

MISD Work Study Session from Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Reconvened from Closed Meeting at 7:23 p.m.

5. Presentations

- 5.A. 2017/2018 Budget. Working on budget under assumption that state funding will decrease and that property values will increase 5%. Fund balance in 2017/18 expected to be 34% of expenditures, going to 30% in 2018/19.
- 5.B. Energy STAR Presentation. District has seen an 11% increase in utility square feet (SF). The utility costs have decreased 0.2% along with a decrease in the total utility cost per SF. Electricity costs have decreased; water costs have increased slightly.
- 5.C. Stadium. Making progress. 40% completed. Showed video from drone circling the site.
- 5.D. Advanced Academics Update. This is the AP program. MISD is adding Computer Science Principles in Fall, 2017. The number of AP exams passed in 2016 increased 4% to 619 exams. Number taking AP increased 4% to 2,712. MISD made the AP District Honor Roll, one of 22 Texas Districts to make it, and one of 433 districts in the U.S. and Canada to make it.
- 5.E. Gifted and Talented (TAG) Update. Teaching 4 languages. Won a \$5,000 award in Robotics competition. The District tested 2,350 for TAG. District also has implemented a mentoring program with 8.3% of students participating.
- 5.F. ELL (English Language Learners) Quarterly Update. These are the bilingual and ESL (English as a Second Language) programs. Working with content training. MISD has 5 schools at 30 student threshold which requires ELL courses. Plan to teach Citizenship classes to students and parents.

6. Discussion Items

- 6.D. Audit Engagement for 2016/17 Annual Audit. Retaining same company at same fee.
- 6.E. Depository Contract. Have a long-term relationship which MISD will continue.
- 6.F. Food Service Management Contract for 2017/18. Have been using Armac service since 1992. Will continue with them.
- 6.G. Lawson Early Childhood School Kitchen Addition. \$362,000 for whole project. Equipment purchased for \$199,750. Remainder for installation.
- 6.H. Eddins Elementary School A/C unit replacement and interior refresh. Final estimate of cost is \$2,993,000.
- 6.I. Walker Elementary School A/C unit and interior refresh. Final estimate is \$2,945,300.
- 6.J. Boyd High School Turf installation. Latest estimate is \$611,000.
- 6.K. Upgrade/additional card readers and lockdown buttons. Estimate is \$176,879 for this request, which is upgrades only. MISD is going to a single system with 1 lockdown button at each school.
- 6.L. – 6.O. All discussed briefly – nothing significant.

7. Discussion/Action

- 7.A. Authorization for Superintendent to sign fixed price diesel contract on behalf of MISD. This is a 2-year contract and MISD pays for fuel whether or not it is used. Approved 7-0.
- 7.B. Personnel employment recommendation discussed in executive session approved.