

Agenda of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Westwood Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westwood Independent School District will be held April 17, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM Westwood Primary
1701 West Point Tap Road
Palestine, TX 75803.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

Due to health and safety concerns related to COVID-19 coronavirus, the meeting will be conducted by video-conference. At least a quorum of the Board will be participating by videoconference or telephone call in accordance with the provisions of Sections 551.123 or 551.127 of the Texas Government Code that have not been suspended by order of the governor.

An electronic copy of the agenda packet is attached to the online notice www.westwoodisd.net
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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **INVOCATION**
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS PLEDGE**
5. **Action Items**
 - 5.A. Board to consider approval of the agenda as presented
6. **Recognition of Students and Faculty**

Westwood ISD
Teacher of the Month
April 2023
Board Meeting – April 17, 2023

Primary - David Matthews

Elementary- Erin Barron

Junior High- Rhyne Acuff

High School- Kenneth LaFleur



Westwood Elementary

Student of the Month Nomination Form

Proud to be a Panther!

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- Determined:** Strives to make each day a great day. Self motivated.

Student:	Santiago Guzman		3rd
Nominated By:	Ms. Cummings		

What PROUD characteristics has this Panther exhibited?

My student of the month is Santiago Guzman. He is such a fun-loving student. Everyday he comes to the classroom with a smile and a positive attitude. He has demonstrated so much growth in Math. He is just a pleasure to have in the class.

Oh, and he is a pretty good soccer player.



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Student:	Avery Boadu	Grade:	4th
Nominated By:	Mr. Boyd		

What PROUD characteristics has this Panther exhibited?

Avery is an archetypical student. She is academically aggressive, and is willing to go beyond what is required. This student is also dutiful and wants to help others. In addition to her impeccable work ethic, Avery is kind and benevolent. I have never seen her without a smile or in bad spirits. Therefore, I nominate Avery Boadu for student of the month.



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Student:	Mia Vega	Grade:	5th
Nominated By:	Mrs. Knowles, Mrs. Englehart, Mrs. Verner & Mrs. Sumrow		

What PROUD characteristics has this Panther exhibited?

We as a team would like to nominate Mia Vega. She is a very determined young lady you doesn't give up even when she struggles with something. She has a very positive outlook on everything. You will never see her get upset or be disrespectful to her teachers and peers, Mia is a very hard worker and makes sure that she gets everything turned in. She makes sure to ask questions when she doesn't understand something and works well in groups no matter who it is with.



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Student:	Aiven Graves	Grade:	6th
Nominated By:	Mrs. Elton, Ms. Emanuel, Mrs. Hardison, Ms. Wilson		

What PROUD characteristics has this Panther exhibited?

Avin Graves is an outstanding student. He is very respectful to his educators and his classmates. He is always excited to help others in need and does not hesitate to do so. Avin continues to exemplify outstanding citizenship by respecting and supporting his school, educators, and classmates. He is very involved with school activities such as robotics. Because of his outstanding work habits as a student, he is learning to persevere through struggles and not give up!

Student/Teacher/Para of the Month

I nominate for April - Mr. Mathew

Student of the Month Teacher of the Month Para of the Month
(Please Circle or Highlight One)

Nominated by

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Ready-Ready to learn.

Examples of PANTHER Characteristics

He is always making learning fun.

He makes it where the kids want to learn and join in.

Always working hard and trying to

find new ways to get the kids engaged. A remarkable teacher.

7 - Mrs. Currena

Student/Teacher/Para of the Month

I nominate **Tatum Morris** for **April**

Student of the Month **Teacher of the Month** **Para of the Month**
(Please Circle or Highlight One)

Nominated by **Cassidee Mercer**

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Examples of PANTHER Characteristics

Tatum is a constant positive role model to her peers. She works hard and always to the best of her ability. She shows kindness to all by her words and actions. When Tatum sees someone struggling in class she is compassionate and willing to help. She enters the room with a positive attitude and a smile.

Student/Teacher/Para of the Month

I nominate Olivia Hunt for April 2023

Student of the Month **Teacher of the Month** **Para of the Month**
(Please Circle or Highlight One)

Nominated by ALEXIS AUSTIN

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When I think of Olivia I think of a student who is always focused and ready to learn in and out of the classroom. She is a caring and compassionate student and shows kindness to her peers. She makes sure everyone is staying on task and doing their best. Olivia always tries her hardest and wants to do her best on everything that is given to her. I can always count on Olivia to do what is right even when no one is around.

Student/Teacher/Para of the Month

I nominate Ariana Asberry for April

Student of the Month Teacher of the Month Para of the Month
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Nominated by Mrs. Royle

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Ariana is such a sweet soul. She is always positive and helpful. Over the past few months she has truly come out of her shell and blossomed. I am so proud to call Ariana Westwood Priamary's first grade student of the month. Congratulations!

Student/Teacher/Para of the Month

I nominate **Asan Pinson** for **April**

Student of the Month **Teacher of the Month** **Para of the Month**
(Please Circle or Highlight One)

Nominated by Vicki Weatherford

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Examples of PANTHER Characteristics

Asan is a very energetic, enthusiastic young man. He is always smiling and always positive. Asan has a gift of leadership, remembering details about his classmates. He can answer every question and has a terrific memory. His rhythm and dance are contagious.



Westwood Junior High
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Determined: Strives to make each day a great day. Self-motivated.

I nominate: Grade:
Katelyn Englehart 7th
Nominated by:
Rhyne Acuff
What Panther **PROUD** characteristics has this student exhibited:
Prepared - Regularly evaluates and revises her academic work to ensure accuracy. Stays organized and prioritizes her studies as well as extra curricular activities.
Respectful - Reliable, honest and trustworthy with peers.
Orientated - Sets high expectations and goals for herself and works diligently to achieve them. Chooses leadership positions that allows her to lead with integrity.
Understanding - Builds positive social connections with small acts of compassion. Recognizes others' points of view, and accepts others' differences.
Determined - Has a fierce blend of persistence and grit in order to meet deadlines, and steadily moves forward to thrive.



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I nominate: Grade:
Jeremiah Baldovino 8th
Nominated by:
Rhyne Acuff
What Panther **PROUD** characteristics has this student exhibited:
Prepared - He is punctual and has materials for class. He also has the self-discipline to put in early morning training sessions, and sacrifices social activities in exchange for academic responsibilities or more practice.
Respectful - He is aware of and honors others' rights and feelings. Values the guidance of supportive adults and student leaders.
Orientated - He is able to focus on the moment while working and tune out anything that is happening in the rooms with peers or that might be occurring in his personal life.
Understanding - He is patient and perseveres when working on his skills and focusing on his goals.
Determined - He fulfills all of the responsibilities of both a student and a young athlete. Motivated by the desire to be better than his personal best.



