

X. NEW BUSINESS**Action****Consideration for Approval to Amend 2012-2013 School Calendar (TPSD Policy ICA-E)****Mrs. Diana Ezell
Assistant Superintendent**

TPSD scheduled seven 60% professional development days for the 2012-2013 school year. Their purpose was to provide teachers with job embedded professional development targeting improved student achievement. Currently, TPSD teachers have multiple mechanisms for professional development that were not available when the district began providing PD on 60% days. With the services provided by the curriculum and instruction department, teachers are now receiving job embedded professional development weekly and during the regular workday. Additionally, teachers have access to PD 360 on a 24/7 basis. Also on Wednesday afternoons, the district and schools provide professional development to all staff. Employees have available childcare on Wednesday afternoons from dismissal until 5:00 pm. Teachers have ample opportunities for professional growth in addition to the 60% days.

With the change in scheduling at THS, instructional time in one class period went from 50 minutes to 94. This means that on a sixty percent day students miss approximately 178 minutes of instructional time. With seven 60% PD days, students miss 1246 minutes or 20.77 hours of instruction. This amount of time away from instruction will most likely negatively impact student achievement. The instructional time students miss will negate any gains in achievement that might be attributed to teachers' professional development.

The district should reconsider the benefit of 60% professional development days. Exceptions would be September 26th for parent conferences and October 31, which is Industry Education Day. It is our opinion that the other 60% days should be removed from the calendar, and those days changed to full school days.

	Action of the Board					
	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Heyer	()	()	()	()	()	()
Mr. Hudson	()	()	()	()	()	()
Mr. Prather	()	()	()	()	()	()
Mrs. Stone	()	()	()	()	()	()
Mr. Wheeler	()	()	()	()	()	()
PASSED:	YES	()	NO	()		