

APPROVAL OF TAX COLLECTION CONTRACT WITH DENTON COUNTY

June 9, 2015

SUMMARY:

This item requests renewal of the tax collection contract with Denton County.

BOARD GOAL:

VI. Growth & Change.....In pursuit of excellence, the District will:

- Review and adjust policies and procedures effectively to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

June 24, 2014

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the 1992-1993 school year, the District contracted with the Denton Central Appraisal District for \$2.00 per parcel per year. In the fall of 1993, Mary Horn, Denton County Tax Collector approached all the political entities in Denton County offering to collect taxes for them. After developing a contract, Denton County collected taxes for the Denton ISD for a fee; per parcel per year "plus" some reimbursements for certain direct expenses and extra mailings. This contract has worked well for Denton ISD for the last twenty-two (22) years and is recommended for renewal for the 2015-2016 school year.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- The contract period has been revised this year to reflect September 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. It was revised to bring uniformity to the consolidated tax collection period. Previously the contract was dated September 1 to August 30th. For tax year 2016-2017, the agreement will reflect a contract date of October 1 to September 30th.
- The tax statement mailing target date is October 10, 2015. Tax rates must be adopted by September 29, 2015. The County has requested tax rates be reported by September 25, 2015. Legislative impact may revise these dates.
- The County will post a notice on its website as a reminder that delinquent tax penalties will apply to all assessed taxes which are not paid by January 31, 2016. Initial reminder notices to delinquent property accounts will be mailed between February 5, 2016 and February 28, 2016.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The parcel price will remain \$.69 per statement for 2015-2016 school year. The total cost of providing all services will be deducted from current collections, no later than January 31, 2016.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Using one tax collector for Denton County tax collections improves efficiency of the tax collection process.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- Recommend the tax collection contract with Denton County be renewed for a period beginning September 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016.
- Recommend Debbie Monschke be designated as Liaison to serve between Denton ISD and the County Tax office.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Debbie Monschke, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services

ATTACHMENT:

Denton County Tax Collection Contract

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Leader: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____