BRENDA BING <bbing@westwoodisd.net>

HS TOM

1 message

STEVEN NETTLES <ssnettles@westwoodisd.net>

Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 3:50 PM

To: BRENDA BING <bbing@westwoodisd.net>

Kenneth LaFleur



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WHS SOTM Nomination Form

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I nominate Cora Osei-Adjei, grade 9th

He/She has proven to be an excellent, PROUD candidate exhibiting

ownership + dedication of her education. She works hard + demonstrates academic growth in her grades + leadership qualities. I am very happy to have her in my class.

Nominated by: Varell Spacet



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I nominate Saba Ferretiz, grade 10

He/She has proven to be an excellent, PROUD candidate exhibiting hard work and dedication. She is not a quitter + she impresses me to see how much she has grow academically. She is more active and confident in class activities. She is an amazing young lady.

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I nominate SHANNON JACKSON, grade 11

He/She has proven to be an excellent, PROUD candidate exhibiting

EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER & CONDUCT. HE CONSISTENTLY

DEMONSTRATES PREPAREDNESS & FOCUS IN HIS WORK.

MOREOVER,
~~PROUD~~ HE HAS ALWAYS SHOWN GREAT RESPECT

TOWARDS OTHERS, TREATING EVERYONE WITH KINDNESS &

EMPATHY. SHANNON IS A REMARKABLE INDIVIDUAL & I
AM CONFIDENT HE WILL CONTINUE TO ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS.

Nominated by: ZACH ATENCIO, ALGEBRA II



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I nominate Lawrence Strube, grade 12th

He/She has proven to be an excellent, PROUD candidate exhibiting

Lawrence is a terrific student always completing his work on time and always pushing himself to improve. He tied for top score on the College Algebra CLEP Exam and placed in the middle at District UIL Math, both terrific accomplishments because they were

Nominated by: timed tests with no accomodation

Brenda Wilson
Pre-calculus

for his dysgraphia. He is as determined as they come.

7. **OPEN FORUM AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - POLICY BED (Local)**
8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - 8.A. **Curriculum Update**
Presenter: Tracie Robinson

Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: April 17, 2023

Subject: Prepare: Westwood University and STAAR Redesign

Administrator Responsible: Dr. Tracie Robinson

Summary:

Professional learning in any profession is critical for ongoing growth and development. The purpose of Westwood University is to provide Westwood ISD instructional staff with professional development opportunities to support ongoing learning pertinent to their professional needs and goals. These professional learning sessions are designed to support staff in the upcoming school year and have been developed based upon teacher feedback through collaboratives, the incoming assistant superintendent’s entry plan and one on one conversations.. Upon successful completion of courses, teachers will receive credit for their attendance and participation through Eduphoria.

The STAAR redesign is a result of House Bill (HB) 3906 passed by the 86th Texas Legislature in 2019. The redesign will be implemented in the state summative assessments administered in the 2022–2023 school year. Examples of the new test items, resources and solutions will be shared to show the difference in the new assessment.

Administration’s Recommendation:

NA

Board Approval Required **YES** **X NO**

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April 2023 Curriculum Moment

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Dr. Tracie Robinson
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum,
Instruction and Leadership



Westwood University



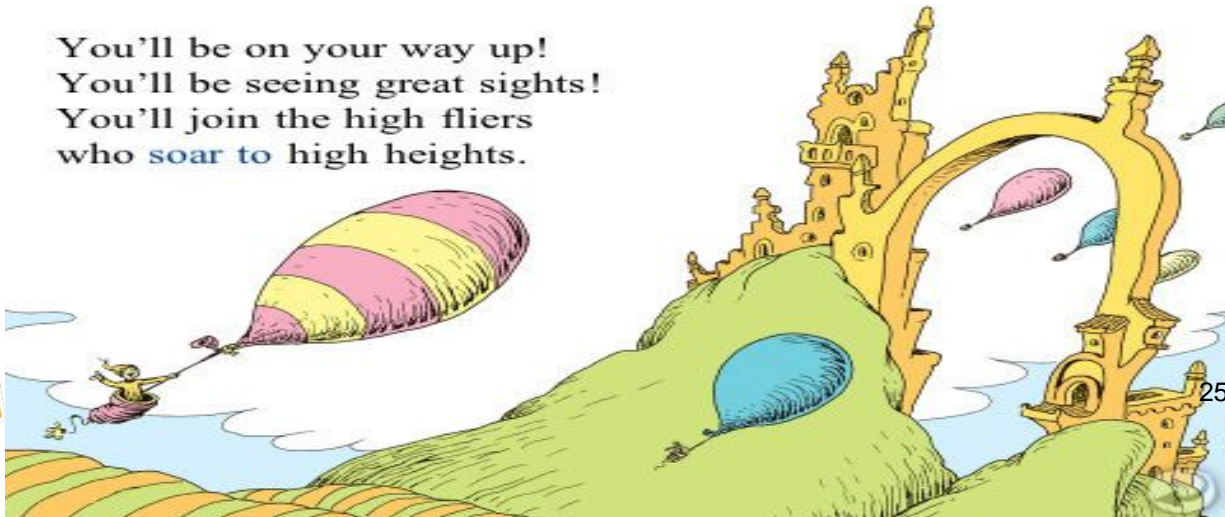
Dates

- May 23, 2023 and May 24, 2023
- August 2, 2023 and August 3, 2023



Westwood University

You'll be on your way up!
You'll be seeing great sights!
You'll join the high fliers
who soar to high heights.



- Over 50 different sessions to choose from during the 4 days
- Registration opens on Wednesday, April 19, 2023
- Invitations will be sent to neighboring districts to participate.



STAAR Redesign



The STAAR redesign:

- Result of House Bill (HB) 3906 passed by the 86th Texas Legislature in 2019.
- Will be implemented in the state summative assessments (STAAR Tests) administered in the 2022–2023 school year²⁶.
- House Bill 3906 established a “multiple choice cap,” meaning that no more than 75% of points on a STAAR test can be based on multiple choice questions.
- [STAAR Redesign](#) includes several components:
 - Online Testing and Accommodations
 - New Question Types
 - Cross-Curricular Passages
 - Evidence-based Writing



Sample New Item Types: 3rd Math

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GUEST, GUEST



The expanded notation of a number is shown.

$$(3 \times 1,000) + (4 \times 100) + (9 \times 1)$$

What is the standard form of this number?

Enter your answer in the box.

←	→	↶	↷	✖
1	2	3		
4	5	6		
7	8	9		
0	□			

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Sample New item Types: 7th Reading

Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.

A Star-Spangled Catastrophe

Characters

PETE: Seventh grader, soloist and member of the chorus

ANGIE: Eighth grader, member of the media club

Commentator

[The curtain rises on Angie, who is sitting alone in the media booth above the football field. She is reading a book. Her feet are propped up on a desk. To her right a video camera facing the audience sits on a tripod.]

