

Public Notice of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Groesbeck ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Groesbeck ISD will be held Monday, April 15, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in the GISD Administration Office Board Room, 1202 N Ellis, Groesbeck, TX 76642.

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.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INVOCATION**
- III. PLEDGES TO THE FLAGS**
- IV. REVIEW DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT**
- V. RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBER YEARS OF SERVICE**
- VI. CAMPUSES TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION**
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda/Non-Agenda Items)**
- VIII. ANNUAL REPORT ON PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS**
- IX. IDEAL IMPACT UPDATE ON THE DISTRICT'S HVAC PROJECT**
- X. CONSIDER AND ACTION ON VESTIBULES AT CAMPUSES**
- XI. CONSIDER AND ACTION ON THE SELECTION OF SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT SERVICES**
- XII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting

Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES
03/25/2024
6:00 p.m.

Present: Aslone Foy, Jim Longbotham, Stephen Bradley, Jason Milstead, Tom Sutton, Angela Crane, Bridgett Jackson-Tatum (6:02).

Others: Anthony Figueroa, Teresa Battrick, Cindy Ensminger, Deana Rand, Nancy Sutton, Melissa Smith, Debra Brown, Deana Hurt, Megan Bolton, Sarah Bush, Bonnie Bomar, Kristen Curry, Alex Montoya, Evan Dittmore, Windy Roberts, Kelley Young, Bud Nolan, Shelby Ingram-Condon, Kayla Bryson, Maya Samples, Rick Lambert, Jessica Cisneros, Alexis Davis, Keli Hall, Maricela McGee, Joanna Carpenter, Kaley Eggers.

Aslone Foy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Jim Longbotham gave the Invocation.

Stephen Bradley and Jason Milstead led the Pledges to the Flags.

Tom Sutton read the District Mission Statement.

Each campus recognized a teacher of the month for March: Debra Brown, Groesbeck High School; Windy Roberts, Groesbeck Middle School; Leslie Nolan, Enge-Washington Intermediate School; and Shelby Condon, H. O. Whitehurst.

Community in School (CIS) Site Coordinators presented information on services that are offered to the students.

There were no public comments.

Aslone Foy opened the amended application for appraised value limitation on qualified property from Stetson Renewables Holdings, LLC, Comptroller Application #1900, pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 313 Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m. There being no comments or questions, Aslone Foy closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Conflict-of-Interest Policies BBFA(LEGAL) and (LOCAL) in connection with an amended application for appraised value limitation on qualified property from Stetson Renewables Holdings, LLC, Comptroller Application #1900, pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 313. There were no conflicts of interest.

Motion by Jim Longbotham, second by Stephen Bradley, to approve attorney fee of \$5,000 for drafting the amended application for appraised value limitation on qualified property from Stetson Renewables Holdings, LLC, Comptroller Application #1900, pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 313. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of the solar project is to start construction five to nine days from now. Will still receive benefits and amounts sooner. Supplemental payment in the 2025-2026 school year. Stetson Renewables Holdings, LLC has moved the assignment out to Drivers Solar. No change to protections or agreements. Gerrit Peters was available online for any questions regarding the solar project. If they don't fulfill the agreement, the district will receive all back taxes. Motion by Jim Longbotham, second by Jason Milstead, to approve Amended Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property and approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes by and between Groesbeck ISD and Stetson Renewables Holdings, LLC, Comptroller Application #1900. Motion carried unanimously.

The Science Textbook Committee presented information on the 7th through high school STEMscope and the K-6th Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Motion by Stephen Bradley, second by Angela Crane, to approve the Science Instructional Materials Adoption as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Ensminger presented a data update on the student chosen to be followed through iREADY. At the beginning of the year, the student was reading at a third-grade level and is now reading at a fifth-grade level. The student is close to grade level in Geometry from a second-grade level. Motion by Angela Crane, second by Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, to approve the first reading of EIC(LOCAL) Draft 2.

