

Cedar Hill Independent School District

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Date: September 21, 2020

Presented by: Dr. Gerald Hudson, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: 2020-2021 Unemployment Compensation Insurance
Renewal

Information Item

BOARD GOAL:

Align the budget process to achieve district goals.

This is the legal requirement that will keep the District in compliance with State Purchasing requirements. The cooperative purchasing process allows procurement of goods and services at the best value with the use of the Tax Payer's money for products and services within their budget constraints.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Superintendent is not required to obtain Board approval for certain types of budgeted purchases, regardless of cost, but shall subsequently report them to the Board. A purchase made pursuant to a Board-approved interlocal contract, in accordance with Government Code Chapter 791 and in accordance with Local Government Code 271.102 satisfies any state law requiring the local government to seek competitive bids for the purchase of the goods or services. Participation in TASB Risk Management Fund is via Interlocal Agreement which meets Section 44.031 of the Education Code as an approved purchasing method that is in compliance with all bidding statutes. This allows the district to enter into an agreement without going through an additional bidding process.

The District currently is a member of the interlocal agreement that includes property, liability, workers' compensation and unemployment compensation. The four programs were combined in April 1997 to form the Fund. Fund Members have the option of participating in one or all of the Fund's programs. The Fund has provided exceptional risk management coverage to educational entities throughout Texas for over 40 years and risk management services to more educational entities across the state than any other single provider.

This year TASB presented an annual contribution of \$148,888 for the Pool program for October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Pricing is based on estimated payroll and benefits history provided to TASB by the business office. The Fund assumes responsibility for the District's quarterly claim payments to Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The Fund provides coverage for the payment of statutory unemployment compensation benefits and assistance with general unemployment compensation matters such as administrative hearings before the TWC and preparation of required TWC reports.

POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

CH (LEGAL)
CH (LOCAL)

CONTACT PERSON(S):

Gilberto Prado, Chief Financial Officer
Caleb Pape, Director of Purchasing & Contracts Management

FUNDING SOURCE:

2020-2021 Budget

ENCLOSURES:

Attached