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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of Board Travel for the Month of November 2009

SUBMITTED BY: Roberto J. Santos **OF:** Superintendent

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: October 21, 2009

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Board Travel for the Month of November 2009.

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

BBG (LOCAL) Board Members: Compensation and Expenses

Topics

BOARD'S ROLE IN PURCHASING

Many purchasing decisions are handled by the administration, but the board plays an important role in ensuring that contracts provide the best value for the district. What do board members need to know about the laws and policies that affect school board purchasing? This session will provide an overview of the relevant policies and laws including recent legislative developments.

FIRING UNDERPERFORMING EMPLOYEES

Your district moves forward on the strength of your employees. Ensuring a quality staff can be difficult, especially when underperforming employees are protected by a maze of legal rights. This session will guide board members through what you can control—and what you can't—when pursuing the best possible staff for your district.

NEPOTISM

Are the board meetings in your district starting to look like a family reunion? Is your district's organizational chart also a family tree? Come learn how Texas's complex nepotism laws affect your school district.

STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Today's students are at ease in the technology age. Social networking sites and similar applications are often their first choice for communicating and learning. What are the possible consequences when students misbehave on line? What responsibility does the school district have to protect students from bullies and predators on the Web? Find out how to manage the risks while still taking advantage of the many benefits technology offers in the school setting.

LEGAL UPDATE

What is fun, informative, and full of the latest school law news? The TASB Legal Services annual legal update! This session is your opportunity to learn the latest legal developments that count from the Texas Legislature and the courts. We promise to make it as painless as possible.

EXTRA FOR SOUTH PADRE ONLY:

SCHOOL LAW BASICS

Especially designed for first-year board members, this two-and-one-half-hour session highlights fundamentals of school law with particular attention given to open meetings and conflict-of-interest laws. The session also will review the basics new trustees need to know about personnel contracts and the board's role in employment issues, such as hiring, firing, compensation, and evaluation.

Registration

Fee: The \$150 registration fee for the full-day seminars includes breaks, meals, and written materials. The El Paso (Fabens) seminar will include a steak dinner and written materials. The \$50 registration fee for School Law Basics on Friday, November 13, at South Padre Island includes breaks and printed materials.

Register On Line: Registration is easier than ever! Go to legal.tasb.org and click on "Legal Seminars" in the TASB Legal Training box. All registration should be prepaid by check, credit card, or school district purchase order.

Your registration process will be greatly improved if you register through myTASB's Event Registration, an enhanced meeting registration form with individual and district information already filled in. Go to tasb.org and click on "myTASB" if you don't already have myTASB access.

Make sure you have a district purchase order or a credit card for payment. Registrations will not be processed without payment information.

Locations

2009 FALL SEMINARS

Tuesday, November 17 • Abilene, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Region 14 ESC • 1850 Hwy. 351

Tuesday, November 10 • Commerce, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Texas A&M University—Commerce
• 2600 South Neal St. • Sam Rayburn
Student Center: Traditions Room

Wednesday, November 11 • Nacogdoches, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin State University • 1936 North St. •
Student Center: Twilight Ballroom

Friday, November 13 • South Padre Island School Law Basics, 6–8:30 p.m. *New Board*
Sheraton South Padre Island Beach Hotel •
310 Padre Blvd. (Hotel Reservations: 800.222.4010;
Single, Double: \$85/night; Reservation Cut-off Date:
October 14; Group code is TASB Fall Legal Seminar.)

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2010 WINTER SEMINARS

Thursday, February 4 • El Paso (Fabens), 2–8:30 p.m. (Evening session with steak dinner)
Cattleman's Steakhouse at Indian Cliff's Ranch •
Take Interstate 10 East, make a left turn at Fabens
Exit 49, go 5 miles north (915.544.3200)

Tuesday, February 9 • Tyler, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn Select •
5701 S. Broadway
(Hotel Reservations:
903.561.5800)

Register by Fax:

To register by fax, call 800.580.8272, extension 2219, and ask for the paper version of the 2009–10 Legal Seminar Series registration form.

For more information about registration, the seminars, or special requirements, please call 800.580.8272, extension 2219, or fax 512.467.3642.

Cancellation: You must use the TASB cancellation form to have your registration cancellation processed correctly. Access a form by going to legal.tasb.org and clicking on "Legal Seminars" in the TASB Legal Training box. In the box on the right, choose "Event Cancellation Form." Call 800.580.8272, extension 2219, if you would like us to e-mail a form to you.

If TASB must cancel the event, TASB will refund registrations in full but will not be responsible for any indirect, special, or consequential damages (including transportation, lodging, and meal costs) sustained by the registrant.

Yeehaw!

Saddle up!

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