



BOARD ACTION

MEETING DATE: August 2, 2011

SUBJECT: Consider Proposing A 2011 Tax Rate And Scheduling A Public Meeting To Discuss The 2011-2012 Budget And The 2011 Proposed Tax Rate

BOARD POLICY: Annual Budgets - CE (LOCAL) AND (LEGAL)

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

Background Information:

- Chapter 44 of the Texas Education Code provides “notice and hearing” requirements to be followed by school districts in connection with holding a public meeting on the budget and proposed tax rate, and sets out the items to include in the required budget hearing and proposed tax rate notice.
- Senate Bill 18, passed by the 79th Session of the Texas Legislature, further expanded and significantly modified these “notice and hearing” requirements for school districts.

Administrative Considerations:

- A preliminary budget workshop was held by the Board of Trustees on July 14, 2011. The 2011-2012 preliminary budget includes a tax rate of \$1.2415 per \$100 of taxable value to fund the budget.
- Based on enacted legislation (SB 18), the Board of Trustees of a school district must meet to set a date for a public meeting to discuss the budget and the proposed tax rate and must vote on a proposed tax rate to be published in the required notice for the public meeting.
- The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees vote to propose a 2011 tax rate of \$1.2415 per \$100, with \$1.0400 per \$100 designated for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and \$0.2015 per \$100 designated for the payment of principal and interest on bonded indebtedness, and that the Board schedule and publish notice for a public meeting to discuss the 2011-2012 budget and the 2011 proposed tax rate for August 23, 2011, at 5:00 p.m., at the Brazosport Independent School District Board Room, 301 W. Brazoswood Drive, Clute, Texas.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting Minutes
- Advertise via newspaper as required
- Post necessary information on District website

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Respectfully submitted,

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