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Bellville ISD

School FIRST Annual Financial Management Report 2018-2019

Bellville ISD has received the highest rating every year since the inception of the FIRST report in 2002

2017/18 Superior Rating

Purpose:

- To assess the District's management of financial resources and ensure quality financial management practices
- To manage financial resources to provide the most money possible for direct instruction purposes
- Consideration for accreditation for School Districts
- To assess future financial solvency

Fiscal Indicators

- Financial Data: district assets, budgets, fund balance, accounts payable, PEIMS, debt ratios
- Annual Financial Audit
- Admin cost ratio

Reporting Requirements

- A Public Hearing to Discuss & Distribute School FIRST Ratings
- Provide notice of hearing published in local newspaper for two weeks
- Provide notice by 3-mail to media

2018-2019 Bellville ISD FIRST Report

Bellville ISD scored 100/100 on the 2017-2018 FIRST indicators. A PASS rating score was 60.

- ✓ Was your Annual Financial Audit submitted to TEA by the deadline? YES
- ✓ Did you receive an "unmodified" Audit and was it free of material weaknesses? (unmodified = no changes/ corrective actions needed) YES
- ✓ Did BISD pay its debt and bills? YES
- ✓ Did BISD make timely payments to TRS, TWC and the IRS? YES
- ✓ Did the districts total assets exceed the total liabilities? YES
- ✓ Does your school district have a positive fund balance? YES >90 days = 10 pts
- ✓ Does your school district have current assets to cover current debts? YES >3 months = 10pts
- ✓ Does your school district have enough total assets to total liabilities sufficient to support long-term solvency? YES ratio < .6 = 10pts
- ✓ Does your school district have enough cash on hand to pay your bills for 60 days? YES
- ✓ Ability to make debt payments. YES
- ✓ Was the district administration cost ratio with in normal thresholds for ours districts size? YES
- ✓ Did the school district's ADA decreased by 15% or more? If so, was staffing decrease? NO
- ✓ Did PEIMS financial data match Audit financial data? (measures quality of data) YES
- ✓ Did the audit report any material weaknesses in internal controls and properly account for public funds? NO
- ✓ Did the district spend Overpayments made from the FSP system? NO

BELLVILLE BRAHMAS

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RATING YEAR 2018-2019 DISTRICT NUMBER district # Select An Option Help Home



Nan	ne: BELLVILLE ISD(008901)	Publication Level 1: 8/7/2019 3:33:27 PM		
Sta	tus: Passed	Publication Level 2: 8/8/2019 2:06:12 PM		
Rat	ng: A = Superior	Last Updated: 8/8/2019 2:06:12 PM		ad Phabas
Dist	rict Score: 100	Passing Score: 60		
#	Indicator Description		Updated	Score
1	Was the complete annual financial report (AFR) and data submitted to the TEA within 30 days of the November 27 or January 28 deadline depending on the school district's fiscal year end date of June 30 or August 31, respectively?		8/5/2019 10:39:55 PM	Yes
2	Review the AFR for an unmodified opinion and material weaknesse fails indicator number 2 if it responds "No" to indicator 2.A. or to be	es. The school district must pass 2.A to pass this indicator. The school district poth indicators 2.A and 2.B.		
2.A	Was there an unmodified opinion in the AFR on the financial statem (AICPA) defines unmodified opinion. The external independent and	nents as a whole? (The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants itor determines if there was an unmodified opinion.)	8/5/2019 10:39:55 PM	Yes
2.B	Did the external independent auditor report that the AFR was free reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds? (The Ai	of any instance(s) of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial ICPA defines material weakness.	8/5/2019 10:39:56 PM	Yes
3	Was the school district in compliance with the payment terms of a prior fiscal year, an exemption applies in following years if the schopayments are made on schedule for the fiscal year being rated. Alt technical default is a failure to uphold the terms of a debt covenan trust, or sinking fund are current. A debt agreement is a legal agreement is a legal agreement in the contract of the debt.)	8/5/2019 10:39:56 PM	Yes	
4	Did the school district make timely payments to the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other government agencies?		8/5/2019 10:39:56 PM	Yes
5	This indicator is not being scored.			
				1 Multiplier Sum
5	Was the number of days of cash on hand and current investments expenditures (excluding facilities acquisition and construction)? (Se	in the general fund for the school district sufficient to cover operating the ranges below.)	8/5/2019 10:39:56 PM	10
,	Was the measure of current assets to current liabilities ratio for the	e school district sufficient to cover shart-term debt? (See ranges below.)	8/5/2019 10:39:57 PM	10
	Was the ratio of long-term liabilities to total assets for the school of students in membership over 5 years was 7 percent or more, the	district sufficient to support long-term solvency? (If the school district's change then the school district passes this indicator.) (See ranges below.)	8/5/2019 10:39:57 PM	10
	Did the school district's general fund revenues equal or exceed exp school district's number of days of cash on hand greater than or ex-	penditures (excluding facilities acquisition and construction)? If not, was the qual to 60 days?	8/5/2019 10:39:58 PM	10
0	Was the debt service coverage ratio sufficient to meet the required	d debt service? (Sèe ranges below.)	8/5/2019 10:39:59 PM	10
1	Was the school district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less t	han the threshold ratio? (See ranges below.)	8/5/2019 10:39:59 PM	10
2	Did the school district not have a 15 percent decline in the students enrollment did not decrease, the school district will automatically particularly particular	s to staff ratio over 3 years (total enrollment to total staff)? (If the student ass this indicator.)	8/5/2019 10:40:00	10

