff transfers related to Double Creek Elementary.



# OUR JOURNEY CONTINUED...

## NOVEMBER

-Held [2nd Meeting](#): Nov. 9th

-[Provided follow-up to meeting.](#)

-Hosted a [virtual meeting](#) to review plans.

-Continued to accept applications for principal.



# NOVEMBER: INPUT OPPORTUNITY...

## NOV. 9TH MEETING

**Primary Purpose: Review/Rank Plans & Identify Pros/Cons**

### Plan #1

**Pros:**

- Keeps neighborhoods together
- No crossing CR 313

**Cons:**

- JES is over capacity from the start.

### Plan #2

**Pros:**

- Allows for all campuses to be within or close to capacity until 2025

**Cons:**

- Neighborhoods may be split
- Crossing CR 313 is required

### Plan #3

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**Pros:**

- Allows for all campuses to be within or close to capacity until 2024

**Cons:**

- Neighborhoods may be split
- Crossing CR 313 is required
- Backyard of Igo would go to



# OUR JOURNEY CONTINUED...

## DECEMBER

-Asked for community input pertaining to attendance zones via [Google Form](#).

-Provided an update during a staff meeting.

-Continued to accept applications for principal.

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## JANUARY

-Held [3rd Meeting](#): Jan. 17th

[-Provided follow-up to meeting.](#)

-Recommended principal for hire.



# JANUARY: INPUT OPPORTUNITY...

## JAN. 17TH MEETING

### Primary Purposes:

- Review Community Input
- Determine Plan Proposal

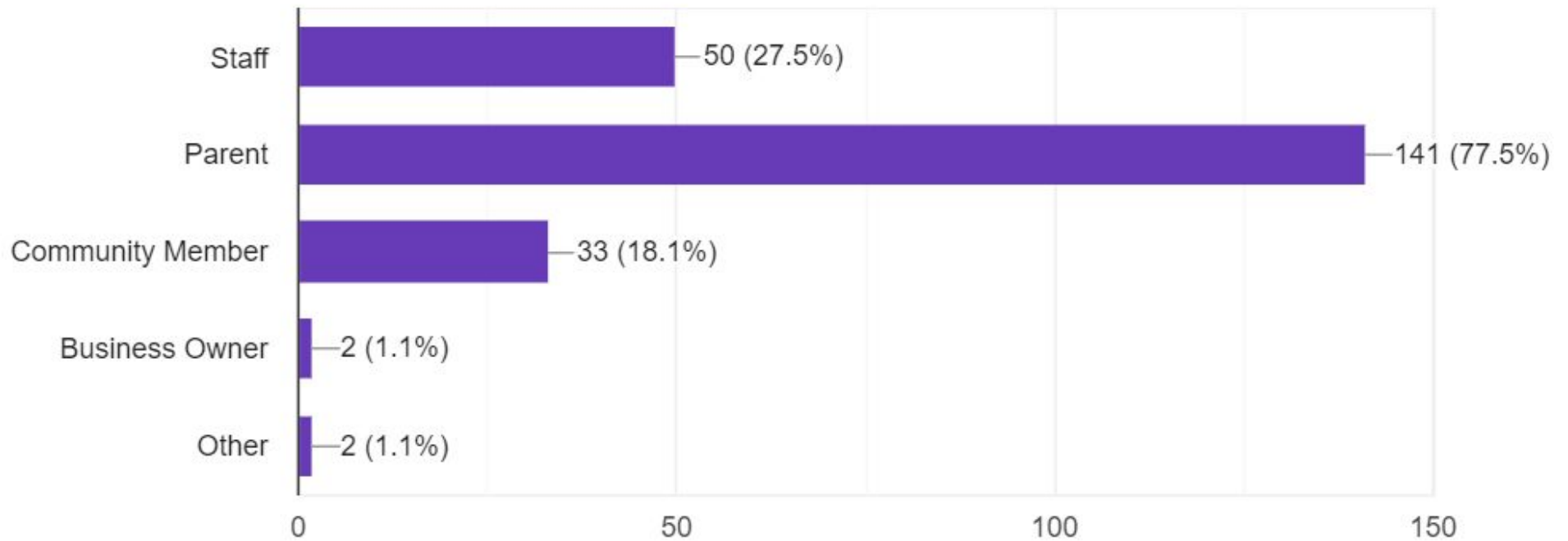
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# What is your connection to JISD?

