

APPROVAL OF TAX COLLECTION CONTRACT WITH DENTON COUNTY
June 26, 2012

SUMMARY:

This item requests renewal of the tax collection contract with Denton County.

BOARD GOAL:

VI. Growth & Change.....In pursuit of excellence, the District will:

- Review and adjust policies and procedures effectively to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

July 26, 2011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the 1992-93 school year, the District contracted with the Denton Central Appraisal District for \$2.00 per parcel per year. In the fall of 1993, Mary Horn, Denton County Tax Collector approached all the political entities in Denton County offering to collect taxes for them. After developing a contract, Denton County collected taxes for the Denton ISD for a fee; per parcel per year “plus” some reimbursements for certain direct expenses and extra mailings. This contract has worked well for Denton ISD for the last eighteen (18) years and is recommended for renewal for the 2012-2013 school year.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The parcel price has decreased \$.04 from \$.71 to \$.67 per statement for 2012-2013 school year.
- In the event the School District fails to set its tax rate by September 30, 2012, the tax rate for the District will be set at the lower of the effective tax rate calculated for that year or the tax rate adopted by the District for the preceding tax year.
- The tax statement mailing target date is October 10, 2012. This can only be accomplished if the Tax Office receives all tax rates by September 25, 2012.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Using one tax collector for Denton County tax collections improves efficiency of the tax collection process.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

- Recommend the tax collection contract with Denton County be renewed for a period of one year, beginning September 1, 2012.
- Recommend Debbie Monschke be designated as Liaison to serve between Denton ISD and the County Tax office.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Debbie Monschke, Executive Director of Administrative Services

ATTACHMENT:

Denton County Tax Collection Contract

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____
Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Leader: _____
Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____
Comments: _____