Windy Roberts presented how Groesbeck Middle School uses iREADY, stating that there isn't enough time. Did not use it the first semester, but this semester, it is going better. There's not enough time when doing this and Amplify. Kayla Bryson stated that the diagnostics work but not with middle school. Reading would kick the student out when they reached 70+ percent. For Groesbeck High School, Bonnie Bomar, discussed EOC test scores. Debra Brown presented the iREADY and its diagnostics, taking a week to test everyone, the validity of results, and filling in the gaps. Jessica Cisneros stated that it has a goal to work toward; they have 50 minutes per class period, and it took eight days to test. Does not have TEKS beyond 8th grade level. Deana Hurt also stated that students had to do it in 8th grade and had to do it again in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.

Bonnie Bomar and Sara Bush presented possible changes to EIC(LOCAL) Draft 2. Counselors have to calculate GPA by hand. Although ASCENDER runs GPA, it doesn't run GPA correctly. High school always does the top 20% by hand. This change would be for the future (Class of 2026 and beyond). High school would have plenty of time to notify parents because students haven't taken their third science yet. Discussed middle school student being prepared for high school and getting input from students. Mr. Figueroa recommended approving the first reading; however, knowing that we would bring the board more information from the student survey and more information from scenarios, we would then have a draft that would include a 2026 adoption and 2028. Motion by Angela Crane, second by Bridgett Jackson-Tatum to approve this recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Student Interest Survey from the middle school and high school. Evan Ditmore presented the middle school results with 70% student response. Presented percentages on involvement, organizations (athletics, band, FFA, tennis, academic UIL), outside-of-school

non-related activities (sports, worked (part-time job), church, 4-H). Adding organizations (Spanish club, book club, fishing club, culinary arts, e-sports), some of the barriers to participation were watching siblings and involvement in other sports. Discussed kids not being involved in anything. Bonnie Bomar and Sarah Bush presented the high school results, and 85% of the surveys were returned. Presented percentages of involvement, athletics, attendance at athletic events, FFA, current things they are involved in outside of school, church, select sports, and interest in clubs. No time for extra. Looking at how to let kids know more about the clubs that are available and new clubs such as mental health club and mentoring program.

Motion by Jason Milstead, second by Angela Crane, to approve Micro Integration's bid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussed the purchase of a marquee sign for the high school. No action. Motion dies.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Jason Milstead, second by Tom Sutton, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting
- B. Budget Report and Amendments
- C. Interquest Detection Canines Agreement
- D. The Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program
- E. Surplus
- F. Donation

Entered Executive Session: 8:22 p.m.

Reconvened: 9:26 p.m.

Motion by Jim Longbotham, seconded by Stephen Bradley to approve administrators, teachers, and other staff contracts as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stephen Bradley, second by Jason Milstead, to approve personnel resignations, leave of absences, or reassignments. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, second by Angela Crane, to extend the superintendent's contracts one year. Voting For: Jim Longbotham, Stephen Bradley, Tom Sutton, Angela Crane, Bridgett Jackson-Tatum. Voting Against: Aslone Foy and Jason Milstead. Motion passed.

Superintendent Comments: Anthony Figueroa commented the next Groesbeck U - Parent University will be at the HOW Theater on March 27 from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm. on Parent Involvement, Mental Health (MTSS) presented in April, and Food Service RFP process/update, and student enrollment.

Board President Comments and Reports: Aslone Foy stated that the 2024 Summer Leadership Institute will be in San Antonio: June 12 – 15 and Fort Worth: June 19 – 22. The next Regular Board Meeting will be on April 15.

Motion by Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, second by Angela Crane, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 9:31 p.m.

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Aslone Foy, Board President	Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, Secretary	Date Approved

**Board Workshop
MINUTES
03/25/2024**

Aslone Foy called the workshop to order at 9:31 p.m.

Board Workshop on Budget: Discussed finances, budgeting, and solar project.

Adjourned: 10:04 p.m.

