

# **Certification of Appraisal Roll, Collection Rate, And Rollback Tax Rates**

September 26, 2017

## **SUMMARY:**

This item requests approval of the certified appraisal roll, the collection rate, and confirmation of the District's rollback tax rate.

## **PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

This item is routinely acted upon each year. For the 2016-2017 school year, this item was approved at the September 13, 2016 board meeting. The 2017-2018 contract with Denton County was approved on June 27, 2017.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Board reviewed preliminary values for the 2017-2018 school year as part of its budget presentations. These preliminary values are subject to change after the appraisal district conducts its appraisal review board hearings. The certified values were due to entities by July 25, 2017. The appraisal roll, as presented by the Denton Central Appraisal District, must then be approved by the Board of Trustees.

The certified collection rate is used in the tax rate calculations. The District routinely recommends a 100% collection rate since overall collections generally range around this figure. A district may not certify a collection rate greater than 100%.

The District must authorize someone to calculate and certify the District's rollback tax rate. For the past few years, this has been the Denton County Tax Assessor/Collector. Provision for this function was included in the tax collection contract with the county that was approved by the Board and signed on June 27, 2017.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

The certified appraisal roll freeze adjusted taxable value for the 2017-2018 school year is \$14,161,065,615. The appraisal roll under review freeze adjusted taxable value is \$359,859,629 for a total of \$14,520,925,244. This represents a 13.82% increase or an increase of \$1,762,711,922 in value for the upcoming year.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Approval of the appraisal roll will allow the District to begin its process of taxation by having an official roll upon which it can levy taxes.

The M & O portion of the rollback tax rate allows school districts to add four cents to the lesser of the current year's compressed operating tax rate or the effective M & O rate to generate operating funds. School districts may also add any additional cents approved by voters during a 2006 or later rollback election. District voters approved an additional two cents with a Tax Ratification Election on September 9, 2017. The debt service rate portion is the tax rate necessary to pay the school's debt payments in the coming year. The 2017 rollback rate is \$1.5401.

A tax rate hearing was held on June 13, 2017. The Board approved the ordinance setting the tax rate on June 13, 2017. A public hearing to discuss the budget was held on June 27, 2017 prior to the approval of the budget. The notice of public meeting to discuss tax rate and notice of public meeting to discuss budget were published timely. The rates that were published were the proposed rates of \$1.06 for M & O and \$.48 for Debt Service.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the 2017 Certified Appraisal Roll, tax collection rate at 100%, and confirm the rollback tax rate of \$1.5401.

## **STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

Debbie Monschke, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services  
Jennifer Stewart, Director of Budget

**ATTACHMENT:**

- Letters of Approval and Certification
- Certification of 2017 Roll
- Order Approving Appraisal Records For 2017
- Order Approving 2016 and Prior Year Supplemental Roll
- Certification of 2017 and Prior Year Supplemental Roll
- Certification of 2016 and Prior Year Supplemental Roll
- 2017 Certified Totals
- 2017 Effective and Rollback Tax Rate Worksheets
- Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Proposed Tax Rate
- Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget

**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_