



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: Board Member Request Board of Education Meeting: 03/07/2023

Item Title: Performing Arts Center X Action
(Board Member Request – Carlos Elizondo) Information
Discussion

BACKGROUND:

Discussion and possible action for the Superintendent to provide the board with the documentation on the status of the 25 million dollars that were approved for the development of the Performing Arts Center.

Board Member Request: Carlos Elizondo

Board Support: Frank Ortiz

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Dr. René Gutiérrez
Prepared by: Superintendent

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./CFO

Board Member Request

Dr. René Gutiérrez
Superintendent

Approved by: Deputy Superintendent

When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.

Patricia Perez

From: Patricia Perez
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 11:33 AM
To: Patricia Perez
Subject: FW: Agenda request

FYI: Board of Trustees
Superintendent

Board Agenda Request – Carlos Elizondo

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Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 11:29 AM
To: Patricia Perez <pperez@bisd.us>
Cc: Dr. Rene Gutierrez <rene.gutierrez@bisd.us>
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From: Frank Ortiz
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 11:17 AM
To: Patricia Perez
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I support any Agenda Item(s) that Mr. Elizondo places on the Agenda.

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From: Frank Ortiz
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Subject: Re: Agenda request

I support the items as presented by Mr. Elizondo.

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From: Minerva Pena <pena4bisd@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Re: Agenda request

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I concur and would like to see items below placed on the agenda for the January 19th, board meeting.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 11, 2023, at 11:33 AM, Patricia Perez <pperez@bisd.us> wrote:

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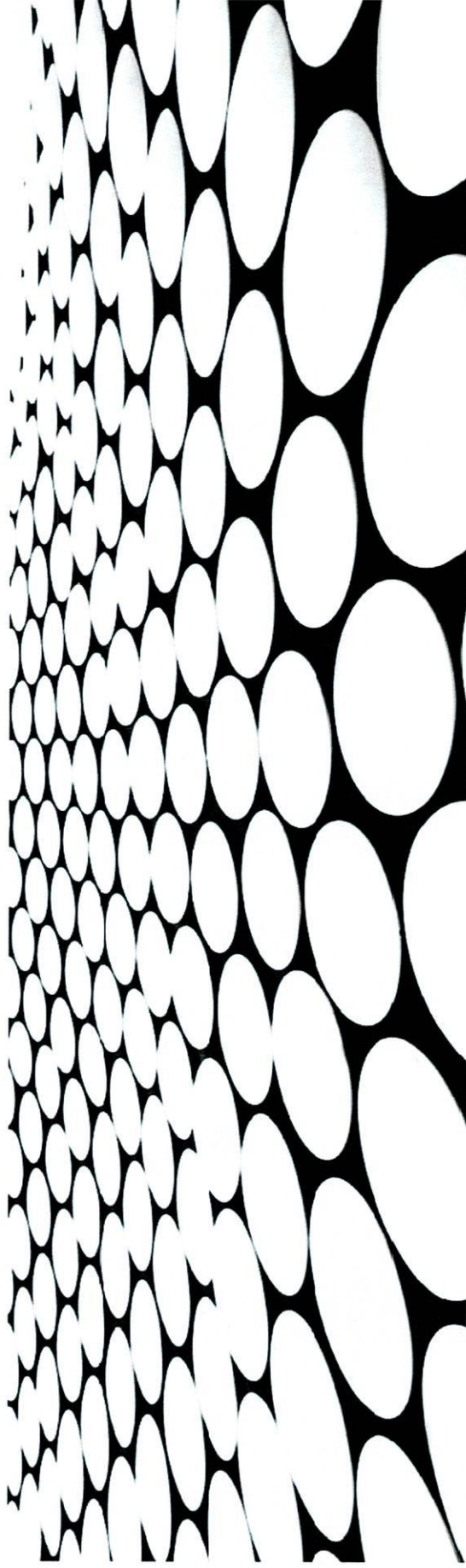
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TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION & TAX RATE INCREASE TIMELINE

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST JANUARY 25, 2023

PRESENTED BY: MARY D. GARZA, DIRECTOR FOR FINANCE/PAYROLL
DR. RENE GUTIERREZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
DR. NELLIE CANTU, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT BUSINESS & OPERATIONS



TWO TYPES OF TAXES PAY FOR DIFFERENT THINGS

MAINTANCE & OPERATIONS

M & O

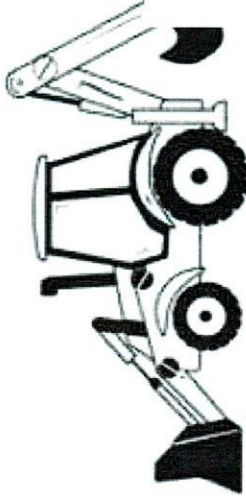
EVERYDAY DISTRICT OPERATIONS



INTEREST & SINKING

I & S

PAY THE DEBT ON SCHOOL BONDS



HOW DOES THIS WORK?

