



Board Update

HB1 Leaves BISD with Significant Budget Challenge

Moak and Casey is a school finance consulting firm with considerable experience in school finance. At a recent meeting they outlined several key bullets to keep in mind regarding HB1:

- It is based on a court order**
- It is important to look at the forest not leaves**
- The state comptroller is allowing spending of \$14.8 billion of an \$8 billion surplus**
- No one claims that HB1 is a fix for school finance (the bill is a hold harmless act); it is not a overhaul of public school finance or tax relief**

At our most recent budget workshop (July 13) a request was made for the dollar amounts and specific areas that each campus is using to account for a 5% cut in their budgets. Recall that we use a process called performance-based budgeting to help hold budget managers accountable for the conversion of dollars into learner performance. The form A used by budget managers allows preparation in the case that there is a need to cut our district budget. This is the second time in nine years as a superintendent that there has been a need to use form A (95% budget).

The overall cuts by campuses are:

- **HMD = \$ 65,046**
 - > Kinder Teacher \$41,600
 - > Pre-K Teacher \$41,600
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- **RA Hall = \$ 75,957**
 - > 1st Grade Teacher \$33,800
 - > Parent Volunteer \$13,171 (211)*
 - > Assistant/Custodian \$30,407 (211)*
- **FMC = \$ 83,044**
 - > Sp Ed Teacher \$43,100(SE)**
 - > 3 Assistants \$40,548 (211)*
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- **Madderra = \$ 73,883**
 - > 4th Grade Teacher \$38,060
 - > 4th Grade Teacher \$31,300
 - > 1 Custodian \$17,097
- **TJIS = \$ 108,880**
 - > 6th Grade Teacher \$41,950
 - > 5th Grade Teacher \$47,700
 - > Assistant/UII Supplies \$19,230
- **Moreno = \$ 134,445**
 - > 3 Teachers \$95,700
 - > 2 Assistants \$36,373 (211)*
 - > Supplies/Trans/Fees \$ 1,200
- **LRC = \$ 36,111**
 - > DAEP Counselor \$58,000
- **AC Jones = \$ 271,307**
 - > 5 Teachers \$207,797
 - > Supplies \$ 9,852
 - > Travel/Fees/Other \$53,148
- **Athletics = \$47,736**
 - > Stipends \$26,163
 - > Drug Testing \$15,000
 - > Ins/Playoffs \$ 6,600

Above it was mentioned that HB1 is a hold harmless bill. How does that look if we compare the 2005-2006 revenue and expenses to the revenue and expenses projected for 2006-2007? The 2006-2007 revenue totals include \$2000 per 10 month teacher, counselor, librarian, and nurse plus our high school allotment of \$261,250. Attached is an explanation of this and the bottom line revenue that we discussed Monday (July 17) morning with Mrs. Elizalde and Mrs. Fischer. The bottom line for our 3rd budget basis is a need to find \$1,031,423 in budget cuts. Note that this is down from the \$1.9 million from where we started. HB1 has been a challenge and we appreciate you hanging in there with us as we prepare our 2006-2007 budget.

***211 = Federal Funds- YET TO BE DETERMINED**

****SE = Special Ed Funded-YET TO BE DETERMINED**