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**APRIL MEETING FOR TISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES COVERS
SURPLUS ITEMS, EMPLOYER PAID INSURANCE,
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT VENDORS, TECHNOLOGY NEEDS,
LOW ATTENDANCE WAIVER AND FIRST READING OF 2019-20 BUDGET**

Texarkana, TX – Texarkana Independent School District Board of Trustees reviewed and approved the following during their April 16, 2019 regular session.

*Approved Items as Surplus. Items no longer useful to the District but still have value and can be sold were declared as surplus. Listing includes: 21” Troy Bilt Mower, 21” Troy Bilt Push Mower, DR All Terrain Mower, Drill Press Dynapac Concrete Smoother, Go Cart, Lawn Aerator, Pull Behind Spreader, Tire Changer, Truck Side Tool Box, Truck Tool Box, Yard Machine Tiller. Items will be sold in June/July through an online auction at Rene’ Bates Auctioneers, Inc. Interested persons can bid, at that time, on items at www.renebates.com or visit the TISD website at www.txkisd.net which will take you directly to the district’s page on the online auction site;

*Approved Request for Proposals for Disability and Life Insurance. TISD pays for basic life insurance and long term disability insurance for all full-time employees along with offering voluntary products, which are paid by the employee. Approved proposals were Unum for employer paid life and AD&D at a projected cost of \$67,900 for two years and Lincoln Financial Group for long-term disability at a projected cost of \$156,900 for three years. Additionally, Unum was approved for the employee paid voluntary life and AD&D and Lincoln Financial Group was approved for employee paid short-term disability;

*Approved Educational Professional Development, Consulting, Coaching and Facilitation Services Vendors. Those approved include: Althea Woodruff, Casas LWP, Faye Whitlow, Focus 5, Franklin Covey, Kamico, Kayla Shook, Lakeshore, Leach’s Literary, Lead4ward, Liberty Source, Maximize Learning, Pearson, Succeeded, Voyager Sopris Learning;

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*Approved Leased Lit and Leased Dark Fiber. Recommended proposal for Leased Dark Fiber area network bandwidth was awarded to Network USA for 10 years at a cost of \$626,725.50. The District will file for an E-rate reimbursement of up to 80% for the expenditure;

*Approved Network Equipment to Operate Leased Lit and Leased Dark Fiber. Proposal awarded to CDWG for \$59,444.52. The District will file for an E-rate reimbursement of up to 80% for the expenditure;

*Approved Filing for Low Attendance Waiver. Trustees approved the submission of a low attendance day waiver to Texas Education Agency for five (5) schools who experienced low attendance on six (6) different days in January and February 2019. The Texas Education Agency allows schools to apply for a waiver for low attendance due to health, weather or safety when the attendance is lower than the state threshold of ten percentage points less than the district's prior year average attendance. Approved days are not counted in the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) calculation for the district.

*Approved First Reading of the 2019-2020 budget. Two possible budgets reviewed. One presented with current law and no additional funding from the state would put District revenue at \$63.9 million, projected expenses at \$66 million and a budget deficit of \$2 million.

The second scenario includes the preliminary assumption that HB 3 of the 86th Texas Legislature will be approved by the Senate which would bring to TISD an additional \$7.4 million. Projected revenue would be \$71.4 million, projected expenses at \$66 million and a budget surplus of \$5.4 million.

Under current law, TISD's total tax rate would remain the same and 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.

The next regular session meeting for the TISD Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

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