PETE: [Singing from offstage.] And the home of the brave!

[The audience can be heard applauding halfheartedly.]

COMMENTATOR: [From offstage.] Okay . . . um . . . thank you, Pete Mahoney, for that . . . And now the referee will get ready for the coin toss. [Voice fades.]

[Pete enters from stage right looking distressed. He is mumbling to himself.]

PETE: That was indisputably the most humiliating moment of my life. I mean, how could I—

ANGIE: [Peering around the video camera so that she's in Pete's line of sight.] What happened?

PETE: [Startled.] What? Who—oh. Hi, Angie. Did you not hear the desecration of the national anthem I just performed in front of an audience of 2,500 people?

ANGIE: I thought you sounded great. You were totally on pitch, which is more than I can say for the girl who sang at the last game.

PETE: How could you even tell? I forgot all the words. I nailed "O say can you see" and "the home of the brave." Beyond that, the performance was pretty much a sing-along. [Exasperated.] Two thousand people just coached me to remember

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GUEST, GUEST

This question has two parts.

Part A

How do the details about how crowded the football game is contribute to the plot?

A They highlight how carefully Pete has prepared for his performance.

B They give a clue about what Angie thinks about Pete.

C They suggest that Angie and Pete have a long history of working together.

D They emphasize how embarrassing the performance is for Pete.

Part B

Which quotation best supports the correct answer to Part A?

A **PETE:** Did you not hear the desecration of the national anthem I just performed in front of an audience of 2,500 people? (line 8)

B **ANGIE:** You were totally on pitch, which is more than I can say for the girl who sang at the last game. (line 9)

C **PETE:** Beyond that, the performance was pretty much a sing-along. (line 10)

D **ANGIE:** No one will even remember your tiny mistake. (line 13)



Sample New Item Types: EOC Biology

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GUEST, GUEST



Giant sequoias can grow to be nearly 100 meters (328 feet) tall. They rely on a complex transport system to allow water to travel from the roots to the leaves at the top of the tree.

Which transport tissue allows water to travel upward from the roots to the leaves?

Enter your answer in the box.

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Student Preparation



- Teachers designed classroom instruction, homework and assessments with different item types
- All STAAR tested grade levels took an assessment provided by the state with the new item types;
 - STAAR Interim Assessments
 - TTAP
- Teachers have access to the practice samples and tests located on the TEA website.

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8.B. First read: TEKS Certification
Presenter: Tracie Robinson

Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: April 17, 2023

Subject: 2023-2024 Allotment and TEKS Certification Form

Administrator Responsible: Dr. Tracie Robinson,

Summary:

In accordance with Texas Education Code, §31.004, local education agencies (LEAs) are required to certify annually to the State Board of Education (SBOE) and the Commissioner that students have access to instructional materials covering all Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for all required subjects, except physical education.

Additionally, in accordance with 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §66.105, LEAs are required to certify that they protect against access to obscene or harmful content in compliance with the requirements for certification under the Children's Internet Protection Act, 47 USC §254(h)(5)(B) and (C). The TEKS Certification 2023–24 Survey includes a section to allow LEAs to certify they meet this requirement.

Administration's Recommendation:

Review TEKS Certification form and take action in the May 2023 Board meeting.

Board Approval Required YES X NO

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TEKS Certification

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Dr. Tracie Robinson
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum,
Instruction and Leadership



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Process

In response to feedback from last year's process, the agency refined the TEKS Certification Process and will utilize the following tools:

- [TEKS Certification 2023-24 Form:](#)
 - Printable, hard copy of the survey to be completed offline and presented to the board of trustees or governing body for ratification and signatures.
- TEKS Certification 2023-24 Survey:
 - Web-based application where LEAs will submit their responses, collected on the TEKS Certification 2023-24 Form, and where LEAs will upload the signature page of the Form.
- Required Action:
 - Ratification by the LEA's board of trustees or governing body in an open, public-noticed meeting; and
 - Submission of the TEKS Certification 2023-24 Survey and upload of the ratified TEKS Certification 2023-24 Form.

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8.C. Finance Update
Presenter: Kyle Johnson

Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: April 17, 2023

Subject: Finance Update

Administrator Responsible: Mr. Johnson

Summary: Finance Update, Property Tax Talking Points During Legislature, Year Percentage Spent by Function YTD

Administration's Recommendation: This is for information purposes only.

Board Approval Required YES **X** NO

Finance Update

Kyle Johnson
3/20/2023

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Property Tax Legislative Talking Points

- Senate
 - Increased Homestead Exemption
- House
 - Tighten Appraisal Cap Percentage
- Reduce Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (MCR)
 - State able to say schools can't tax so high
 - But State can keep raising values!!
 - Come on people!
- Meaningful Tax Relief Can Happen!!
 - Increase State share of funding Bonded Debt (I&S Taxes)

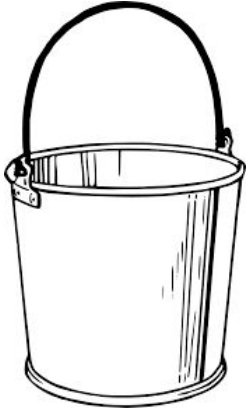
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Budget Buckets

Local Revenue Bucket

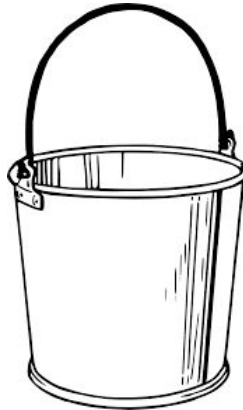


Budgeted - \$5,969,461
March Actual - \$5,830,330

Budget Priorities:

