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**TRUSTEES SWORN IN, OFFICERS ELECTED AND SECOND BUDGET READING**  
**KEY FOR MAY 2018 TISD BOARD MEETING**

**Texarkana, TX** – Newly re-elected Trustees were administered the oath of office and board officers elected during the Tuesday, May 15, 2018 regular session of the Texarkana Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Bill Kimbro (District 1) and Paul Miller (District 6 At-Large) were re-elected to serve three-year terms for their respective areas due to being unopposed. Mr. Kimbro joined the TISD Board of Trustees in October 2008 as an appointment and was elected to serve in May 2009. Mr. Miller was appointed to the Board in September 2009 and elected in May 2010 to fulfill the remainder of a two-year term.

Additionally, Board members elected new officers for the 2018-19 school year. Fred Norton, Jr. (District 7 At-Large) will continue to lead as President with Gerald Brooks (District 2) serving as Vice-President and Amy Bowers (District 4) as Secretary.

“TISD is blessed to have a wonderful group of dynamic and dedicated Trustees,” said Paul Norton, Superintendent of Schools. “Each one is committed to having TISD be an innovative learning community, strengthened by its diversity, which provides a superior education in a caring environment that inspires, challenges and engages each student through a wide range of opportunities.”

Vendor proposals approved included charter bus needs for the 2018-19 school year for football and band travel. Both Champion Coaches and Chuck’s Travel were recommended at a total cost of \$66,885. With Texas High School’s move into Division I, District 7-5A, much travel is anticipated than in previous years. Texas High School will now travel to Waxahachie, McKinney, Sherman and West Mesquite.

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In other business, Trustees approved the second budget reading for the 2018-19 school year. Total projected revenue is currently anticipated at \$63.5 million with expenditures at \$64.3 million giving a \$762,840 deficit. District enrollment is projected slightly up at 7,181 from the 7,152 for current year. TISD's total tax rate for 2018-19 will remain the same as it has been since 2015 - \$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. The Third Reading and Final Approval of the budget will be held during the June 2018 Board of Trustees meeting.

In the final business of the meeting, Trustees approved the date change of the June 2018 Board Meeting to Tuesday, June 26, 2018 in lieu of June 19, 2018.

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