



ALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE OF MEETING: May 16, 2016

DOCUMENT TITLE: Appoint a Local Innovation Committee to Draft a Local Innovation Plan, under House Bill 1842

ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE: Dr. Maroba Zoeller, Chief Governmental Relations Officer

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE: Mission Statement: *Allen ISD cultivates innovation in education that empowers every learner to realize his or her full potential.*

LEGAL REVIEW: TASB

Authority for this Action:

BOARD POLICY:
AF (LEGAL)

PUBLIC HEARING

At the conclusion of the public hearing or as soon as possible after conclusion of the public hearing, the board may decline to pursue designation of the district as a district of innovation or appoint a committee to develop a local innovation plan.

Education Code 12A.002

Summary / Background Information:

House Bill 1842 provides that promptly after adopting a resolution to consider designation as District of Innovation, the Board shall hold a public hearing to consider whether the district should develop a Local Innovation Plan to designate the District as a District of Innovation. . At the conclusion of the public hearing, or as soon as possible after the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board may decline to pursue designation of the district as a District of Innovation or appoint a committee to develop a Local Innovation Plan in accordance with Section 12A.003 of House Bill 1842.

If the Board votes to pursue designation of the district as a District of Innovation, the Board will discuss the process for appointing members of a committee to develop the Local Innovation Plan. The Local Innovation Plan will be developed by this Board-appointed Local Innovation Committee in collaboration with the community and district stakeholders.

A Local Innovation Plan must: (1) provide for a comprehensive educational program for the District, which may include: (A) innovative curriculum, instructional methods, and provisions regarding community participation, campus governance, and parental involvement; (B) modifications to the school day or year; (C) provisions regarding the District budget and sustainable program funding; (D) accountability and assessment measures that exceed the requirements of state and federal law; and any other innovations prescribed by the Board; and

(2) identify requirements imposed by the Texas Education Code that inhibit the goals of the plan and from which the District should be exempted upon adoption of the plan, subject to certain exceptions contained in House Bill 1842.

The membership of the Local innovation Committee is not specified in statute. As a practical matter, the members of the Local Innovation Committee must be able to write a comprehensive Local Innovation Plan including the elements of the plan required by law. In addition, the members of the Local Innovation Committee should be able to clearly articulate the purpose of the plan and persuade the school community of the value of the plan.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

To delegate to the Superintendent the authority to appoint, with Board input, a Local Innovation Committee, and to direct the Superintendent to report the names of the committee at the June 6, 2016 Board Workshop meeting. Board input

MOTION:

“I move to delegate to the Superintendent the authority to appoint, with Board input, a Local Innovation Committee and to direct the Superintendent to report the names of the committee at the June 6, 2016 Board Workshop meeting.”