

PROSPER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



“Board Briefs”



*Budget Hearing / Regular School Board Meeting held on
Monday, August 15, 2016*



BUDGET HEARING

Rusty Craig, PISD Business Manager, outlined the budget for the 2016-2017 school year. The hearing was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – QUORUM PRESENT (6:51)

OPEN FORUM/PRESENTATIONS

- Attendance – 45 (representatives from all over the district)

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes were approved from

- July 18, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting

Enrollment

- Although we will not know officially what our student count is until the first day of school and we see who actually shows up, right now we have 9,900+ students in our system (completed online registration), which is about 1,500 more than then end of school last year.

Construction Update

- The Ribbon Cutting ceremonies have been held for both Windsong Ranch Elementary and Hughes Elementary and both new schools will be serving approximately 1,200 students combined this year. Due to uncertainty at the state level regarding funding, no new schools are scheduled to open in 2017 adding to

the pressure to open multiple schools in 2018. For those who have not noticed, growth is not “coming”... it’s here!

Departmental Year End Reports

- Reports provided in the areas of Curriculum and Instruction, Human Resources, Facilities Update, Security, Transportation, Athletics, and Technology)

EDUCATION

- The Board approved the list of TTESS (Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System) evaluators for the 2016-2017 school year.
- The Board approved the various Campus Improvement Plans (CIPs) and District Improvement Plan (DIP) for the 2016-2017 school year (available on district website).
- The Board approved the adoption of a Resolution for District of Innovation distinction to possibly enhance more local control in certain state regulated areas.
- The Board approved Policy Update 105 as recommended by TASB – all changes will be update in the Board Policy Manual online.
- The Board did not consider action on the guidelines for video surveillance and associated monitoring for special education settings – this will be included in Update 106 at a future board meeting.

BUSINESS

- The Board approved the Financial/Investment/Tax Reports for July, 2016 as prepared by Mr. Rusty Craig and the Collin County Tax Office. As of the end of July, we had approximately \$133.7 million (approximately \$63.3 million of which is general fund with the rest dedicated to construction/capital and/or I&S). We have realized 115% (97%) of our projected revenue for Fund 199. Local revenue is over 100% as it was last year, which simply means we realized more students than projected in the budget. As funding goes, unfortunately, state funding will decrease as a result of the local revenue increase. We have expended 82.4% of 199 compared to 86.5% last year. The auditors were in last week to perform their preliminary work before they return in the fall to complete the audit after the close of the fiscal year (see the district website for more detailed financial information).
- The Board approved the end-of-year amendments to close out the fiscal year. Several “functions” were amended to close to accommodate final projections for the end of the fiscal year (August 31st).
- The Board approved the certification of the anticipated collection rate and excess debt collections to be 100% - this simply protects the district from any financial penalties if it is above or below that threshold.
- The Board approved the purchase of an additional Ag vehicle to better accommodate growth in the program.
- The Board approved the 2016-2017 budget as presented in the hearing as follows:

Fund 199	\$89,100,000 (general fund)
Fund 599	\$23,100,000 (interest & sinking / debt)
Fund 240	\$3,850,000 (food service)
Federal	\$1,125,000 (Title and Spec. Education)
Fund 164	\$275,000 (athletic activity fund)
TOTAL	\$117,450,000*

*Projected tax rate to fund this budget - \$1.17 (Maintenance & Operation) and \$0.50 (Interest & Sinking) – TOTAL of \$1.67 – see the district website for more budget details along with PISD’s tax rate history. NOTE: The projected tax rate will not be increased from the previous year.

- The Board authorized the Superintendent to purchase and/or lease portable buildings to accommodate growth throughout the school year.
- The Board approved adjustments to breakfast and lunch prices to meet federal requirements and adjust for food costs.
- The Board approved the Letter of Intent for the Texas Education Agency as it applies to the Chapter 41 (wealth equalization required by TEA) status for the 2016-17 school year.
- The Board approved the creation of a Local Emergency Planning Committee to accommodate the new federal requirement of storm shelters – an unfunded mandate.
- The Board continues to evaluate zoning in developing areas of the district in an effort to protect the interests of the school district.
- Although the Board continues to discuss potential future school sites, there was no action regarding the purchase or acquisition of new PISD school sites. However, the Board did enter into an agreement with Mustang Lakes regarding a future elementary site.

PERSONNEL

- The Board approved the final list of new employees to round out the PISD staff for the 2016-2017 school year. Students continue to come so there might be a need for additional staff once the school year begins.
- The Board approved resignations submitted to the Superintendent.

FUTURE BUSINESS / IMPORTANT DATES

- August 22, 2016 First Day of School for Students
- September 12, 2016 Tax Rate Hearing / Regular Monthly Meeting
NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held on September 12th due to a conflict.

ADJOURNMENT

- Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.