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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**2020-21 BUDGET, PROPOSED TAX RATE AND STUDENT MEAL PRICING
APPROVED DURING JUNE SESSION OF TISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES; MEMBERS
HEAR REPORT ON EMOTIONAL WELLNESS PROGRAM
AND STUDENT & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Texarkana, TX – During the June 30, 2020 regular session of the TISD Board of Trustees, members reviewed and/or approved the following:

*Approval of Proposals for:

Educational Professional Development, Consulting, Coaching and Facilitation Services Vendors awarded to Curriculum Management Solutions;

Transportation Department Repair Service Vendors and Repair Parts, Equipment and Supplies Vendors awarded to Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts, Coleman Motors, Gateway Tire, Heavy Duty Bus Parts, Todd Shores' McLarty Ford, MHC Texarkana, O'Reilly's Auto Parts, Pratt's Truck Service and Southern Tire Mart;

*Approval of Policy CDA (Legal) on Investments with no changes. State law requires annual review and approval of policy;

*Approval of List of Brokers in order to invest in pools or other types of investments as authorized by the investment policy. Approved list includes: APS Financial Corporation, Bancorp South, Bank of the Ozarks, Commercial National Bank, Duncan Williams, Edward Jones, Farmers Bank & Trust, First Public, First Southwest, First Tennessee, Guaranty Bond Bank, Hilltop Securities, Capital One Bank, MBIA Texas Class, Morgan Keegan, Merrill Lynch, Prudential Securities, Red River Federal Credit Union, Regions Bank, State Bank, Texana Bank, TEXAR Credit Union, Vining Sparks, Wells Fargo;

*Approval of "paid" meal pricing as calculated by USDA's Equity Pricing rules. For the 2020-21 school year, TISD student meal prices will be: Breakfast \$2.25, Elementary Lunch \$2.75 and Middle/High School Lunch \$2.85;

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*Approval of 4-H Adjunct Faculty Resolution & Agreement for the 2020-21 school year. A routine annual item recognizing and approving the Bowie County Texas 4-H Organization as adjunct faculty;

*Approval of Budget Amendments for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. During the month of June, final budget amendments are prepared in order to complete the fiscal year and prepare the books for audit;

*Approval of 2020-2021 Budget & Proposed Tax Rate. Budget presented showed a General fund revenue of \$76.2 million with projected expenses of \$76.4 million and a fund balance deficit of \$260,140.

TISD's current tax rate will be reduced from \$1.3233 to \$1.3097 as per the second round of Texas House Bill 3. The new rate will be represented by \$1.0547 for Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and \$.255 for Interest & Sinking Funds (I&S) which is used to repay bonded indebtedness and other debts.

***Reviewed Emotional Wellness Program Presentation**

As part of the District's strategic goals for the current school year, and in response to HB 906 of the 86th Legislative Session, TISD staff identified and reviewed highly effective research based emotional wellness programs that have been proven to positively impact students and staff. Required staff training on Trauma Informed Care Policy, Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium and Mental Health Resources was implemented during the 2019-20 school year.

***Reviewed Student & Community Report.**

TISD was supported by 232 area business who partnered with the district through the Partners In Education (PIE) Program. Collectively, PIE members donated monetary and in-kind contributions totaling \$297,815.

Within the TISD Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) Program, an estimated 48,791 hours of volunteer efforts were dedicated to TISD campuses.

Other programs supported through the Student & Community Development department include: Tunnel of Leaders; Superintendent's Leader in Me Luncheons; Boys to Men Leadership Academy & Precious Gems Social Club after-school mentoring; DREAM (Dedication & Responsibility Encourages Ambition & Motivation), a Texas High School leadership and mentor program; Diversity Awareness Committee responsible for the recruitment and retention of minority staff and assisting in closing the achievement gap for minority students; and the Northeast Texas Alliance of Black School Educators.

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