- 1) Facilities
- 2) Compensation

State Revenue Bucket



Budgeted - \$9,703,039
Latest Projection - \$10,074,790

Contingency Bucket



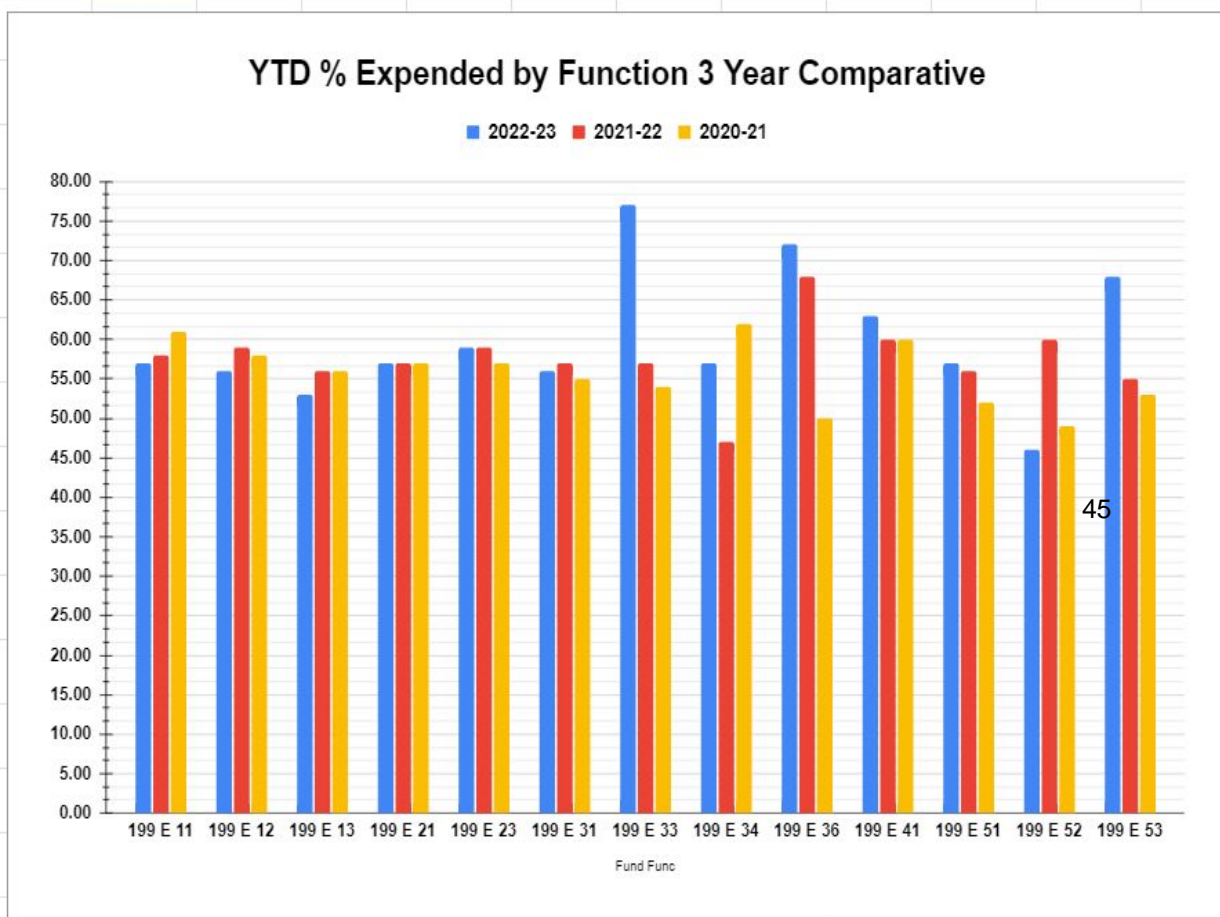
Budgeted - \$500,000
Current - \$307,509

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Fund Func	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
199 E 11	57.00	58.00	61.00
199 E 12	56.00	59.00	58.00
199 E 13	53.00	56.00	56.00
199 E 21	57.00	57.00	57.00
199 E 23	59.00	59.00	57.00
199 E 31	56.00	57.00	55.00
199 E 33	77.00	57.00	54.00
199 E 34	57.00	47.00	62.00
199 E 36	72.00	68.00	50.00
199 E 41	63.00	60.00	60.00
199 E 51	57.00	56.00	52.00
199 E 52	46.00	60.00	49.00
199 E 53	68.00	55.00	53.00



7/12 = 58%

** Every Director, whose budget is over 60% spent, has been conacted. PO's stop being allowed except for emergencies April 21, 2023

** Some percentages are higher because they have already put in their final big orders for the school year for supplies needed in August

8.D. Announce Board Training Hours

Presenter: Carolyn Booker

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.A. Board to consider Food Service renewal contract for the 2023-2024 school year

Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: April 17, 2023

Subject: Food Service Management Company Renewal Contract

Administrator Responsible: Mr. Johnson

Summary: Westwood ISD applied to renew Southwest Food Excellence (SFE) as their Food Service Management Company (FSMC) for 2023-24. TDA has approved the renewal contract.

Administration's Recommendation: The district recommends **“a motion to approve the renewal contract for SFE to continue to serve Westwood ISD as the FSMC for the 2023-24 school year.”**

Board Approval Required YES NO

Notice

The suggested form below is provided to address regulatory changes that effect the 2023-2024 school year.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT NO. _____ (Contract #) BETWEEN
_____, SFA, AND _____, FSMC
_____ AMENDMENT**

This Contract Amendment (Amendment) is made in consideration of the mutual covenants and Agreements contained herein by and between _____, School Food Authority, (SFA), and _____, Food Service Management Company, (FSMC), to amend the Request for Proposal and Contract No. _____ (Contract) that was executed by SFA and FSMC on _____ (Date).

The Contract is amended as follows:

1. Throughout the Contract, the terms “USDA commodities” are deleted and replaced with the current term for such commodities, which is “USDA Foods.”
2. Page 2 of the Contract and Exhibit G, “Schedule of Applicable Laws,” are amended by deleting the existing nondiscrimination statements and replacing them in their entirety with the following assurance:

“The program applicant hereby agrees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.); all provisions required by the implementing regulations of the Department of Agriculture; Department of Justice Enforcement Guidelines, 28 CFR Part 50.3 and 42; and FNS directives and guidelines, to the effect that, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity for which the program applicant receives Federal financial assistance from FNS; and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.

By accepting this assurance, the Program applicant agrees to compile data, maintain records, and submit reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of nondiscrimination laws and permit authorized USDA personnel during hours of program operation to review such records, books, and accounts as needed, to ascertain compliance with the nondiscrimination laws. If there are any violations of this assurance, the Department of Agriculture, FNS, shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Program applicant, its successors, transferees, and assignees as long as it receives assistance or retains possession of any assistance from USDA. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the Program applicant.”

3. Section II, A. “Legal Notice,” and Exhibit G, “Schedule of Applicable Laws,” are amended by adding the following statement encouraging the use of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs):
“The SFA strongly encourages Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB), Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBE), and labor surplus area vendors to compete for this RFP.”