2015-2016

TOTAL TAX RATE:

\$1.1525



M & O

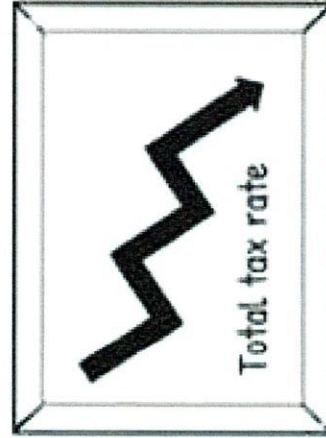
\$1.040

I & S

\$1125

The total tax rate does not change, it exchanges (swap and drop) pennies from one bucket to another.

TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION (TRE) NOTICE



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TRE Tax Ratification Election

Brownsville ISD will ask voters to decide if the district can restructure the tax rate that funds our schools. The district proposes to move .11 ¼ cents from the Interest & Sinking Fund (Debt Service) to Maintenance & Operations. The total tax rate will remain the same at \$1.15 ¼ as presented and approved in the budget at the June 25, 2015 BISD Special Called Board Meeting.

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund (Debt Service)	Total Tax Rate
Pre TRE	\$1.04	\$0.11 ¼	\$1.15 ¼
Transfer	+ \$0.11 ¼	- \$0.11 ¼	
Proposed TRE	\$1.15 ¼	\$0.00	\$1.15 ¼

No Change in Tax Rate

If the TRE is approved, it will generate between \$5 to \$6 million net per year in additional state funding to be used for one-time expenditures to improve, repair, and expand district facilities and enhance security.

TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION PRIORITY PROJECTS

Pending a successful Tax Ratification Election, BISD plans on pursuing the following district priorities:

- Early College High Schools**
 - Pace Early College High School..... Band Room/New Facility/Modernization
 - Porter Early College High School..... Band Room/New Facility/Modernization
 - Lopez Early College High School..... Soccer Field Upgrade
 - Veterans Memorial Early College High School..... Visitors' Bathroom Facilities-Stadium
- Middle Schools**
 - Besteiro Middle School..... Middle School Track Field
 - Lucio Middle School..... Middle School Track Field
 - Vela Middle School..... Middle School Track Field
- All Schools**..... Safety and Security Resources, Library Resources

EARLY VOTING DATES:
Monday, September 21–Friday, October 2
TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION (TRE) DAY:
Tuesday, October 6

For more information, contact the BISD Public Information Office at 956.548.8000 or go to www.bisd.us.

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TAX RATE

Maintenance & Operations

Interest & Sinking

<p>2015-2016</p> <p>\$1.04 + 0.1125</p> <p>\$24,000,000</p> <p>- <u>\$16,000,000</u> Bond Payment</p> <p>\$ 8,000,000 TRE</p>	<p>↓</p> <p>\$0.1125</p>	<p>\$0.1125</p>
<p>2017-2018</p> <p>\$1.1525</p> <p>\$23,000,000</p> <p>- <u>\$23,000,000</u> Restricted Renovations</p> <p>\$ 0 TRI</p>	<p>+</p> <p>\$0.1125</p>	<p>\$16,000,000</p>
		<p>65%</p> <p>35%</p>
		<p>\$1.265</p>

BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Proposed Future Education, Facilities and Maintenance Projects 2017-2021 (Five-Year Period)

Additional funds raised by a tax increase of 1.25¢ over the next five fiscal years, 2017-2021, will be designated for necessary repairs, maintenance and safety upgrades at campuses and district facilities as well as new projects to support student academic and extracurricular opportunities. The proposed projects total \$100 million.

— PROPOSED PROJECTS —

Prekindergarten Program Expansion

Performing Arts Center (Phase I)

**Hanna Early College High School Gymnasium
(Future Athletic Facilities Projects)**

KBSD - ITV Relocation

**School Renovation Projects
(Future New Schools / Replacement of Schools)**

Sams Stadium Upgrade-Handicap Access

School Roofing/HVAC / Lighting Replacement / Upgrades

Districtwide Parking Lot Repairs and Upgrades

TAX RATE INCREASE (TRI) NOTICE

PROPOSED PROJECTS

2016-2017 TAX RATES

At \$1.15, Brownsville ISD has one of the lowest tax rates of all 35 Region One school districts. In fact, the district's tax rate is the 32nd lowest rate in Region One.



