

7. Approve the special education direct and support contracted services for students for the 2019-2020 school year.

a. What is the benefit to contracting these positions compared to hiring onsite full time employees to service our Special Education students? **First and foremost, we strive to secure high quality personnel to provide the best services for our students. The District has a need for full time SLP's. Due to the high demand of these legally required services the District continues to experience a shortage of staff in these areas and in an effort to provide uninterrupted services we contract with providers.**

b. What is the term of this contract? **1 year - August 2019-May 2020**

c. Do the provided hourly rates include travel and other expenses? **The hourly rate are all inclusive of the services.**

d. How many hours of service per title are included in the contract?

i. **SLP is 40 hours a week for 37 weeks (full time)**

ii. **OT is about 30-33 hours a week for 37 weeks**

iii. **PT is about 15-20 hours a week for 37 weeks**

OT & PT services are based on student Individual Education Plan determined by the Admission Review and Dismissal committee.

e. What are the hourly rates after any contracted hours are exceeded? **The hourly rates do not change.**

f. Is there an existing Special Education Direct and Support contract?

Yes

g. What is the total cost to date of the existing Special Education Direct and Support contract?

\$640,581.

h. What Funding and Budget Codes are associated with the Special Education Direct and Support contract?

Funds 199 - General Fund, 224 - IDEA B Formula, 385 - State Supplemental Visually Impaired (SSVI) , & 435 - Regional Day School For The Deaf

i. Are there any Federal and or State funds available for these services?

There are no other additional funds available other than the 199, 224 and 385. The 435 fund will no longer be available since the RDSPD is moving to SAISD.

j. Why is the \$236,000 amount being funded from 199?

The \$236,000 is to satisfy the required services to our students.

k. Is there a contingency plan in place should these contracted services become unavailable?

Yes, we will contract with another vendor.

l. Does the SSAISD CIS agreement provide any similar services for our Special Education students? **No, these services are IEP driven**

m. Is there any new funding to support this initiative from the most recent legislative session?

The only new funding that was available to districts was to assist with testing students to see if they meet TEA criteria for a student with a disability. We did apply for the grant and we were awarded \$12,000.

n. Will the Special Education Director be available at the meeting for any additional questions?

The Superintendent's cabinet will be available to answer questions on behalf of the Superintendent as needed.

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