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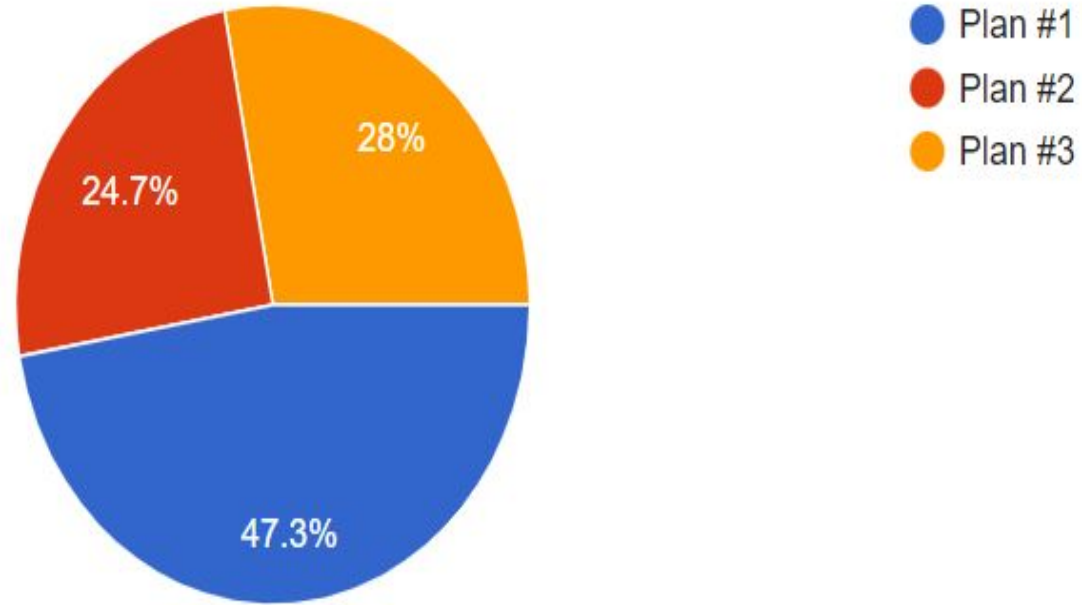
182 responses



# Which plan is your top choice?

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182 responses



# OUTCOME:

**CONSENSUS ESTABLISHED: 75%**

**100% of the attendees agreed they could support plan #1 as recommended by the community.**

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# PLAN #1



# OUR JOURNEY CONTINUED...

## FEBRUARY

**-Present Attendance Zones as an informational item - Feb. 8th**

**-Seek Board Approval for Zone Plan - Feb. 15th**

**-Host Principal Meet & Greet Opportunities**

**-Invite staff to complete transfer forms.**

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FIND MORE  
INFORMATION AT...



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Jarrell  
Independent School District

# QUESTIONS?



For School Boards &  
School District Employees



# ELECTION ETHICS



# Review

- Texas Election Code
- DOs and DON'Ts during an Election
- Advocacy vs Information
- Your Role as a Board Member OR Employee vs. Citizen

# Texas Election Code

- Section 255.003 of the Texas Election Code prohibits an employee or officer of the district from using school resources, funds or time for political advertising or advocacy.
- Political advertising is a communication that pushes for a particular outcome (passage or defeat) in an election and includes statements made orally or in writing.

## **NOTE:**

**Communication can turn into advocacy based on tone and emphasis of the statements made.**

# What does this mean?

**Serving as a representative of the district, you CAN ALWAYS:**

- Educate, not advocate
- Share facts, not opinions
- Encourage residents to register and to go vote

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**This applies to your time and resources while serving in your official capacity as a board member or when you are acting as an employee.**

# Examples of Facts to Share

- Distribute district-developed materials + share district website
  - Share proposed bond projects & estimated costs
  - Provide factual information about the age or condition of facilities
  - Give tax and financial information for the bond
  - Explain the tax rates and how JISD can sell bonds without an increase to the I&S rate
- Describe the process
  - Give details about the citizen-led committee and the planning that leads to the decision to call a bond
  - Explain how the district engaged the community and sought input before considering calling a bond election
- Provide information about voting
  - Propositions + ballot language
  - Voter registration information
  - Election dates, times & polling locations



# In your Role as a District Representative

When you are representing the district, you **CANNOT**:

- Use district-issued devices or resources to advocate for or against the bond (includes computer, phone, copier, email)
- Develop or post materials that advocate for or against the bond
- Link to websites or social media pages that advocate or oppose
- Tell voters *how* to vote



# Examples of Advocacy

## Phrases such as:

- Vote FOR /Vote AGAINST
- Best solution / Countless extras
- Fantastic / Wasteful
- - - -art/Unnecessary
- Need / Wish list

## Tone and emphasis:

- a new school for our students!
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- INCREASE!
- It's OK to VOTE NO!