13	Did the comparison of Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) data to like information in the school district's AFR result in a total variance of less than 3 percent of all expenditures by function?	8/5/2019 10:40:01 PM	10
14	Did the external independent auditor indicate the AFR was free of any instance(s) of material noncompliance for grants, contracts, and laws related to local, state, or federal funds? (The AICPA defines material noncompliance.)	8/5/2019 10:40:01 PM	10
15	Did the school district not receive an adjusted repayment schedule for more than one fiscal year for an over allocation of Foundation School Program (FSP) funds as a result of a financial hardship?	8/5/2019 10:40:01 PM	10
			100 Weighted Sum
			1 Multiplier Sum
			100 Score

DETERMINATION OF RATING

Α.	Did the district answer 'No' to Indicators 1, 3, 4, or 2.A? If so, the school district's rating is F for Substandard Achievement regardless of points earned.					
В.	Determine the rating by the applicable number of points. (Indicators 6-15)					
	A = Superior	90-100				
	B = Above Standard	80-89				
	C = Meets Standard	60-79				
	F = Substandard Achievement	<60				

No Rating = A school district receiving territory that annexes with a school district ordered by the commissioner under TEC 13.054, or consolidation under Subchapter H, Chapter 41. No rating will be issued for the school district receiving territory until the third year after the annexation/consolidation.

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	y Rating System of Texas	2017-2019 5640	OL VEAR DATA IN	DICATOR TECT	-	
Name:	BELLVILLE ISD (008901)	2017-2016 SCHO	OL YEAR DATA IN	DICATOR TEST	0	
Indicator:	Was the number of days of cash of (excluding facilities acquisition and	n hand and current investm construction)? (See range	ents in the general fund for to s below.)	ne school district sufficient	to cover operating expen	ditures
Result/Points	10					
Last Updated:	8/5/2019 10:39:56 PM					
FORMULA	-	operational control of the control o				
Field (Cash and Equivalents + Current Investments) /			12,344,610 0			
	penditures Acquisition and Construction		19,967,062 648,964			
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2018-2019 RATINGS BASED	ON 2017-2018 SCHOOL	YEAR DATA INDICATOR TEST 11

Name:	BELLVILLE ISD (008901)
Indicator:	Was the school district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio? (See ranges below.)
Result/Points	10
Last Updated:	8/5/2019 10:39:59 PM

FORMULA

	Field District Administrative Cost Ratio	Value 0.1029
And	ADA	2,140.901
Or	Sparse	FALSE