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Aslone Foy, Board President	Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, Secretary	Date Approved

B. Budget Report and Amendments

Board Report
Recap Comparison of Revenue to Budget
Goesbeck ISD
As of March

	<u>Estimated Revenue (Budget)</u>	<u>Revenue Realized Current</u>	<u>Revenue Realized To Date</u>	<u>Revenue Balance</u>	<u>Percent Realized</u>
199 / 4 GENERAL FUND	20,669,073.00	-259,645.07	-16,213,801.38	4,455,271.62	78.44%
240 / 4 FOOD SERVICE	1,001,076.32	-93,487.81	-628,357.18	372,719.14	62.77%
511 / 4 DEBT SERVICE	1,143,300.95	-14,117.92	-2,966,614.95	-1,823,314.00	259.48%
Total 5000 Revenues	20,673,988.27	-367,250.80	-19,417,105.71	1,256,882.56	93.92%
Total 7000 Revenues	2,139,462.00	.00	-391,667.80	1,747,794.20	18.31%
Total Revenues	22,813,450.27	-367,250.80	-19,808,773.51	3,004,676.76	112.23%

Board Report
Recap Comparison of Expenditures and Encumbrances to Budget
Groesbeck ISD
As of March

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Encumbrance YTD</u>	<u>Expenditure YTD</u>	<u>Current Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Percent Expended</u>
199 / 4 GENERAL FUND	-20,669,073.00	1,964,332.18	11,341,844.83	2,117,283.22	-7,362,895.99	54.87%
240 / 4 FOOD SERVICE	-1,001,076.32	162,245.10	559,844.46	92,550.49	-278,986.76	55.92%
511 / 4 DEBT SERVICE	-1,143,300.95	.00	1,079,814.20	.00	-63,486.75	94.45%
Total 6000 Expenditures	-22,813,450.27	2,126,577.28	12,981,503.49	2,209,833.71	-7,705,369.50	56.90%
Total 8000 Expenditures	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00%
Total Expenditures	-22,813,450.27	2,126,577.28	12,981,503.49	2,209,833.71	-7,705,369.50	56.90%

End of Report

Comparison of Revenue to Budget
 As of March

	Estimated Revenue	Current Realized Revenue	Realized Revenue To Date	Revenue Balance	Percent Realized
General Operating Funds					
199 / 4 - GENERAL FUND 5000	18,529,611.00	-259,645.07	-15,822,133.58	2,707,477.42	85.39%
199 / 4 - GENERAL FUND 7000	2,139,462.00	.00	-391,667.80	1,747,794.20	18.31%
Totals 5000	18,529,611.00	-259,645.07	-15,822,133.58	2,707,477.42	85.39%
Totals 7000	2,139,462.00	.00	-391,667.80	1,747,794.20	18.31%
Totals General Operating Funds	20,669,073.00	-259,645.07	-16,213,801.38	4,455,271.62	78.44%
Special Revenue Funds					
211 / 4 - TITLE I, PART A 5000	405,421.00	-32,073.84	-166,155.31	239,265.69	40.98%
224 / 4 - IDEA - PART B, FORMULA 5000	356,023.00	-28,504.01	-167,335.37	188,687.63	47.00%
225 / 4 - IDEA - PART B, PRESCHOOL 5000	7,500.00	.00	-2,026.49	5,473.51	27.02%
240 / 4 - FOOD SERVICE 5000	1,001,076.32	-93,487.81	-628,357.18	372,719.14	62.77%
244 / 4 - CAREER & TECHNICAL 5000	22,240.00	.00	-12,510.00	9,730.00	56.25%
255 / 4 - TITLE II, PART A 5000	61,847.00	-5,591.92	-28,032.74	33,814.26	45.33%
265 / 4 - TITLE IV, PART B 5000	100,000.00	-14,403.98	-33,903.54	66,096.46	33.90%
270 / 4 - TITLE V 5000	47,006.00	.00	-6,447.84	40,558.16	13.72%
282 / 4 - ESSER III 5000	8,038.17	.00	.00	8,038.17	.00%
289 / 4 - FEDERALLY FUNDED 5000	34,622.00	-10,849.00	-23,288.50	11,333.50	67.27%
410 / 4 - IMA/TEXTBOOK 5000	274,085.31	.00	.00	274,085.31	.00%
428 / 4 - STATE FUNDED 5000	286,319.02	-72,071.31	-304,306.47	-17,987.45	106.28%
429 / 4 - STATE FUNDED 5000	1,296,692.27	-11,149.96	-83,634.91	1,213,057.36	6.45%
Totals 5000	3,900,870.09	-268,131.83	-1,455,998.35	2,444,871.74	37.32%
Totals 7000	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00%
Totals Special Revenue Funds	3,900,870.09	-268,131.83	-1,455,998.35	2,444,871.74	37.32%
Interest & Sinking Funds					
511 / 4 - DEBT SERVICE 5000	1,143,300.95	-14,117.92	-2,966,614.95	-1,823,314.00	259.48%
Totals 5000	1,143,300.95	-14,117.92	-2,966,614.95	-1,823,314.00	259.48%
Totals 7000	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00%
Totals Interest & Sinking Funds	1,143,300.95	-14,117.92	-2,966,614.95	-1,823,314.00	259.48%
Expendable Trust Funds					
829 / 4 - TRUST & AGENCY FUND 5000	.00	-1.77	-1,786.29	-1,786.29	.00%
Totals 5000	.00	-1.77	-1,786.29	-1,786.29	.00%
Totals 7000	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00%
Totals Expendable Trust Funds	.00	-1.77	-1,786.29	-1,786.29	.00%
Total Revenues 5000	23,573,782.04	-541,896.59	-20,246,533.17	3,327,248.87	85.89%
Total Revenues 7000	2,139,462.00	.00	-391,667.80	1,747,794.20	18.31%
Total Revenues	25,713,244.04	-541,896.59	-20,638,200.97	5,075,043.07	80.26%

