

Hello, Salado Education Foundation Board Members!

Hope the week is treating you well so far!

In lieu of our monthly in-person meeting, this month's meeting will be conducted via email.

The minutes of the June meeting are attached for your review. *At the next meeting in August, the June financials will be available for review.*

On behalf of each committee, the following updates were provided:

Dr. Novotny's District Update:

We are busy getting ready for the upcoming school year. We have almost all of our positions filled... we just have a few employees left to hire. Our school board has discussed the recommendations from our facility committee during our last two school board meetings and they have until August 21 to call for a November bond election. If the school board calls a bond election and a majority of the voters vote in support of the bonds, it will not impact the tax rate or the amount everyone is currently paying in property taxes because we are already at the maximum Interest & Sinking (I&S) tax rate. I have attached a copy of the facility committee recommendations. It includes a list of the recommended projects and estimated costs. We would have a competitive bidding process for the projects so if we can get any of these projects completed for less than the estimated costs, we could certainly do so.

(For your review, please refer to the attached file)

Treasurer's Update: Scholarship requests continue to be fulfilled.

Taylor Willingham Mini-Grant Update: No updates at this time.

Bingo Update: No updates at this time.

Scholarship Update: Requests for scholarships continue to be fulfilled, as previously shared. No additional updates.

Cattlemen's Ball Update:

The BIG fundraiser is just around the corner! (October 10th!) It's hard to believe our next meeting will be a week after school starts back!

This means we need your help in soliciting sponsorship and referring former sponsors, along with your assistance in securing donations for the live and silent auctions that will take place.

A list of donation items has been included, you can continue to add to this document. (Please see below) **It would be great if each board member could have two donated items by the next meeting.**

Moreover, we would appreciate securing all sponsors for the upcoming event. It will be approximately just under two months until the event, so the more we can accomplish/secure at this point, the better!

2023 Cattlemen's Ball Silent List

- Auction <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XvI2X5uyjvtaZ60NYIbWe4eO-LSIe1Y1m99WcGE76Q/edit?usp=sharing>

2023 Cattlemen's Ball Complete List (Sponsors/Donated Items)

- - https://drive.google.com/file/d/165tFd4Z6lmuYskzDOKZUaEQaA7EdABRe/view?usp=drive_web

Innovative Grant Update:

A group of Salado Education Foundation members will attend the Salado ISD Health and Benefits Fair on Wednesday, August 9th. In addition to sharing more about the Foundation and how we serve Salado ISD, we will offer grant writing and application assistance.

New Business:

- A representative from SEF will attend the New Employee Orientation event on August 1st at Salado Middle School to offer educators more information about the foundation and how we can support and equip them.

- We would really appreciate it if all members would have secured their donated items for the silent/live auction and sponsors by the next meeting. Also, you don't need to physically have the item. It is just our hope that most sponsors/donated items will be secured by the next meeting on August 17th.

I would like to thank you all for your active participation and support. Scholarships and grant opportunities are made possible by your tremendous efforts.

Looking forward to the next meeting in August. **That is scheduled for August 17th, 2023 at 8 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.** **Due to school beginning August 10th.*

Should you have any questions, please let me know. Have a wonderful rest of your week!

Thank you so much!

Best,

Brittany Wentz

President

Salado Education Foundation