



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

5E. Report

Date: September 12, 2005

SUBJECT: MUSIC ENRICHMENT

BOARD GOAL: Academic Excellence

FISCAL NOTE: None

Background Information:

- Music Enrichment is an optional private lesson program for music students. The program offers band and choir students in grades 6-12 the opportunity to work with highly qualified private instructors in instrument and vocal instruction.
- The purpose is to help our students become more proficient on their instruments/voice and in turn strengthen our music programs.
- Lessons are offered as enrichment to classroom instruction focused on the enhancement of individual performance skills incorporating characteristic literature of the instrument or voice above and beyond what the student will be performing in band/choir class.
- Lessons are given before or after school or during a student's choir/band period and are typically 1/2 hour once each week.
- Strings lessons are offered before or after school at the elementary level.
- All students have access to supplemental lessons based upon the availability of private instructors. Lessons are not a required part of the curriculum and instruction for the music course.
- Forty-six private music instructors were on staff in 2004-2005. These are contracted service providers, not district employees. District employees cannot teach their own students for pay.
- All private instructors sign a new contract and complete a criminal history check yearly.
- Students are currently charged \$16.00 per lesson. Non-degreed teachers receive \$14.25 per lesson. Instructors with Bachelors degrees receive \$14.75 per lesson and teachers with a Masters degree receive \$15.25 per lesson. The remaining balance is used for costs of the program including clerical support, processing paychecks, billing students, and mailing statements to parents. The program is financially self-supporting and incurs no additional cost to the District beyond normal use of facilities.
- All payments for lessons conducted on school property are turned into Keller ISD. Keller ISD then issues payment to the private instructor.

- To ensure equal access to this enrichment opportunity, funds are generated through booster club and student activity account fundraisers. Scholarships are available to students and parents whose income status may prevent participation in the private study program.
- Approximately 800 students participated in the program in 2004-2005. 70 students were given partial or full scholarships provided by booster club funds or student fundraisers.

Administrative Considerations:

- For 2005-2006, the price per lesson increased \$1.00 and teacher's salaries were increased \$.75 per lesson in order to remain competitive in private teacher pay with surrounding districts and to help offset program costs.
- The due date for lesson time sheets/paperwork was changed to the last Friday, rather than the last day of the month, to expedite distribution of checks to the private teachers and billing statements to the parents.
- More details with statistics for the 2005-2006 school year will be available during the Fine Arts Report in June.

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Respectfully submitted,

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