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**TISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEPTEMBER 2018 REGULAR SESSION INCLUDES  
APPROVAL OF AQUATIC CENTER LEASE WITH TEXARKANA COLLEGE,  
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH LEISD AND MUCH MORE**

**Texarkana, TX** – During the regular session of the Texarkana Independent School District Board of Trustees on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, items reviewed and/or approved included:

\*Public Hearing on the Accelerated Instruction Program for High School Students.

Discussion in 2018 on the effectiveness of Accelerated Instruction Programs for high school students led to the addition of Texas Education Code §28.0217. This code requires school districts to provide accelerated instruction in the applicable subject area each time a student fails to perform satisfactorily on an end-of-course (EOC) assessment. School districts have the discretion to determine the appropriate form, content and timing of the instruction based on an individual student's needs which may require participation of the student before or after normal school hours and may include participation at times of the year outside normal school operations.

\*Approval for Child Nutrition department to add in full service fresh pizza delivery at all schools. Approved vendor is Cici's Pizza.

\*Approval of the continuation of Library Management Software with Follett for \$13,962 per year.

\*Approval of the purchase of Yamaha sousaphones (tubas) through The Band House to replace older instruments beyond repair for the band program. Cost \$54,670.

\*Approval of an interlocal agreement with Liberty Eylau ISD for the busing of students to the new Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club at the former C.K. Bender Elementary, 2300 Buchanan Road. The new Boys & Girls Club location offers after-school program for kids ages 6-14 with the Clay Eichler Memorial Fund providing needed funding for the club's first year of operation. TISD has agreed to the after-school busing of interested students to the facility which is outside the boundaries of TISD.

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\*Approval of Texas Association of School Board (TASB) Policy Update 111 which covers revisions to local policies on Board Members Training & Orientation, Fiscal Management Goals & Objectives, Contracted Services, Compensation & Benefits, Employee Standards of Conduct, Employee Welfare, Student Attendance, Wellness & Health Services and Grading/Progress Reports.

\*Approval of updated Campus and District Improvement Plans which is required on an annual basis and which addresses comprehensive needs assessment at both levels.

\*Approval of a 30-year lease agreement with Texarkana College for their Aquatic Center beginning January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2048. This lease, in the amount of \$10 along with other good and valuable considerations per year paid in advance, will place interior building maintenance and renovation costs with TISD in order for them to continue their successful state award winning TigerSharks Swim Program.

“Texarkana College has made the decision to close their aquatic center due to facility conditions and renovations costs,” said Paul Norton, Superintendent of Schools. “Knowing the importance of the pool to the TISD swim program, TC Trustees offered TISD the opportunity to lease the facility and absorb renovation costs.”

In a review of the plan of financing the aquatic center renovations, Doug Whitt, Senior Managing Director for SAMCO Capital Markets, shared with the Board the funding options for the estimated \$2 million project. Costs for the renovation can be funded through Time Warrant financing up to \$1 million with the remaining funds covered through a Maintenance Tax Note.

With TISD Trustee anticipated approval of funding during the October 16, 2018 regular session, renovation would begin in January 2019 and be completed by late summer 2019. The TISD swim program would find an alternate facility for practice sessions during the construction time period.

Other aspects of the TC/TISD agreement allows TISD to terminate the lease with a 12-month written notice and gives naming opportunity on the exterior as TISD Aquatic Center.

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