TAX RATES

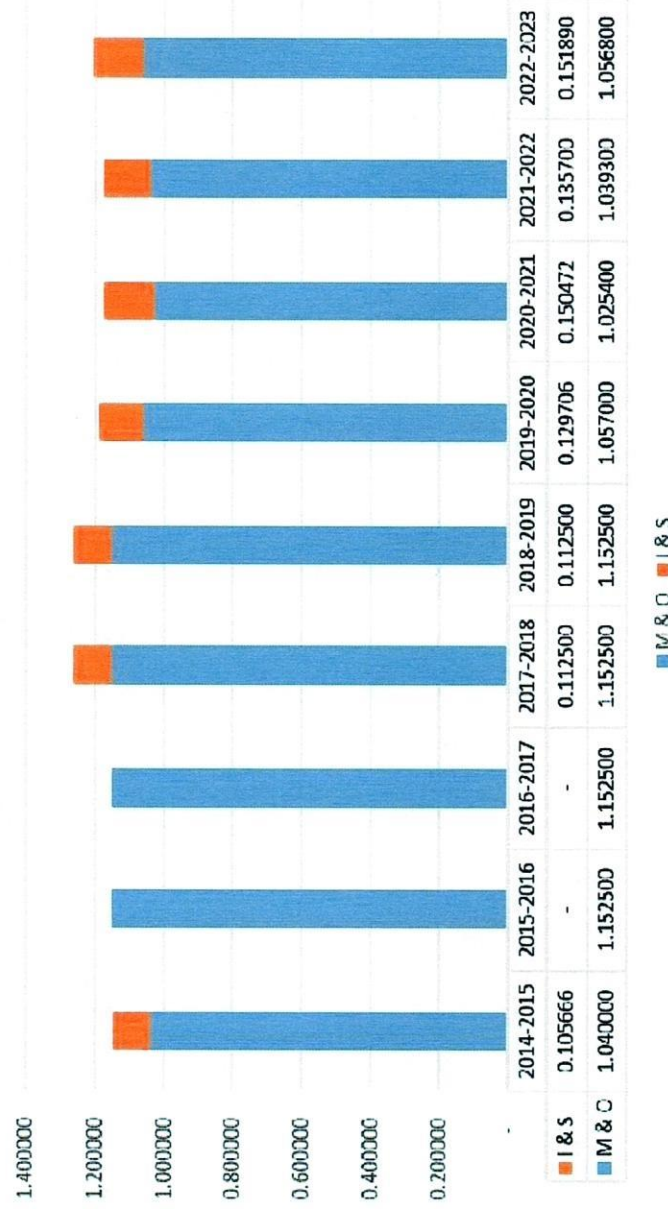
FY	M & O	I & S
2014-2015	1.040000	0.105666
2015-2016	1.152500	-
2016-2017	1.152500	-
2017-2018	1.152500	0.112500
2018-2019	1.152500	0.112500
2019-2020	1.057000	0.129706
2020-2021	1.025400	0.150472
2021-2022	1.039300	0.135700
2022-2023	1.056800	0.151890

Voter Approved TRE

Tax rate adopted increasing the I&S

= Tax Compression

TAX RATE



TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION & TAX RATE INCREASE TIMELINES

June 2015 Budget adopted with a slight increase on the I & S tax rate

Oct. 6, 2015 Tax Ratification Election passed moving \$0.1125 from the I & S to the M & O

Oct. 20, 2015 First Facilities Committee Meeting to Review TRE Projects

June 2017 Budget Adoption with the expectation to reinstate the I & S tax rate to receive IFA (Instructional Facilities Allotment) & EDA (Existing Debt Allotment) to pay for the voter approved bonds principal & interest. This would allow for the M & O \$0.1125 to fund Facilities & Maintenance Projects

Sept 2017 Tax Rate Adopted with \$0.1125 reinstated on the I & S side

Dec 2017 \$52 million Maintenance Tax Note issued TRE projects continue

May 2019 House Bill 3 passed changing funding formulas along with tax rate compression

Sept 2019 M & O tax rate compressed to \$1.057 from \$1.1525 for a decrease of \$0.0955

TRE and TRI projects continue



SUMMARY

- While there was discussion of a Fine Arts Center, funding did not materialize for this project.
- Compression eliminated the “possible” funding for this project.
- To date, no funding has been allocated for the Fine Arts facility.

QUESTIONS?

