

APPROVAL OF AUDITOR FOR 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR

April 28, 2020

SUMMARY:

This item requests the approval of the auditor for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

BOARD GOAL:

Growth & Management – demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

Each year the engagement is renewed by approving and signing the engagement letter.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A financial audit is required annually for each school district and is to be made on an organization-wide basis, including all fund types and account groups that are the accounting responsibility of the school district. The audit must be approved and submitted to the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas and the Division of School Financial Audits of TEA within 150 days following the end of the fiscal year. The district has used Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn and Seay since the late 1970's and has received fair and objective audits throughout its tenure. The audit firm also conducts any special studies requested by the board or administration and assists the District in preparation of its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The audit report must be approved by the board and submitted to the Texas Education Agency by November 27, 2020 (150 days after the close of the fiscal year).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The estimated cost of the 2019-2020 Audit is \$66,000. The cost for the 2018-2019 Audit was \$64,000. The increase in cost is due to additional work to be performed with the implementation of GASB 87, Lease Accounting standards.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn and Seay perform audits of several school districts. Denton ISD will gain from the knowledge and expertise of the firm through recommendations for improving operations and compliance with changes in laws governing the district.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

The audit must be approved and adopted by the board 150 days after the close of the fiscal year. The audit must be at the Texas Education Agency by November 27, 2020.

ALTERNATIVES:

No alternative actions are proposed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn and Seay for the 2019-2020 fiscal year audit.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Dr. Scott Niven, Chief Financial Officer
Vicki Garcia, Executive Director Financial Operations
Julie J. Simpson, Director of Finance

ATTACHMENT:

Audit Engagement Letter 2019-2020

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Leader: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____