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**JUNE TISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COVERS  
STUDENT MEAL PRICES FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR,  
BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR 2017-18 AND MUCH MORE**

**Texarkana, TX** – During their Tuesday, June 27, 2017 regular session, Texarkana Independent School District Board of Trustees approved increases in student meal prices for the upcoming school year, a food services agreement with McLeod ISD, an addendum to the Texas High School Course Guide and the budget and proposed tax rate for 2017-18. Reports were heard on Athletic & Extracurricular Activities along with Student & Community Development.

TISD student meal prices will increase by \$.10 for the 2017-18 school year. Meal pricing will be: Breakfast \$2.15, Elementary Lunch \$2.65 and Middle/High School Lunch \$2.75.

Trustees approved a Food Service Management agreement with McLeod ISD for one year beginning August 2017. The agreement will automatically renew for subsequent school years unless renegotiated or terminated by either party prior to the start of the new school year. The McLeod ISD Board of Trustees approved the agreement during their May 2017 meeting.

TISD currently serves as food service manager for Bloomburg ISD, DeKalb ISD, Linden-Kildare CISD, Malta ISD, New Boston ISD and Redwater ISD.

An addendum to the Texas High School Program of Studies and Course Description Guide for 2017-18 was approved. THS will now offer Dual Credit Physics. This addition will bring the total number of courses available to 508 of which 107 will be Dual Credit, allowing for both high school and college credit.

Deidra Reeves, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2017-18 budget and proposed tax rate for approval.

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“This year’s \$64.7 million budget is essentially on par with the \$64.3 million budget that was presented last year,” shared Reeves. “Estimated expenditures remain the same as last year, enrollment is expected to be slightly up and tax revenues are up by \$1.13 million.”

No change will be made to TISD’s total tax rate which has remained the same since 2015. The 2017-18 proposed tax rate is represented by \$1.17 for Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and \$.255 for Interest & Sinking Funds (I&S) which is used to repay bonded indebtedness and other debts.

A report on Athletic Involvement and Extracurricular Activities was given by Gerry Stanford, Athletic Director.

Eighty-nine percent of the Texas Middle School student body participated in extracurricular activities ranging from athletics to performance programs to clubs and organizations. The breakdown by grade was 94% participation in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, 91% participation in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and 80% participation in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Texas Middle School athletic offerings include swim, tennis, soccer and golf with performance programs of band, guitar, choir and piano being offered. They round out their extracurricular programming with 17 clubs and organizations available for students to participate in along with UIL Academic programming.

For Texas High School, 77% of all students participated in at least one activity with participation percentage for grades 9 thru 12 at the same level. THS offers 23 athletic programs to students along with five performance courses, six activity courses and 45 clubs and organizations for students to be involved in, including UIL Academics which feature opportunities in 17 academic areas.

In the final presentation of the meeting, Jo Ann Rice, Assistant Superintendent for Student & Community Development, reported that during the 2016-17 school year a total of 219 area business partnered with TISD through the Partners In Education (PIE) Program. Collectively, PIE members donated volunteer services, monetary and in-kind contributions totally \$1,272,286. Within the TISD Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) Program, 912 persons volunteered during the year contributing an estimated 42,709 hours of volunteer efforts on TISD campuses.

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