

AGENDA ITEMS

1. MINUTES

Minutes for December 14, 2004 Monthly Meeting

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to approve minutes for December 14, 2004, as presented. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. BUSINESS & FINANCE: RECAP OF REVENUE & EXPENSES

A comparison of revenue to budget and expenditures & encumbrances to budget for the month of December was given by Bobby Templeton. The district has collected 41.92% of money owed for funding programs. The majority of this money will be spent in the spring. Mr. Templeton added money expended so far is 44.79%, a good figure and on target. The football gate report has been moved to February allowing for a more accurate report. Still awaiting figures from the Shiner game.

Several large checks were discussed. A check for \$4,910.00 covering the cost of buses chartered for Wimberly and Alamo Stadium games, which may come out as a wash when all figures are tallied. M&A Technology for \$10,260.00, covering computers placed at the Brackett Educational Academy, hardware pursuant to our Plato Lab grant from the Hillcrest Foundation. Other checks included Quality Hardwood Floors, \$3,143.28 to refurbish both gym floors, and \$9,198.40 to Sabinal I.S.D. for Cluster Five services.

3. REQUEST FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENT TRANSFER

Request received for enrollment of a third grader. The family is military and living on base. The Texas Education Agency has pre-approved enrollment with BISD, with the district still in compliance. Acceptance of the student will not have a negative impact on class size. Mr. Templeton has met with the family and there is no discipline pending.

A motion was made by Sara Terrazas to accept 3rd grader Macy Lee Davis as a transfer student to BISD. Tony Ashley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REQUEST FOR HISTORICAL TAX EXEMPTION

The board conducted an annual review of requests for historical tax exemption. Thirteen requests were received prior to the deadline for inclusion in the board packet. Two additional requests were received in time for the meeting. All are eligible for exemption. Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn approached the board with a recommendation to encourage the restoration, preservation, and maintenance of all historical properties, stating the K.C. Commissioners Court requested guidelines all entities could use in assessment of these properties. The Historical Commission is in the process of developing guidelines for an annual inspection. A checklist would be used to judge the level of restoration, etc., with taxing units receiving a pass or fail report on each property. Starting this year, it will be a two-year process with no change before 2006 in order to prepare the guidelines and inform property owners. Once prepared by the Historical Commission, the board agreed to consider using the guidelines as a tool for granting historical tax exemptions.

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to approve all property requests as submitted, including the additional two received as of this meeting, for a historical tax exemption. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.