Comparison of Expenditures and Encumbrances to Budget
 As of March

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Encumbrance</u>	<u>Current Expenditure</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Percent Expended</u>
General Operating Funds						
199 / 4 - GENERAL FUND 6000	-20,669,073.00	1,964,332.18	2,117,283.22	11,341,844.83	-7,362,895.99	54.87%
Totals 6000	-20,669,073.00	1,964,332.18	2,117,283.22	11,341,844.83	-7,362,895.99	54.87%
Totals 8000	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00%
Totals General Operating Funds	-20,669,073.00	1,964,332.18	2,117,283.22	11,341,844.83	-7,362,895.99	54.87%
Special Revenue Funds						
211 / 4 - TITLE I, PART A 6000	-405,421.00	.00	31,788.19	197,943.50	-207,477.50	48.82%
224 / 4 - IDEA - PART B, FORMULA 6000	-356,023.00	114,703.81	26,037.01	193,372.38	-47,946.81	54.31%
225 / 4 - IDEA - PART B, PRESCHOOL 6000	-7,500.00	5.45	.00	2,112.22	-5,382.33	28.16%
240 / 4 - FOOD SERVICE 6000	-1,001,076.32	162,245.10	92,550.49	559,844.46	-278,986.76	55.92%
244 / 4 - CAREER & TECHNICAL 6000	-22,240.00	8,677.54	.00	12,510.00	-1,052.46	56.25%
255 / 4 - TITLE II, PART A 6000	-61,847.00	6,022.00	536.72	28,569.46	-27,255.54	46.19%
265 / 4 - TITLE IV, PART B 6000	-100,000.00	951.26	7,421.25	47,066.54	-51,982.20	47.07%
270 / 4 - TITLE V 6000	-47,006.00	71.98	3,095.02	10,449.21	-36,484.81	22.23%
282 / 4 - ESSER III 6000	-8,038.17	.00	.00	.00	-8,038.17	-.00%
289 / 4 - FEDERALLY FUNDED 6000	-34,622.00	1,700.00	.00	23,288.50	-9,633.50	67.27%
410 / 4 - IMA/TEXTBOOK 6000	-274,085.31	.00	.00	.00	-274,085.31	-.00%
428 / 4 - STATE FUNDED 6000	-286,319.02	.00	.00	258,039.07	-28,279.95	90.12%
429 / 4 - STATE FUNDED 6000	-1,286,656.27	101,480.40	34,626.25	120,235.66	-1,064,940.21	9.34%
Totals 6000	-3,890,834.09	395,857.54	196,054.93	1,453,431.00	-2,041,545.55	37.36%
Totals 8000	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00%
Totals Special Revenue Funds	-3,890,834.09	395,857.54	196,054.93	1,453,431.00	-2,041,545.55	37.36%
Interest & Sinking Funds						
511 / 4 - DEBT SERVICE 6000	-1,143,300.95	.00	.00	1,079,814.20	-63,486.75	94.45%
Totals 6000	-1,143,300.95	.00	.00	1,079,814.20	-63,486.75	94.45%
Totals 8000	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00%
Totals Interest & Sinking Funds	-1,143,300.95	.00	.00	1,079,814.20	-63,486.75	94.45%
Expendable Trust Funds						
829 / 4 - TRUST & AGENCY FUND 6000	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	.00%
Totals 6000	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	.00%
Totals 8000	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00%
Totals Expendable Trust Funds	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	.00%
Total Expenditures 6000	-25,703,208.04	2,360,189.72	2,313,338.15	13,876,090.03	-9,466,928.29	53.99%
Total Expenditures 8000	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00%
Total Expenditures	-25,703,208.04	2,360,189.72	2,313,338.15	13,876,090.03	-9,466,928.29	53.99%

