

HYDABURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board Report

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Tea Tree Oil

We researched purchase options and found that, after including the shipping cost, it is cheaper to buy the oil from the Craig pharmacy. We continue to get complaints from parents who are tired of having to repeatedly treat their own families. My understanding of the oil is that it is effective at disrupting the reintroduction of head lice, but is not effective if a family does not remove all lice and eggs from the home.

Tea Tree oil is to be made available to any family that desires it. An information sheet will be available with the oil.

Legislative Funds for Districts that Collaborate

Naturally, now that we are ending our collaboration between our two districts, there is legislation proposed that would provide \$200,000 one time funding for districts trying to save money and improve service by sharing services.

Legislative Funding

The Senate continues to insist that there be significant cuts to education. The House and the Governor insist that there not be cuts. We do not know what the outcome will be. We have budgeted on the presumption that the end will find us somewhere in the middle.

Correspondence Program

Bart can speak to investment costs if you desire to continue pursuing expansion of this program. There will be advertising costs. A decision should take into consideration satisfaction and retention rate of students currently enrolled in the program.

Office Transition

Charity has been receiving training and increasing responsibilities. The transition is going well. As we discussed, both Boards have to review a change to our contract to return funds to HCSD from the savings of eliminating a position at SISD as Charity has taken on more responsibilities. That is on the agenda tonight. As her duties broaden, her hours and/or compensation are due for review soon.

A contract is up tonight for your approval for Bart Mwarey as Principal/Superintendent.

SISD as a district will no longer be involved. Should HCSD desire specific services, the district would contract with those specific individuals through an extra duty contract.

Unresolved Issues

Business Services: I recommend retaining Lucienne Smith as Business Manager. **\$25,000**

Special Education: I recommend contracting with Janet Stout as SPED Director. It is a lighter year and I believe she would contract for about half of her current contract. **\$10,000**

Grant Management I recommend that Bart be responsible for Federal Programs. That would include Title I (supplemental to regular education program), Title IC (Migrant Education), Title IIA (Professional development), Carl Perkins (Vocational Technical Education) and Special Education. Bart and David attended a conference recently in Anchorage to get oriented to managing these programs. My understanding is that Bart believes grant management can be managed internally. I recommend an additional stipend to David Staley of **\$12,000**

I would recommend retaining Priscilla Goulding to manage the existing wood-fired boiler grant. She has been successful at securing other grants and it is logical to have her continue to do this. Also, it is time to pursue large grants for a large greenhouse.

Chasing the Big Grants

Bart is in contact with a professional grant writer. It makes sense to contract with someone like that as we see large federal grants we would like to pursue. There are up front writing costs and generally a significant amount of money goes back to the grant writer during the life of the grant. The issue to be attentive to the financial match expectations when we have bled our reserves down to nothing. The other issue to watch is unrealistic grant goals, as someone from somewhere else can often get grant awards proposing expectations that are simply impossible to perform in our location.

Checks and Balances

When we entered this the cooperative agreement between the districts, two Board members reviewed every check. I believe the Board should discuss this issue with Lucienne. As we exit the arrangement, there is will be less oversight as fewer people have their finger in the pie. I do not know what the best solution will be, but Lucienne will have valuable input to help with this decision.

Maintenance

HCSD has not had the money to hire a maintenance worker. We will not be eligible to submit Capital Improvement Projects until we correct this problem. I do not see how to resolve this until school funding improves. My suggestion is to continue to call upon SISD maintenance workers as needed and the SISD Maintenance Manager will be happy to provide suggestions on professionals when needed. SISD would simply invoice for the hourly rate for those employees. No request, no expense.

Board Meeting Support.

This is a responsibility loaded with snake pits. Rules and regulations abound. In the past, we tried to move this responsibility to someone onsite in Hydaburg, but have been unsuccessful. This duty could go to Charity Pick. As she assumes more duties she will need to add hours.

9. B. 2nd Reading, Curriculum Materials for Sex Education

This is bound to raise concerns and questions. It needs to be well reviewed. I suggest discussion if Board members have had a chance to review **or move this to a 3rd reading.**

9. C. 2nd Reading Board Policies 4112.1-4116 (except 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4)

Unless Board review brings up issues, **I recommend approval.**

9. D. 2nd Reading Board Policies 4117.2-4119.12

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10. A. Addendum 2, FY 2017 Cooperative Agreement between SISD and HCSD

As previously discussed, we have reduced hours of an employee at SISD and have transferred those duties to an employee at HCSD. Those expenditures are being returned to HCSD to financially support the return of those duties to HCSD. **I recommend approval of the Addendum.**

10. B. Approval of Expenditures over \$10,000: SISD Invoice #17-1009 for Costs and Services Outside of the FY17 Cooperative Agreement

These are primarily charges for labor of SISD employees for work that was necessary at HCSD. For reasons that are not exactly clear, it was not billed monthly and now adds up to a sum that should be reviewed by the Board. Our approach has been to fix issues at the cheapest possible rate. When we have an employee with the skills, it is much cheaper to bring in an SISD employee over a contractor, especially with the additional travel time costs of a contractor. **I request payment of this request to cover SISD expenses beyond the contracted services.**

10. C. Data Collection CRESEL i3 Innovation Grant

Bart or Erin can discuss this and our commitment to collect data to justify having the grant. **I recommend approval.**

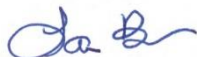
10. D. Robbins Agency Proposal: TOTEM Correspondence Radio Ads

Bart can speak to this issue. Expenditure involves a decision to pursue the Correspondence program for the 2017-18 school year.

10. E. Purchase-Service Agreement: Dot Com, LLC

Janet has proposed this agreement in an effort to find a means for these services at a cheaper rate than contracting with SERRC as we have done in the past. **I recommend approval.**

Lauren Burch



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