

MISD Work Study Session from Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Reconvened from Closed Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

5. Presentations

- 5.A. Career & Technical Education (CTE) Report. Classes offered in 11 different “clusters” – Agriculture, Business, IT, Law, etc. These classes allow students to earn certification, including state certification. MISD is continuing to expand and grow CTE. One major change for next year: classes going to 1-year in length (from semester) by state decree. This is expected to decrease numbers somewhat since it requires dedicating a whole year.
- 5.B. Special Education Report. Serving 4,907 students (20% of total), an increase of 392 over last year. This includes 2,504 under the Sec 504 programs and 2,795 Special Education students. This is a growing program.
- 5.C. Technology Update. Deployed 4,717 computers and laptops this year. Systems are constantly upgraded. Emphasizing network security. MISD has a back-up data storage at McK North High School. They have extended computers to a 6-year refurbishment cycle. Students pay a \$50 per year insurance fee for their computers. Their loss rate is currently 2.4%.
- 5.D. Dual Language Report. The whole program is an “experiment” to determine what works. Caldwell Elementary is the primary testing school. Burkes has now joined it in the program. ELL (English Language Learners) still do not perform as well as English-speaking students. Very long and boring presentation.
- 5.E. 2017-18 Budget. Working under the assumption of an 8.2% property value increase, plus 3% new construction for a total of 11.2% revenue increase from local taxes. For this current year, MISD is pulling less than \$5M out of the fund to balance the budget. This leaves the fund at 36% of the annual budget (supposed to be 20-33%). MISD has already announced a 3% pay increase for teachers and staff for 2017/18.
- 5.F. Stadium. Making progress. Got a little behind, but expect to make it up. Showed video from drone circling the site.

6. Discussion Items

- 6.B.5. Donations. MISD received a \$38,000 donation from the PTO for playground equipment.
- 6.C. ARAMARK Management Services (food services). Cost is increasing 2.4% for CPI (consumer price index) increases, going from \$5.9M to \$6M.
- 6.D. Additional Personnel for 2017/18. Adding 8 new personnel, including a nurse. Most additions are for Special Education. Student growth is expected to be around 100 students (< 1%).
- 6.E. 2017/18 Compensation Plan. 3% pay increase - \$1750 to each teacher. This brings the starting salary for teachers to \$52,350. The way this is applied favors the recent hires over the experienced teachers since the increase is a flat amount and not a percentage of current salary (they didn't say this – but it is true).
- 6.F. Timekeeping Systems. Chose Timeclock Plus as best system to implement.
- 6.G. & H. Flooding/drainage problems at McK High and Valley Creek. They have plans to fix.
- 6.I. Additional Card Readers. MISD plans to install 90 additional card readers.
- 6.J. Tennis Court re-surfacing project. Part of bond package; will cost \$432,000.
- 6.K. MHS Multi-Purpose Turf replacement. Also part of bond package. Cost estimated at \$230,000.
- 6.P. Selling computers back to students. Considering selling laptops back to students for the salvage value of \$180 each. This value varies, since some students receive replacement laptops in later years. Working on it.

Nothing else significant in the discussions.

7. Discussion/Action

- 7.A. Personnel: Employment. Discussed in closed session. Approved 6-0 (one trustee departed early).
- 7.B. RFP (request for proposal – for bidding) on Property Casualty Insurance. Have 3 options. Vote postponed.