

APPROVAL OF TAX COLLECTION CONTRACT WITH DENTON COUNTY

July 30, 2013

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:

June 26, 2012

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the 1992-1993 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 nineteen (19) years and is recommended for renewal for the 2013-2014 school year.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The parcel price has increased from \$.67 to \$.70 per statement for 2013-2014 school year. The total cost of providing all services will now be deducted from current collections, no later than January 31, 2014. These costs were previously billed by the County.
- Initial reminder notices to delinquent property accounts will now be mailed between February 5, 2014 and February 28, 2014, in lieu of advertisements in local newspapers.
- The tax statement mailing target date is October 10, 2013. This can only be accomplished if the Tax Office receives all tax rates by September 25, 2013.

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, 2013. This agreement shall be automatically renewed for an additional (1) year term at the discretion of the County and District, unless written termination notice is provided by either party.
- Recommend Debbie Monschke be designated as Liaison to serve between Denton ISD and the County Tax office.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Debbie Monschke, Assistant Superintendent 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: _____