RESULT DETERMINATION REFERENCE

ADA Size	10	8	6	4	2	0
10,000 and	<=	> 0.0855 <=	> 0.1105 <=	> 0.1355 <=	> 0.1605 <=	>
Above	0.0855	0.1105	0.1355	0.1605	0.1855	0.1855
5,000 to 9,999	<=	> 0.1000 <=	> 0.1250 <=	> 0.1500 <=	> 0.1750 <=	>
	0.1000	0.1250	0.1500	0.1750	0.2000	0.2000
1,000 to 4,999	<=	> 0.1151 <=	> 0.1401 <=	> 0.1651 <=	> 0.1901 <=	>
	0.1151	0.1401	0.1651	0.1901	0.2151	0.2151
500 to 999	<=	> 0.1311 <=	> 0.1561 <=	> 0.1811 <=	> 0.2061 <=	>
	0.1311	0.1561	0.1811	0.2061	0.2311	0.2311
Less than 500	<=	> 0.2404 <=	> 0.2654 <=	> 0.2904 <=	> 0.3154 <=	>
	0.2404	0.2654	0.2904	0.3154	0.3404	0.3404
Sparse	<=	> 0.3364 <=	> 0.3614 <=	> 0.3864 <=	> 0.4114 <=	>
	0.3364	0.3614	0.3864	0.4114	0.4364	0.4364

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		Rating System of Texas		
20	18-2019	RATINGS BASED ON 2017-2018	CHOOL YEAR DATA INDICATOR TEST 12	
Na	ime:	BELLVILLE ISD (008901)		
In	dicator:	Did the school district not have a 15 percent decline in enrollment did not decrease, the school district will au	the students to staff ratio over 3 years (total enrollment to total staff)? (If the student omatically pass this indicator.)	
Re	sult/Points	10		
La Up	st dated:	8/5/2019 10:40:00 PM		
FO	RMULA			
	Field		Value	
(2017-2018	Total Enrollment	2,261	
1	2017-2018	Number of FTE Staff	325.476	
)			023.170	
(2015-2016	Total Enrollment	2,213	
/		Number of FTE Staff	317.5262	
>	1 Threshold fo	r Three-Year Percent Change in Ratio	-0.15	
Or	2017-2018	Total Enrollment	2,261	
-	2015-2016	Total Enrollment	2,213	
>	0		2,210	
	Mathematical	Breakdown: -0.0033 > -0.15 Or 48 > 0		
RE	SULT DE	TERMINATION REFERENCE		=;
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Pinancial Integrit	y Rating System of Texas	
2018-2019	RATINGS BASED ON 2017-2018 SC	CHOOL YEAR DATA INDICATOR TEST 13
Name:	BELLVILLE ISD (008901)	
Indicator:	Did the comparison of Public Education Information Mana variance of less than 3 percent of all expenditures by fur	agement System (PEIMS) data to like information in the school district's AFR result in a total action?
Result/Points	10	
Last Updated:	8/5/2019 10:40:01 PM	
FORMULA		
Field Sum of Diffe	erences	Value 52
/ Denominato	r	19,967,042
< Acceptable I	evel of Variance	.03
Mathematica	l Breakdown: 0 < 0.03	
RESULT DE	TERMINATION REFERENCE	
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	10	0
	< 3%	>= 3%
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_	ry Rating System of Texas	18 SCHOOL YEAR DATA INDICATOR TEST 14				
Name:	BELLVILLE ISD (008901)					
Indicator:	Did the external independent auditor indicate the local, state, or federal funds? (The AICPA defin	ne AFR was free of any instance(s) of material noncompliance for grants, contracts, and laws related as material noncompliance.)	d to			
Result/Points	10					
Last Updated:	8/5/2019 10:40:01 PM					
FORMULA	·					
Field Not Mater	rial Non-Compliance	Value false				
RESULT DE	TERMINATION REFERENCE					
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	y Rating System of Texas	8 SCHOOL YEAR DATA INDICATOR TEST 15			
Name:	BELLVILLE ISD (008901)				
Indicator:	Did the school district not receive an adjusted repa (FSP) funds as a result of a financial hardship?	ayment schedule for more than one fiscal year for an over allocation of Foundation School Pr	ogram		
Result/Points	ints 10				
Last Updated:	8/5/2019 10:40:01 PM				
FORMULA					
Field No Adjusted Re	payment Schedule	Value true			
RESULT DE	TERMINATION REFERENCE	_			
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	10	0			
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School FIRST Annual Financial Management Report