C. Quarterly Investment Report



Groesbeck Independent School District

Quarterly Investment Report

For the Quarter Ended

February 29, 2024

Prepared by

Valley View Consulting, L.L.C.

The investment portfolio of the Groesbeck Independent School District is in compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act and the District's Investment Policy.

Anthony Figueroa, Superintendent, Investment Officer

Melissa Smith, Investment Officer

Disclaimer: These reports were compiled using information provided by Groesbeck Independent School District. No procedures were performed to test the accuracy or completeness of this information. The market values included in these reports were obtained by Valley View Consulting, L.L.C. from sources believed to be accurate and represent proprietary valuation. Due to market fluctuations these levels are not necessarily reflective of current liquidation values. Yield calculations are not determined using standard performance formulas, are not representative of total return yields and do not account for investment advisor fees.

Summary

Quarter End Results by Investment Category:

Asset Type	November 30, 2023		February 29, 2024		
	Book Value	Market Value	Book Value	Market Value	Ave. Yield
Pools/DDA/MMA	\$ 7,552,295	\$ 7,552,295	\$ 10,883,415	\$ 10,883,415	5.30%
Totals	\$ 7,552,295	\$ 7,552,295	\$ 10,883,415	\$ 10,883,415	5.30%

<u>Average Quarterly Yield (1)</u>		<u>Average Quarter-End Yields - Fiscal YTD</u>	
Total Portfolio	5.30%	Total Portfolio	5.20%
Rolling Three Month Treasury	5.44%	Rolling Three Month Treasury	5.50%
Rolling Six Month Treasury	5.39%	Rolling Six Month Treasury	5.44%
TexPool	5.33%	TexPool	5.35%

Interest Earnings (Approximate)