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If used at the wrong time or wrong place, these examples of advocacy can be ethics violations.

# The Cost of Ethics Violations

## **Class A Misdemeanor + Fines**

punishable up to \$4,000 and/or up to one year in jail / Texas Penal Code

## **Potential Civil Penalty**

up to \$5,000 per violation / Texas Ethics Commission

## **Distraction for District & Voter Education Campaign**

## **Trust Issue**



# As a Citizen you CAN...

- Participate in after-hours advocacy activities related to the elections if you are not serving in your official capacity or as a representative of the district.
- Express personal opinions about the elections, as long as it occurs on your own time.
- Have a sign in your yard or a sticker on your car that indicates how you are voting.
- Campaign for or against the bond proposition(s) on **your own time** and with **your own resources**.

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# **ALWAYS share facts, but THINK before you advocate**

- Are you on district-owned property?
- Are you using district resources?
- Are you acting in your official capacity as a board member or employee, i.e., are you in your Jarrell Blue Shirt?
- What time of day is it? School hours or after-hours?
- Do I want this email or comment to appear in the newspaper or go viral?
- Could someone who reports to me feel pressured to vote a certain way?

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# Additional Resources

- <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/>
- <https://www.tasb.org/services/legal-services/tasb-school-law-resource/governance/elections.asp>
- JISD Bond Counsel





**QUESTIONS?**



# Jarrell ISD

## Softball Scoreboard Donation

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**Robert Navarro, CFO**  
School Board Meeting  
February 8, 2023




# Softball Scoreboard

- JB Stone, a local quarry owner, has donated the cost of supplying a new softball scoreboard for Jarrell High School.
- The scoreboard will be 14" X 5" with a 2' tall banner, top and bottom.
- It includes the following:
  - Amber Digits
  - Royal Blue Paint
  - Silver Gray Striping
  - SL 400 Wireless System
  - MP Console
  - Will be delivered to the School

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**JARRELL  COUGARS**

**BALL** 2    **STRIKE** 2    **OUT** 2

ELECTRO-MECH

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	RUNS
<b>GUEST</b>	1	1	3	7	4			16
<b>HOME</b>	3	3	5	0	8			19

**RBank** You Belong Here Member FDIC

- Royal Blue, White Accent Striping, Amber LEDs
- 14 ft x 2 ft Top ID Panel, Graphics
- 14 ft x 2 ft Bottom Sponsor Panel, Graphics



# Questions?



## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 2254.1036 of the Texas Government Code, the Jarrell Independent School District (the “Issuer”) hereby gives public notice of its intent to enter into a contingent fee contract for legal services at its duly called meeting to be held on February 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jarrell Independent School District Board Room.

1. The governing board of the Issuer intends to engage the law firm of Leon Alcala, PLLC to provide the Issuer with legal services pertaining to the Issuer’s issuance of securities on the public or private market.
2. Accessing the public or private markets through the issuance of securities is governed by State and federal securities laws and, in certain instances, federal tax laws and requires the advice of legal advisors that are knowledgeable and experienced in public finance legal matters, including the issuance of bonds.
3. Leon Alcala, PLLC have demonstrated to the Issuer their competence, qualifications, and experience as an industry leader in this area of the law.
4. Engaging an attorney in private practice who has meaningful experience in public finance matters pursuant to an hourly fee arrangement would likely result in higher fees to be paid by the Issuer, and such fees incurred would be payable by the Issuer from the Issuer’s general fund, whether or not the securities are issued.
5. Fees for legal services associated with the issuance of municipal securities, including those of bond counsel such legal services have traditionally been paid pursuant to a contingent fee arrangement, where such fees become payable only upon the successful issuance of the securities and are payable solely out of the proceeds of the securities.
6. Entering into a contract for bond counsel legal services with Leon Alcala, PLLC payment of which is contingent on the Issuer’s successful issuance of securities and payable out of securities proceeds, provides the Issuer a superior level of bond counsel legal services without using operating revenues of the Issuer being used to make such payment.
7. For each of the reasons stated above, the execution of an engagement agreement with Leon Alcala, PLLC is in the best interest of the residents of the Issuer.