For the Twelve-Month Period

Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members

Other Motor Fuel Meals Ended August 31, 2018 Total Transportation Lodging Description of Reimbursements Mike Coker Dusty Yantis
Superintendent Board Member 3,227.86 Rocky Luetge Board Member Karen Winn Board Member Robert Winkelmar Ann Graham Board Member Board Membe **Board Member** Buck Eckermann Jim Batson Board Member Board Member

All "reimbursements" expenses, regardless of the manner of payment, including direct pay,

credit card, cash, and purchase order are to be reported. Items to be reported per category include:

Meals - Meals consumed out of town, and in-district meals at area restaurants (outside of board meetings, excludes catered board meeting meals). Lodging - Hotel charges.

Motor fuel - Gasoline. Transportation - Airfare, car rental (can include fuel on rental, taxis, mileage reimbursements, leased cars, parking and tolls).

Other: - Registration fees, telephone/cell phone, internet service, fax machine, and other reimbursements (or on-behalf of) to the superintendent and board member not defined above



For the Twelve-Month Period

Outside Compensation and/or Fees Received by the Superintendent for Professional Consulting and/or Other Personal Services

Total Ended August 31, 2018 Name(s) of Entity(ies) Amount Received Mike Coker

\$0.00

Compensation does not include business revenues generated from a family business (farming, ranching, etc.) that has no relation to school district business.



Gifts Received by Executive Officers and Board Members (and First Degree Relatives, if any) (gifts that had an economic value of \$250 or more in the aggregate in the fiscal year)

For the Twelve-Month Period Ended August 31, 2018

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65	Mike Coker Dennis Jurek Superintendent Asst Sup.
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60	Dusty Yantis Board Member
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69	Karen Winn Robert F Board Member Board N
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Note – An executive officer is defined as the superintendent, unless the board of trustees or the district administration names additional staff under this classification for local officials.



Business Transactions Between School District and Board Members

For the Twelve-Month Period Ended August 31, 2018

	Mike Coker	Dusty Yantis	Rocky Luetge Karen Winn	Karen Winn	Robert Winkelmar Ann G	ar Ann Graham	Б	Buck Eckermann Jim Batsor	Jim Batson
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Amounts	69 -	69		\$	€9 -	€9	es.	2,208.32	€ 9
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Note - The summary amounts reported under this disclosure are not to duplicate the items disclosed in the summary schedule of reimbursements received by board members.



Any other information the board of trustees of the school district determines to be useful.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

STATE OF TEXAS §

\$ KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THIS SUPERINTENDENT'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT ("Contract") is made and entered into effective the 10th day of July 2019, by and between the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Bellville Independent School District (the "District") and Nicole Poenitzsch ("Superintendent").

WITNESSETH:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board and the Superintendent, for and in consideration of the terms hereinafter established and pursuant to Section 11.201(b) and Chapter 21, Subchapter E of the Texas Education Code, have agreed, and do hereby agree, as follows:

I. Term

- 1.1 **Term.** The Board, by and on behalf of the District, does hereby employ the Superintendent, and the Superintendent does hereby accept employment as Superintendent of Schools for the District on a 12-month basis commencing on July 15, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2022. In all years of this Contract, the contract year shall be from July 1st through June 30th. The District may, by action of the Board, and with the consent and approval of the Superintendent, extend the term of this Contract as permitted by state law. Failure to reissue the Contract for an extended term shall not constitute nonrenewal under Board policy.
- 1.2 No Tenure. The Board has not adopted any policy, rule, regulation, law, or practice providing for tenure. No right of tenure is created by this Contract. No property interest, express or implied, is created in continued employment beyond the Contract term.

II. Employment

2.1 Duties. The Superintendent is the chief executive of the District and shall faithfully perform the duties of the Superintendent of Schools for the District as prescribed in the job description and as may be lawfully assigned by the Board, and shall comply with all lawful Board directives, state and federal law, district policy, rules, and regulations as they exist or may hereafter be amended. Specifically, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent to recommend for employment all professional employees of the District subject to the Board's approval. It shall be the further duty of the Superintendent to employ all other personnel consistent with the Board's policies. The Board maintains the authority to employ and/or discharge members of the Superintendent's immediate family. It shall be the further duty of the Superintendent to direct, assign, reassign, evaluate and accept resignations all of the employees of the District consistent with Board policies and federal and state law. It shall be the further duty of the Superintendent to organize, reorganize, and arrange the staff of the District, and to develop and establish administrative regulations, rules, and procedures which the Superintendent deems necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the District consistent with the Board's lawful directives,

