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**VENDOR PROPOSALS, PURCHASING ALLIANCES AND MORE
KEY DISCUSSIONS FOR TISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES FEBRUARY MEETING**

Texarkana, TX – A full agenda was tasked to the Texarkana Independent School District Board of Trustees for their February 20, 2018 regular meeting.

Approved within the consent agenda was an assortment of vendor proposals for athletics/cheer equipment, supplies and uniforms, Child Nutrition equipment repairs, general school grocery and merchandise needs and signage.

Also approved were seven resolutions to join assorted purchasing alliances. These alliances allow the school district to collaborate on certain aspects of their spending in order to generate leverage and better value for their money.

TISD Board of Trustees approved the 2018-19 Budget Calendar. The district will now move forward through the end of March visiting with campuses and departments to review their respective needs. TISD will have their first budget reading on April 17 with a public hearing on budget, proposed tax rate and final budget approval on June 26.

The 2018-19 school calendar was reviewed and approved. The first day of school will be August 15, 2018 with the last day of school slated for May 23, 2019. Within this week, the approved school calendar will be placed on the district website, emailed to current parent/guardians and shared on social media.

In other business, the Texas Middle School Program of Studies & Course Description Guide for 2018-19 was presented.

New courses for the upcoming school year include: Art History for both the sixth and seventh grade levels; four additional Drone courses for 8th Grade; Conversational Spanish for 8th Grade; S.W.A.T Robotics in 8th Grade open only to those students who have done competitive robotics during the 7th Grade.

Texas Middle School offers 146 courses for students with 36 Pre-AP courses available.

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As one of the final actions for the evening, TISD Board of Trustees approved a resolution offering the issuance of a Texas Education Code Section 45.108 Maintenance Tax Note (MTN) in the amount of \$5 million.

“This alternative funding note will create a source of revenue for the purposes of replacing and/or upgrading facilities and equipment,” said Paul Norton, Superintendent of Schools. “It cannot be used for new construction and must replace/upgrade within the exact same footprint that currently is in existence.”

The note will be used for: renovation of the construction technology building to a multi-functioning dance studio for drill team and cheer usage along with a testing center and new housing for TigerVision; upgrades to various athletic facilities; replacement of band uniforms; technology infusion across the district; and, other campus/district projects as needed. There will be no additional cost to taxpayers and the TISD’s tax rate of \$1.425 will remain the same.

Lastly, approval was given by the Board of Trustees for the adoption of a contract and resolution between TISD and Red Lick ISD for the education of students residing within its borders who are at grade levels not offered by Red Lick ISD.

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