4. Section II, C. "Procurement Method," second bulleted paragraph, is amended by adding the following statement that price must be the primary factor for all proposal evaluations: "USDA policy requires price to be the primary evaluation factor."
5. Section III, A. "Definitions," is amended by deleting the reference, if any, and definition for "Retroactive Incentive Fee" and replacing it with the following definition for "Incentive fee":
 - "Incentive Fee" means an additional fee paid as an incentive to the FSMC to improve SFA's food service participation, the amount of which depends on FSMC's performance during the current school year and related to a benchmark number established by the SFA. Incentive Fees may only apply to meals served in the SFA's food service operation during the current school year;" and
 - The option for and reference to a "Retroactive Incentive Fee" in Section III, B is hereby deleted.
6. Section III, B. "Scope and Purpose of this Contract," is amended by adding the following to the Contract:
 - "The duration of the contract, unless terminated in accordance with Section III, Paragraph L, is valid for the 2023-2024 school year;"
 - "This contract and this Amendment is for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2023 and terminating on June 30, 2024."
 - "This contract may be renewed as allowed by regulation provided the parties have not exhausted all renewals remaining under the contract for additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement between the SFA and FSMC and is subject to the fulfillment of all contract terms;" and
 - "The SFA is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the free and reduced-price meal eligibility documentation."
7. Section III, C. "Food Service of the Contract," is amended by adding the following to the Contract:
 - "The FSMC will provide meals on days and times as requested by the SFA and in alignment with the SFA school calendar;"
 - "The FSMC will provide meals in compliance with the meal pattern as required by USDA and reflected in TDA guidance;" and,
 - "When an accommodation is made without a medical disability, the FSMC must provide the same special dietary accommodation for all students if a special dietary accommodation is made for one student."
8. Section III, D. "Use of Advisory Group/Menus," and Exhibit G, "Schedule of Applicable Laws" of this contract are amended by adding the following statements at the end of those sections:

"There is no requirement for submission of a 21-day a la carte menu. All a la carte sales must be in compliance with the competitive foods requirements of this Contract and applicable federal regulations."
9. (Cost-Reimbursable Contracts Only) Section III, E. "Purchases" of the Contract is amended by deleting the existing option choices related to procurement in cost reimbursable contracts and adding the following statements and provisions to that section:

- “The FSMC must disclose all credits, discounts, rebates, allowances, and incentives received by the FSMC on invoices submitted for payment;”
 - “The FSMC must credit the SFA’s monthly bill/invoice for the market value of all credits, discounts, and rebates for purchases made on behalf of the SFA and provide documentation which allows the SFA to audit the accuracy of credits, discounts, and rebates for purchases made on behalf of the SFA;”
 - “The SFA must ensure there is no conflict of interest between the SFA’s contracted FSMC and any third-party purchasing agent, including, but not limited to, ensuring that there are no duplicative fees for products or services provided by both the FSMC and any third-party purchasing agent;”
 - “If the FSMC is acting as the purchasing agent on behalf of the SFA that the FSMC purchases must be in compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations;”
 - The following options related to procurement are added to the contract and provide three options to the SFA: “(1) SFA performs all purchasing for the food service operation; (2) FSMC performs all purchasing for the food service operation, including, but not limited to, USDA Foods processing; or (3) FSMC performs all purchasing for the food service operation, excluding USDA Foods processing.”
 - The options related to geographic preference in procurement are hereby updated as follows:
 - “SFA requires the FSMC to work with the SFA to establish a process for incorporating geographic preferences in the procurement of food and food products; OR The SFA does not require the FSMC to work with SFA to establish a process for incorporating geographic preference;” and
 - “The FSMC must use the SFA’s USDA Foods allocation for the benefit of the SFA. Fulfillment of the contract provisions related to USDA Foods is a requirement that must be met before renewal of the Contract can be approved.”
10. (Fixed rate contracts) – The FSMC must credit the SFA’s monthly bill/invoice for the market value of all USDA Foods and provide documentation which allows the SFA to audit the accuracy of credits.
11. Section III, F. “USDA Foods” of the Contract is amended by adding the following statements:
 - “The SFA must ensure that the full value of USDA Foods is used in the meal service each year;”
 - “The SFA must maintain final responsibility for management and oversight for procuring processing agreements and general management of USDA Foods;”
 - “The FSMC must credit the SFA for the full value of USDA Foods contained in end products at the processing agreement value as described in the Contract;” and
 - “The method used to determine the value of USDA Foods cannot be established through a post-award negotiation or by any other method that may directly or indirectly alter the terms and conditions of the procurement contract.”
12. Section III, K. “Books and Records of the Contract,” is amended by adding the following statements to that section as necessary:

- “The SFA must conduct an internal audit of food, labor, and other expense for cost-reimbursable contracts;” and
 - “For purposes of this Contract, “paid adult meals” constitute nonprogram revenue.”
13. Section III, O. “Optional Requirements to Be Included,” of the Contract is amended by adding the following provision at the end of that section:
“The reimbursement of Contractor for duplicative costs is prohibited if SFA owns or purchases the Point of Service or Point of Sale system (POS) and FSMC as Contractor is merely operating or using such SFA POS system.”
14. Exhibit C, “Food Service Budget-Continued,” of the Contract is amended; the new format must be utilized.
15. Exhibit M, “Purchase Discounts, Rebates, Credits, and Value of USDA Foods” of the Contract is amended by stating as follows:
 - “The SFA shall verify the accuracy of credits, discounts, rebates, and the full value of USDA Foods;” and
 - “The FSMC shall be required to submit documentation to the SFA which will allow the SFA to verify the accuracy of credits, discounts, rebates and the full value of USDA Foods.”
16. The Texas Department of Agriculture 2023-2024 CONTRACT RENEWAL CHECKLIST, attached to this Renewal Amendment as Exhibit A, is hereby fully incorporated herein with all attachments, and specifically denotes agreed changes and updates to the original contract, including: fee increases to the contract including methodology, changes in allocated charges, changes to the food service budget, changes in the guaranty, updates due to regulatory changes, a list of schools served and a list of any new or deleted schools served, signed certifications, and the required compliance assessment. By their signature to this Renewal Amendment, the Parties agree to the changes and updates as reflected in Exhibit A.
17. All other terms of this Contract executed by SFA and FSMC shall remain the same.
18. This Amendment is only valid for the 2023-2024 school year. This Amendment shall terminate on June 30, 2024. This Amendment is executed by the Parties in their capacities, as stated below. All parties represent and warrant that the persons signing this Amendment are authorized to bind the respective parties.

(THIS SPACE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK)

AGREEMENT

FSMC certifies that the FSMC shall operate in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations.

FSMC certifies that all terms and conditions within the Proposal shall be considered a part of this Contract as if incorporated therein.

This Amendment to the Contract shall be in effect as of the date of execution by the SFA and ending on June 30, 2024, and may be renewed by mutual agreement with another Amendment if provided in the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed by their duly authorized representatives.

ATTEST:

SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY:

Name of SFA

Signature of Authorized Representative

Typed Name of Authorized Representative

Title

Date Signed

ATTEST:

FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY:

Name of FSMC

Signature of Authorized Representative

Typed Name of Authorized Representative

Title

Date Signed



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

04/02/23

Wade Stanford, Superintendent
Westwood ISD
4524 West Oak
Palestine, TX 75801

RE: Food Service Management Company (FSMC) Contract Renewal for the 2023-2024 School Year
School Food Authority (SFA): Westwood ISD
FSMC: Southwest Foodservice Excellence, LLC

Dear Wade Stanford,

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has received and reviewed the SFA's proposed FSMC contract renewal for the 2023-2024 School Year submitted to TDA on 02/22/23. The contract renewal, as submitted, is approved for execution by the SFA and FSMC. Provide a copy of the complete contract, signed by all parties, to FSMC@TexasAgriculture.gov no later than June 22, 2023.