the Board's policies, and state and federal law. It shall be the further duty of the Superintendent to accept all resignations of employees of the District consistent with the Board's policies, except the Superintendent's resignation, which must be accepted by the Board. The Superintendent shall perform the duties of the Superintendent of Schools for the District with reasonable care, diligence, skill and expertise. All duties assigned to the Superintendent by the Board shall be appropriate to and consistent with the professional role and responsibility of the Superintendent.

- 2.2 Professional Certification. The Superintendent shall at all times during the term of this Contract, and any renewal or extension thereof, hold and maintain a valid certificate required of a superintendent by the State of Texas and issued by the State Board for Educator Certification or the Texas Education Agency and all other certificates required by law.
- 2.3 **Reassignment.** The Superintendent cannot be reassigned from the position of Superintendent to another position without the Superintendent's express written consent.
- 2.4 Board Meetings. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Superintendent shall attend, and shall be permitted to attend, all meetings of the Board, both public and closed, with the exception of those closed meetings devoted to the consideration of any action or lack of action on the Contract or the Superintendent's salary and benefits as set forth in this Contract, or the Superintendent's evaluation, or for purposes of resolving conflicts between individual Board members, or when the Board is acting in its capacity as a tribunal. There may also be times when the Board and the Superintendent agree that it is appropriate for the Superintendent not to attend a Board meeting or a portion of a Board meeting. In that case, the Superintendent will be excused from attending the meeting or portion of the meeting. In the event of illness or Board President approved absence, the Superintendent's designee shall attend such meetings.
- 2.5 Criticisms, Complaints, and Suggestions. The Board, individually and collectively, shall refer all substantive criticisms, complaints, and suggestions called to the Board's attention either: (a) to the Superintendent for study and/or appropriate action, and the Superintendent shall refer such matter(s) to the appropriate District employee or shall investigate such matter(s) and shall within a reasonable time inform the Board of the results of such efforts; or, (b) to the appropriate complaint resolution procedure as established by District Board policies.
- 2.6 Legal Defense/Indemnification. The District agrees that, to the extent permitted by state law, it shall defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the Superintendent from any and all demands, claims, suits, actions and legal proceedings brought against the Superintendent in her individual capacity or in her official capacity as agent and employee of the District if the incident in question arose while the Superintendent was acting within the course and scope of her employment and in conformity with the policies of the District. This defense and indemnity excludes criminal or other illegal acts and any other act, action or omission of the Superintendent which is determined to have been done, taken, or committed with malice or with intent to cause the injury or damage suffered by the claimant. This provision does not apply if the Superintendent is found to have materially breached her contract, to have acted with gross negligence or with intent to have violated a person's clearly established legal rights, to have acted outside the course and scope of her employment, to have engaged in criminal conduct, or to have engaged in official misconduct. This provision also does not apply to criminal investigations or proceedings. At its sole discretion, the District may fulfill the obligation under this paragraph by purchasing insurance coverage for the benefit of the Superintendent or by including the

Superintendent as a covered party under any contract providing errors and omissions insurance coverage purchased for the protection of the Board and the professional employees of the District. The Board may retain attorneys to represent the Superintendent in any proceeding for which he could seek indemnification under this paragraph, to the extent that damages are recoverable or a defense is provided under any such contract of insurance. In no event shall any individual Board member, present or future, be personally liable for defending or indemnifying the Superintendent against any such demands, claims, suits, actions and legal proceedings. The Board shall not be required to pay any costs of any legal proceedings in the event the Board and the Superintendent are adverse to each other in any such proceedings. The Superintendent shall reasonably cooperate with the District in the defense of any and all demands, claims, suits, actions and legal proceedings brought against the District. The Superintendent's obligation under this paragraph and the obligation of the District under this paragraph shall continue after the termination of this Contract.

