

YSLETA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting
Agenda Item Backup Sheet
February 10, 2016

- Subject:** Grant application to Raise Your Hand Texas for Blended Learning.
- Solution:** Raise Your Hand Texas has invited YISD as one of ten eligible public school finalists to submit a grant application and five-year plan to implement blended learning in YISD schools.
- Rationale:** Blended learning is a formal education program in which a student learns at least in part through online learning, with some element of student control over time, place, path, and/or pace. A team from YISD attended blending learning planning workshops and proposes to implement blended learning at Pasodale ES and Ysleta ES.
- Funding:** Grant funding from Raise Your Hand Texas.
- Recommendation:** Consider and take possible action to approve the submission of a grant application to Raise Your Hand Texas for the Blended Learning project for the period of approximately June 1, 2016, through May 31, 2021, in the amount of up to approximately \$500,000; and authorizing the superintendent or designee to accept such funds and sign any subsequent documents in connection with the application, acceptance, and administration of such funds, including grant amendments.
- Resource Person:** Dr. Catherine Kennedy, Associate Superintendent of Middle Schools
- Brenda Chacon, Associate Superintendent of Elementary Schools
- David Medina, Principal, Pasodale ES
- Norma Corral, Principal, Ysleta ES
- Micha Villarreal, Director, Innovative Learning
- Sheila Elias, Director, Office of Competitive Grants