Please note that contracts, along with supporting documentation, and all procurement documents must be retained and are subject to review by state and federal agencies. It is the SFA's responsibility to ensure the food service operation is in conformance with applicable program regulations, policies, and procedures.

If you have any questions, please contact the FSMC Senior Contract Specialist at FSMC@texasagriculture.gov.

Sincerely,

Nicole Notarianni
Director for School Operations
Food and Nutrition Division
Texas Department of Agriculture
Nicole.Notarianni@texasagriculture.gov

9.B. Board to consider Depository Contract renewal

Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: April 17, 2023

Subject: Depository Contract

Administrator Responsible: Mr. Johnson

Summary: Westwood was required to go out for proposals for our depository contract. There were 2 banks that submitted proposals; Prosperity Bank and Southside Bank. The proposals were opened and the scores were tabulated. Southside Bank was the winning proposal. We can approve them to be the depository institution for 2 years. The option will be available for 3 2-year extensions moving forward.

Administration's Recommendation: The district recommends **“a motion to approve Southside Bank as the depository institution for Westwood ISD for the dates beginning September 1, 2023 and ending on August 31, 2025.”**

Board Approval Required YES NO

**Depository Contract for Funds
of Independent School Districts
under the Texas Education Code, Chapter 45, Subchapter G,
School District Depositories**

State of Texas

001-908
County-District Number

County of Anderson

Article I. The Westwood Independent School District, referred to in this contract
Name of District

as the "District," is located in Anderson County, Texas. The board of trustees of the District has selected
Name of County

Southside Bank, referred to in this contract as the "Depository," to serve as the Depository of the
Name of Depository Bank

school funds of the District (or if there are tie bids or proposals as defined in the Texas Education Code [TEC], as one of the Depositories). This selection was made in accordance with the TEC, Chapter 45, Subchapter G. The Depository will serve under this contract for a two-year term starting with the fiscal year beginning 9/1/23 and ending 8/31/25, and until its successor is selected and has qualified unless
Date *Date*

this contract is terminated sooner by the Depository's failure to adhere to all requirements of the TEC and of this contract. The school funds of the District include all school funds except those permitted by law to be deposited or invested otherwise at the sole discretion of the District's board of trustees.

The Depository is located at 3310 South Loop 256, Palestine, TX 75801 Anderson County, State of Texas, and is a
Bank Mailing Address, City, Zip Code *Name of County*

bank as defined in the TEC, §45.201.

Article II. The District selected the Depository based on the Depository's written bid or proposal submitted as provided by State Board of Education rule. The District determined that the Depository's written bid or proposal was the best, or equal to the best, among 2 bids or
Number Submitted

proposals submitted to the District and opened on 3/20/23. The bid or proposal is incorporated in this contract by reference.
Date

This contract is subject to the TEC and any amendments to it and to any acts of the Texas Legislature that affect public moneys held by the District during the term of this contract.

Article III. The Depository has elected a method to adequately protect the funds of the District deposited with the Depository in accordance with the TEC, §45.208, and a copy of the election is attached to this contract and incorporated by reference.

Article IV.

- A. The TEC, §45.205, requires that this contract and any extension of this contract coincide with the District's fiscal year. If the District changes its fiscal year in accordance with the TEC, §44.0011, the parties may agree to shorten or extend the two-year term of the contract by no more than one year to coincide with the end of the new fiscal year, provided that this contract remains in effect until the Depository's successor is selected and has qualified. If the parties cannot agree, the District has the option to change the term of this contract to coincide with the end of a new fiscal year closest to its original expiration date.
- B. The District and the Depository may agree to extend this contract for three additional two-year terms in accordance with the TEC, §45.205(b). An extension under this subsection is not subject to the requirements of the TEC, §45.206.
- C. The District must electronically file this contract and any additional two-year extension of this contract with the Texas Education Agency.
- D. The Depository must allow the District to purchase time deposits that mature after the ending date of this contract; however, the Depository may apply new interest rates to the time deposits after the ending date of this contract. The District is entitled to withdraw these time deposits without penalty when this contract expires. But in that event, the Depository will be obligated only to pay interest rates comparable to rates offered in the contract for the term the time deposits were actually held. The Depository may impose an early withdrawal penalty on a time deposit withdrawn within six days of creation of the deposit, to the extent required to comply with federal regulations defining time deposits.
- E. If a contractual dispute results in litigation between the Depository and the District, the trial will be held in the county in which the District has its central office, but only if this venue designation is not considered to be a waiver of any immunity that either party to this contract may be entitled to claim.

Article V. The District and the Depository execute this contract and each retain a copy, both of which are considered to be originals, and file the contract with the TEA electronically as specified in Article IV, item C, above.

To Be Completed by the District and Verified by the Depository
(For all funds received from the Texas Education Agency)

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Routing Transit Number
(Must be 9 digits)

Type of Account:

9121510

Account Number
(Up to 13 digits)

Check One:
Checking
Savings

Check here if the TEA currently sends funds to an investment pool and no change is required in routing of funds.

Please note that the account information above must match the current direct deposit information on file with the Texas Education Agency, Accounting Division. If the District is changing the current direct deposit information, the District must submit a Vendor Direct Deposit Authorization form along with the depository contract.

Agreed and accepted on behalf of the District this _____ day of _____, _____

Signature of President of School Board

Agreed and accepted on behalf of the Depository this _____ day of _____, _____

Typed Name of Depository

Signature of Authorized Officer

Title of Authorized Officer

Acknowledgment

Acknowledged before me in _____ County, Texas, on _____, 20____, by
_____, bank officer of the Depository named in the preceding document, for the Depository.

Signature of Notary

(SEAL)

Notary Public in and for _____
County, Texas

**Election of Collateral Method for Funds
of Independent School Districts
under the Texas Education Code, Chapter 45, Subchapter G,
School District Depositories**

In accordance with Article III of the Depository Contract for Funds, the Depository has elected to use the following method(s) to protect the funds of the District:

- Surety bond (TEC, §45.208[b])
- Deposit or pledge securities (TEC, §45.208[f])