III. Compensation

- 3.1 Salary. The District shall provide the Superintendent with an annual salary in the sum of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$145,000.00). This annual salary rate shall be paid to the Superintendent in equal installments consistent with the Board's policies.
- 3.2 Salary Adjustments. At any time during the term of this Contract, the Board may, in its discretion, review and adjust the salary of the Superintendent, but in no event shall the Superintendent be paid less than the salary set forth in Section 3.1 of this Contract except by mutual agreement of the two parties. Such adjustments, if any, shall be made pursuant to a lawful Board resolution. In such event, the parties agree to provide their best efforts and reasonable cooperation to execute a new contract incorporating the adjusted salary.
- 3.3 Vacation, Holiday and Personal Leave. The Superintendent may take, at the Superintendent's choice, with prior notice to the Board President, (i) ten (10) days of vacation annually, or (ii) the same number of days of vacation annually authorized by policies adopted by the Board for administrators on twelve-month contracts. The vacation days taken by the Superintendent will be taken at such time or times as will least interfere with the performance of the Superintendent's duties as set forth in this Contract. The Superintendent shall observe the same legal holidays as provided by Board policies for administrative employees on twelve-month contracts. The Superintendent is hereby granted the same personal leave benefits as authorized by Board policies for administrative employees on twelve-month contracts. The Superintendent's accrued and unused vacation days and personal leave days may be accumulated from year to year and carried over into subsequent years of this Contract only up to a ten (10) day limit. In other words, under this paragraph, in addition to what the Superintendent is eligible for in a particular contract year, a maximum of ten (10) additional accrued and unused vacation days and personal days will exist and be available for use by the Superintendent in each respective contract year.
- 3.4 **Insurance.** The Superintendent shall have access to health insurance pursuant to the group health care plan provided by the District for its administrative employees.
 - 3.5 Professional Growth. The Superintendent shall devote the Superintendent's

time, attention, and energy to the direction, administration, and supervision of the District. The Board, however, encourages the continued professional growth of the Superintendent through the Superintendent's active attendance at and participation in appropriate professional meetings at the local, regional, state and national levels. The Board shall encourage the use of data and information sources, and shall encourage the participation of the Superintendent in pertinent education seminars and courses offered by public or private institutions or by educational associations, as well as the participation in informational meetings with those individuals whose particular skills, expertise, or backgrounds would serve to improve the capacity of the Superintendent to perform the Superintendent's professional responsibilities for the District.

- 3.6 Civic Activities. The Superintendent is encouraged to participate in community and civic affairs. The expense of such activities, subject to Board approval, shall be borne by the District.
- \$3.7 Expenses. The District shall pay the Superintendent five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per month during the term of this Contract for reasonable in-district expenses incurred by the Superintendent in the continuing performance of the Superintendent's duties under this Contract. The District agrees to pay the actual and incidental costs incurred by the Superintendent for out-of-district travel for school district business. Such actual or incidental costs may include, but are not limited to, gasoline, hotels and accommodations, meals, rental car, and other expenses incurred in the performance of the business of the District. The Superintendent shall comply with all procedures and documentation requirements in accordance with Board policies.
- 3.8 **Moving Expenses:** The District will reimburse Superintendent for reasonable and customary moving expenses incurred not to exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00). The Superintendent agrees to obtain and reasonably select from three quotes for such services.
- 3.9 Organizational Membership Dues: The District will annually pay dues/membership in selected key professional organizations that will benefit the Superintendent and the school district. The District shall pay the Superintendent's membership dues to the American Association of School Administrators, the Texas Association of School Administrators, and the Texas Association of School Business Officials, as well as other memberships, specifically approved by the Board from time to time, as necessary to maintain and improve the Superintendent's professional skills or to represent the school district's interests.
- 3.10 **Cell Phone:** The District will provide a flat fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month for a cell phone to be used by the Superintendent.
- 3.11 **Residency Requirement:** As a condition of this Contract, by January 15, 2020, the Superintendent shall reside within the boundaries of Bellville ISD. Prior to January 15, 2020, if reasonably necessary, the Superintendent may request a modification to this time line and the Board shall review and consider such a request in a duly called board meeting.
- 3.12 Consultant and/or Other Work Activities. The Superintendent agrees to devote her time, skill, labor, and attention to performing her duties, and may only undertake consulting work, speaking engagements, writing, lecturing, teaching, and other professional work/duties and

obligations that do not conflict or interfere with the Superintendent's professional responsibilities to the District with formal board approval. Consultation and/or other work activities performed or provided by the Superintendent under the terms and conditions of this paragraph shall be consistent with state and federal law.

