

SSAISD BOARD AGENDA - ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE:	December 18, 2013
MEETING TYPE:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL
ITEM TITLE:	To consider and approve contracted services with Academic Specialists, LLC
PURPOSE:	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOGNITION <input type="checkbox"/> REPORT ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTION
PRESENTER(S):	Melba Urdiales, Special Education Director
REQUESTED BY:	Melba Urdiales, Special Education Director

I. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM TO INCLUDE YOUR SPECIFIC REQUEST:

Consider to approve the contract for Academic Specialists, LLC to provide speech/language therapy services, and evaluation which include ARD attendance 2013-2014 school year to children enrolled in the Special Education Program for the amount of \$20,000.

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION (DOCUMENTATION):

Our district had one resignation effective November 21, 2013. If approved, this contract would allow us to continue to provide services to Five Palms and Frank Madla Elementary Schools.

III. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED (IF APPLICABLE):

Locating and hiring fulltime speech/language therapists.

IV. RECOMMENDATION AND IMPACT:


Recommend to approve contract. Not filling the vacancies will result in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) to not be implemented. This will result in violation of federal law under Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA).

V. DISTRICT GOAL AND CORRESPONDING DEPARTMENTAL INITIATIVE:

Goal 2 and 6 – Enable students with disabilities to achieve measurable gains in IEP. Goals as demonstrated by progress measured by State Assessments and Progress Reports.

VI. FUNDING SOURCE-PROGRAM AND/OR BUDGET CODE:

Special Education Local Funds (Fund 199): 199-11-6216-01-999-423-000: \$20,000

Approved

12-6-13