- A. If the Depository elected to file with the District a corporate surety bond, then the corporate surety bond is in an initial amount of \$ N/A, which is equal to the estimated highest daily balance of the District funds determined by the board of trustees of the District to be on deposit with the Depository during the term of this contract. The corporate surety bond is executed in the form and with the content prescribed by State Board of Education rule. A fully executed copy of the corporate surety bond is attached to and made a part of this contract by reference, provided further that:
- (1) the initial amount of the corporate surety bond may rise or fall from day to day so long as all deposits of the District are fully protected;
 - (2) the bond is made payable to the District and is signed by the Depository and the surety company authorized to do business in this state;
 - (3) the bond and the surety on the bond are approved by the board of trustees of the District;
 - (4) the bond exists under the condition that the Depository must:
 - (a) faithfully perform all duties and obligations required by law and this contract;
 - (b) pay on presentation all checks or drafts ordered according to law by the District's board of trustees;
 - (c) pay on demand any demand deposit in the Depository;
 - (d) pay any time deposit after the required notice period expires;
 - (e) faithfully keep school district funds and account for the funds according to law; and
 - (f) faithfully pay over to the successor depository all balances remaining in the account; and
 - (5) the District may not pay a premium on the depository bond out of school district funds.
- B. If the Depository did not elect to make the corporate surety bond in the amount and as referred to in A, above, then the Depository must either deposit or pledge with the District, or with a trustee designated by the District, approved securities as defined in the TEC, §45.201. The pledged or deposited securities must meet the following conditions:
- (1) The pledged securities must be approved securities and authorized by law and must be in a total market value sufficient to protect the funds of the District on deposit as directed at any time by the District in accordance with standards acceptable to the Texas Education Agency.
 - (2) The pledge of approved securities must be waived only to the extent of the exact dollar amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance protection for the District's funds on deposit with the Depository from day to day, and if the insurance protection ends, this contract must immediately become void except as provided in (4) below.
 - (3) The conditions of the pledge of approved securities required by this contract are that the Depository must:
 - (a) credit the account(s) of the District with the full amount of all State of Texas warrants presented to the Depository for the District's account no later than the next banking day after the day the Depository receives the warrants credit the account(s) of the District with the full amount of electronically transferred funds on the effective settlement date;
 - (b) faithfully perform all duties and obligations required by law and this contract;
 - (c) pay upon presentation all checks or drafts ordered according to law by the District's board of trustees;
 - (d) pay upon demand any demand deposit of the District in the Depository;
 - (e) pay any time deposit or certificate of deposit upon maturity or after the required notice period expires;
 - (f) faithfully keep school district funds and account for the funds according to law; and
 - (g) faithfully pay over to the successor depository all balances of funds remaining in the account.
 - (4) The pledge of approved securities required by this contract must continue until either this contract ends or the Depository fulfills all its duties and obligations arising out of this contract, whichever is later. And a continuing security interest in the District's favor must immediately apply to any pledge to all proceeds of sale and to all substitutions, replacements, and exchanges of the securities, and in no event may this continuing security interest be voided by any act of the Depository; however, the Depository will have the right, with the District's consent, to purchase and sell, and substitute or replace with other approved securities, any of the approved securities pledged under this contract, provided that the Depository adheres to all the other conditions of this contract, and the pledge is in addition to all other remedies available in law to the District.
 - (5) The Depository must immediately furnish or cause to be furnished to the District original and valid safekeeping or trust receipts issued by the custodian holding the approved securities pledged under this contract, marked on their face by the custodian to show the pledge and market value as required above, and the Depository must upon the District's request provide a description of securities being pledged and evidence that the securities are legally acceptable in accordance with (1) above.
 - (6) The District may examine and verify at any reasonable time a pledged investment security or a record that a custodian maintains in accordance with the Texas Government Code, §2257.061. The District or its agent may inspect at any time an investment security evidenced by trust receipt.
 - (7) Upon any closing or failure of the Depository, or any event considered by a state or federal regulatory agency to constitute a closing or failure of the Depository, title to all securities pledged under this depository contract must be considered to be vested in, and to be held by

the District. The District is empowered to take immediate possession of and to sell any such pledged securities, whether in safekeeping at another bank or in possession of the District or the Depository, and the District is specifically so empowered by execution of this contract.

- (8) The collateral pledge agreement must conform to Title 12 United States Code Annotated, §1823(e), so to defeat the claim of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, its successor, or any other receiver to the securities, and be:
 - (a) in writing;
 - (b) executed by the Depository at the same time the asset is acquired;
 - (c) approved by the Depository's board of directors or loan committee, with the approval reflected in the board's or committee's minutes; and
 - (d) maintained continuously from the date of its execution as an official record of the Depository.

The Depository must furnish the minutes of the Depository's board of directors or loan committee to the District.

- C. If the Depository elects to give both a corporate surety bond and to pledge approved securities, the corporate surety bond and pledged approved securities must be in an aggregate amount that, together with applicable Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance, will adequately protect the total amount of District funds on deposit with the Depository from day to day. The provisions of A, above, permitting the amount of the corporate surety bond to rise or fall from day to day, and all the provisions of B, above, relating to the amount and conditions of pledge of approved securities, including but not limited to substitution and conditions of pledge, apply to the election permitted by this paragraph C.
- D. The Depository agrees to cover by corporate surety bond, pledge of approved securities, or both an amount that is equal to funds anticipated to be on deposit from day to day, which is estimated not to exceed \$ 3,000,000 . The amount of collateral will be calculated in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2257, Collateral for Public Funds Act.
- E. After the beginning date of this contract if the amount of deposit exceeds that which is initially covered by corporate surety bond, pledged approved securities, and FDIC insurance, the amount covered will be increased, and original and valid safekeeping or trust receipts of the additional securities, increased corporate surety bond, or both will be provided in accordance with the TEC and Texas Education Agency rules.

Proposal Evaluation Template

Service description: Depository Services
 Funding Year: 2023
 School Name: Westwood ISD

Proposal Deadline:

3/8/2023

Factor(s)	Total Pts.	Prosperity Bank	Southside Bank
SPIN >			
Date bid was received >		3/7/2023	3/6/2023
Cost of Services	15	15	15
Ability of Bank to Provide Necessary Services/Perform Duties	20	20	20
Collateralization Policy	15	15	15
Fraud Prevention and Notification Policy	15	15	15
Interest Rates Offered on Time Deposits	10	5	10
Other-Prior Business Relationship	25	0	25
Total Points	100	70	100

Winning Bidder:

Southside Bank

Disqualified Bidders and Reason for Disqualification:

Signature and Printed Name of person evaluating:

Kyle Johnson, Kyle Johnson

Date of evaluation:

4/20/2023

9.C. Board to consider a resolution to reject any diversion of public dollars to private entities in the form of education savings accounts and similar voucher schemes

Westwood ISD Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: April 17, 2023

Subject: Consider a resolution to reject any diversion of public dollars to private entities in the form of education savings accounts and similar voucher schemes

Administrator Responsible: Wade Stanford

Summary: An effort to introduce Education Savings Accounts or vouchers is prevalent in the 88th Legislative Session. TASB has provided a resolution that local school boards can pass, communicating their opposition to privatizing public schools. Passing this resolution will allow the Westwood ISD Board of Trustees to join other trustees across Texas in sending a unified message to lawmakers.

Administration's Recommendation: The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees pass the resolution as presented.