IV. Annual Performance Goals

4.1 **Development of Goals.** On or before September 1st of every year during the term of this Contract, the Superintendent and the Board shall develop the goals for the District. The goals approved by the Board shall be reduced to writing and shall be among the criteria on which the Superintendent's performance will be reviewed and evaluated.

V. Review of Performance

Time and Basis of Evaluation. At a minimum, beginning in the school year 5.1 2019-2020, the Board shall evaluate and assess in writing the performance of the Superintendent annually in January, during this Contract. The evaluation and assessment shall be related to the duties of the Superintendent as outlined in the Superintendent's job description and to the adopted annual goals outlined in Subsection 4.1. The Superintendent shall provide a written reminder to the Board of its evaluation obligation at least thirty (30) days prior to the Regular Called Board Meetings in January. The evaluation format and procedure shall be in accordance with the Board's policies and state and federal law. Unless the Superintendent specifically requests otherwise in accordance with applicable law, all meetings, conferences, and discussions by the Board concerning the Superintendent's performance shall be held in closed, executive session and shall be considered confidential to the extent permitted by law. In the event the Board deems that the evaluation instrument, format and/or procedure is to be modified by the Board and such modifications would require new or different performance expectations, the Superintendent shall be provided a reasonable period of time to demonstrate such expected performance before being evaluated. Nothing herein shall prohibit the Board or the Superintendent from sharing the content of the Superintendent's evaluation with their respective legal counsel.

VI. Extension or Nonrenewal of Employment Contract

6.1 Extension/Nonrenewal. Extension or nonrenewal shall be in accordance with Board policy, Texas Education Code Chapter 21, Subchapter E, and applicable law. Contract extension, may be, but is not required to be considered during the month of January of each respective contract year. A mid-contract year informal review of the Superintendent's performance may be held by the Board in order to make any contract extension decision.

VII. Termination of Employment Contract

- 7.1 **Mutual Agreement.** This Contract may be terminated by the mutual agreement of the Superintendent and the Board in writing, upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.
- 7.2 **Retirement or Death.** This Contract shall be terminated upon the retirement or death of the Superintendent.
- 7.3 **Dismissal for Good Cause.** The Board may dismiss the Superintendent during the term of the Contract for good cause in accordance with state law and Board policy.
- 7.4 **Termination Procedure.** In the event the Board proposes the termination of this Contract for "good cause," the Superintendent shall be afforded all the rights as set forth in the Board's policies, and state and federal law.
- 7.5 **Resignation of Superintendent.** The Superintendent may leave the employment of the District at the end of a school year without penalty by filing a written resignation with the Board pursuant to this paragraph. The resignation must be addressed to the Board and filed with the Board President not later than the 90th day before the first day of instruction of the following year. The Superintendent may resign, with the consent of the Board, at any other time.

Article VIII. Miscellaneous

- 8.1 **Controlling Law.** This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and shall be performable in Austin County, Texas, unless otherwise provided by law.
- 8.2 Complete Agreement. This Contract embodies the entire agreement between the parties hereto and cannot be varied except by written agreement of the undersigned parties, except as expressly provided herein.
- 8.3 Conflicts. In the event of any conflict between the terms, conditions and provisions of this Employment Contract and the provisions of the Board's policies, or any permissive state or federal law, then, unless otherwise prohibited by law, the terms of this Contract shall take precedence over the contrary provisions of the Board's policies or any such permissive law during the term of the Contract.
- 8.4 Savings Clause. In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof, and this Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein. All existing agreements and contracts, both verbal and written, between the parties hereto regarding the employment of the Superintendent have been superseded by this Contract, and this Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties unless amended pursuant to the terms of this Contract.

Ву:
Grant Lischka, President
Board of Trustees
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ATTEST:
By: Kenneth Stein, Secretary Roard of Trustees
Bellville Independent School District
Executed this/O th day of July, 2019.
SUPERINTENDENT
By: Nicole Poenitzsch
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