Possible Motion: I move that we pass the resolution calling the Texas Legislature to reject any diversion of public dollars to private entities in the form of education savings accounts and similar voucher schemes.

Attachments:

Board Approval Required

XYES

NO

10. **Board to consider approval of Consent Agenda**
 - 10.A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting March 20, 2023

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2023 6:00 PM

Westwood Primary, 1701 West Point Tap Road, Palestine, TX 75803

Carolyn Booker: Present

Angela Choate: Present

Jeff Cooper: Absent

Sam Estes: Present

Jess Huddleston: Present

Bryan Jones: Present

Ronnie Stanhope: Present

Others present: Tracie Robinson, Kyle Johnson, Wade Stanford, Tiffany Carwell, Scott Nettles, Shinnita Foremen, Brendan May, Brenda Bing, Charlotte May, Sonya Brown, see list for others

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Discussion: President Carolyn Booker called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

2. ROLL CALL

Presenter: Carolyn Booker

3. INVOCATION

Discussion: Invocation given by Brendan May.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS PLEDGE

5. ACTION ITEM

5.A. Board to consider approval of the agenda as presented

Action(s):

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Angela Choate and seconded by Jess Huddleston, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Absent

Sam Estes: Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

Ronnie Stanhope: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6. Recognition of Students and Faculty

Discussion: President Booker recognized the sponsors and students of BPA (Business Professionals of America) that just competed in the Regional Competition. 30 students competed and 29 received medals. Mrs. Hebert is the

sponsor. Mrs. Knight is the sponsors for students recognized for FCCLA.

The campus principals recognize their staff and students of the month.

High School:

Staff - Varell Spacek

Students - Catalina Nauyen, Fred Maden, Jose

Roman and Nathan Comnaway

Junior High

Staff- Thomas Hanna

Students- Samantha Arriaga and Paul Kincaid

Elementary

Staff -- Felicia Berryhill

Students- Raelynn Sanders, Trinity

Warfield.Jiraylain Calhoun, and Lydia Ayala

Primary

Staff - Randel Scoggins

Students - Dewayne Reagan, Kaylee Brown, Kennedy

Denby and Leeson Eyman

7. **OPEN FORUM AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - POLICY BED (Local)**

Discussion: None

8. **INFORMATION**

8.A. Curriculum Moment

Discussion: Dr. Tracie Robinson updated the board on her curriculum moment for March. She updated on the board on her 90 day entry plan and how it is going. In her first couple of weeks she has met with campus administration and teachers from each campus. She also did Treasures, Tweaks, and Tosses with Tracie to hear their voice on what they liked, disliked and would change.

Assessment was top of the list of things to toss or tweak. The vision is to prepare and nurture the educators of WISD. She updated the board on the preparation for Westwood U. It will be offered in May and August.

Presenter: Tracie Robinson

8.B. Finance Update

Discussion: Kyle Johnson updated the board on ADA and finances. He discussed with the board what it means to set a deficit budget so that the district can be more aggressive with compensation and with facilities upgrades. He ended with the YTD budget by function percentage wise versus the previous 2 years.

Presenter: Kyle Johnson

8.C. Depository Contract

Discussion: Kyle Johnson updated the board on the proposal process for depository contracts. Westwood received 2 proposals from Prosperity Bank and Southside Bank. The scores were tabulated for each proposal and the board discussed the different proposals. A depository

Presenter: Kyle Johnson

will be voted on in April to be awarded the contract.

8.D. District Vehicle Discussion

Presenter: Kyle Johnson

Discussion: Kyle Johnson discussed district vehicles with the board. The district is looking to purchase 3 more police vehicles from 911 Rapid Response to complete our Police Department fleet. Also, the district is entering into a contract with Rush Bus Center for 3 new buses to be purchased in October. This contract allows the company to go ahead and order the 3 buses since a bus to be delivered is 12-18 months out due to supply issues.

9. **ACTION ITEMS**

9.A. The board to cancel the school board election scheduled for May 6, 2023, in accordance with Section 2;053 (a) of the Texas Education Code

Action(s):

Motion for the school board to cancel the school board election scheduled for May 6, 2023 in accordance with Section 2;053(a) of the TEC. This motion, made by Carolyn Booker and seconded by Bryan Jones, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Absent

Sam Estes: Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

Ronnie Stanhope: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.B. Board to consider the purchase of the police department vehicles

Action(s):

Motion to approve the purchase of 3 police vehicles from 911 Rapid Response at the amount of \$61,228.96 each for a total of \$183,686.88." This motion, made by Angela Choate and seconded by Jess Huddleston, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Absent

Sam Estes: Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Huddleston:

Bryan Jones: Yea

Ronnie Stanhope: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.C. Board to acknowledge the contract for buses for the 2023-2024 school year

Action(s):

Motion to approve this contract with Rush Bus Center in order that they can begin the ordering and preparation process for 3 new 77-passenger buses in the fall for the amount of \$126,700 a bus and a total of \$380,100. This motion, made by Bryan Jones and seconded by Ronnie Stanhope, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Absent

Sam Estes: Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

Ronnie Stanhope: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.D. Board to consider a resolution to consider Wade Stanford as Superintendent of the year.

Presenter: Dr. Carolyn Booker

Action(s):

Motion to consider Wade Stanford as Superintendent of the Year. This motion, made by Bryan Jones and seconded by Jess Huddleston, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Absent

Sam Estes: Yea

Jess Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

Ronnie Stanhope: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.E. Board to consider approval of consent agenda

Presenter: Wade Stanford

Action(s):

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Bryan Jones and

seconded by Angela Choate, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Carolyn Booker: Yea

Angela Choate: Yea

Jeff Cooper: Absent

Sam Estes: Yea

Jess
Huddleston: Yea

Bryan Jones: Yea

Ronnie
Stanhope: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.E.1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-February 13, 2022 **Presenter:** Wade Stanford

9.E.2. Campus Fundraisers

9.E.3. Certify the Superintendent to the Regional Advisory Committee for Region 7 Educational Service Center 2023-2024

9.E.4. Update 120

10. CLOSED SESSION

Discussion: President Booker took the meeting into closed session at 7:17pm

10.A. Acknowledge teacher contracts for the 2023-2024 school year **Presenter:** Wade Stanford

Discussion: Board came out of closed session at 7:57 p, m.

Board acknowledged in open session teacher contracts for the 2023-2024 school year

11. Discussion and Possible Approval of Action Arising from Closed Session

12. Adjournment

Discussion: 8:00 pm

Board Secretary

- 10.B. Fundraisers
- 11. **CLOSED SESSION**
 - 11.A. Acknowledge professional contracts
 - 11.B. Real property
 - 11.C. Police Officers
- 12. Reconvene from Closed Session
- 13. Discussion and Possible Approval of Action Arising from Closed Session
- 14. **ADJOURNMENT**

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the ~~Texas Open Meetings Act~~, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC(LEGAL)]

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