Quarter Interest Earnings	\$115,407
Year-to-Date Interest Earnings	\$211,099

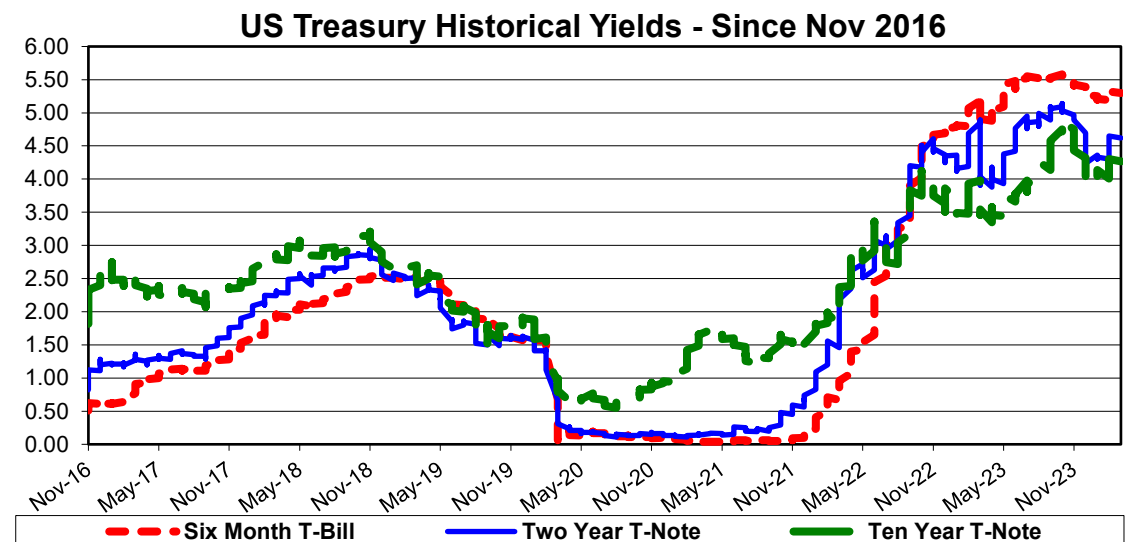
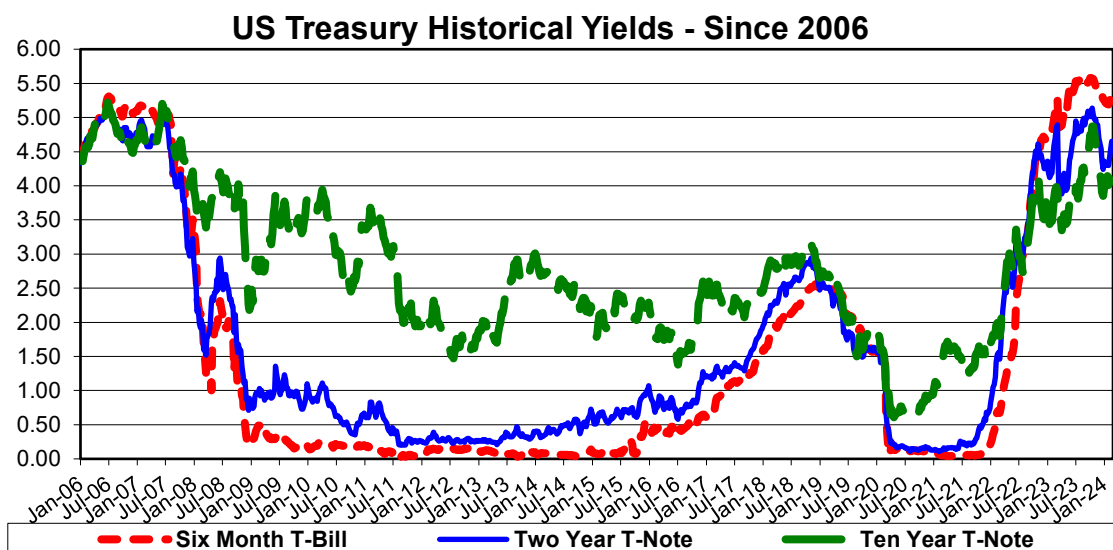
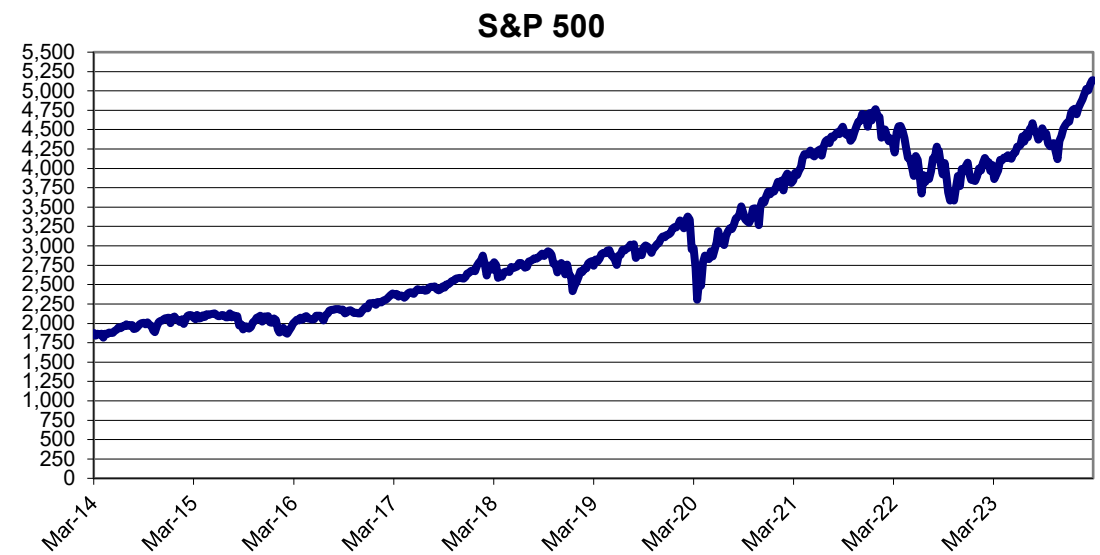
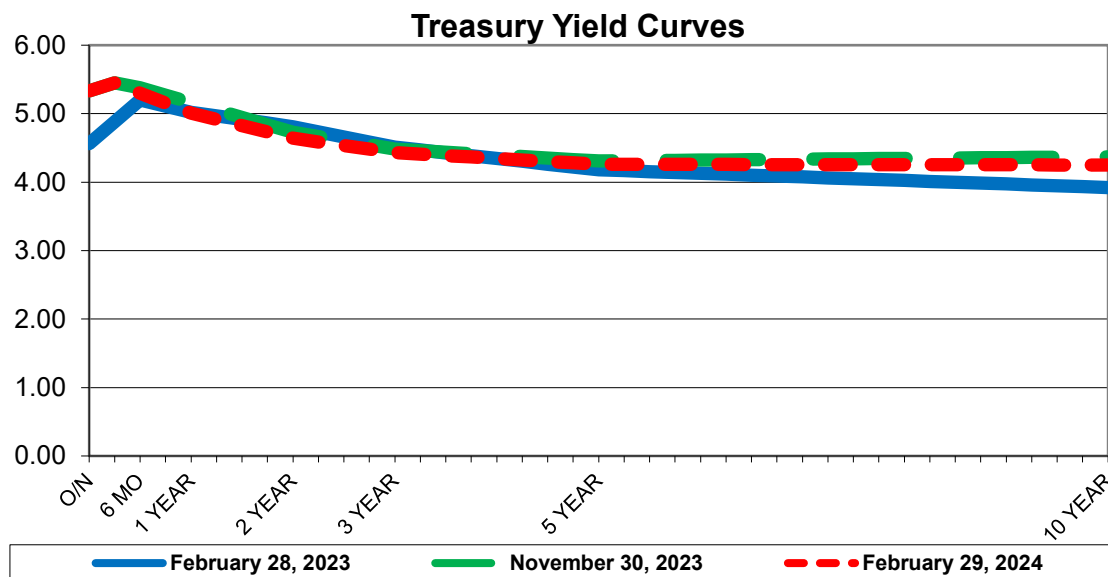
(1) **Average Quarter Yield** - calculated using quarter end report yields and adjusted book values; does not reflect a total return analysis, realized or unrealized gains/losses, or account for advisory fees. The yield for the reporting month is used for bank, pool, and money market balances.

(2) **Average Quarter-End Yields** - calculated using quarter end report yields and adjusted book values and does not reflect a total return analysis or account for advisory fees.

Economic Overview

2/29/2024

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) maintained the Fed Funds target range 5.25% - 5.50% (Effective Fed Funds are trading +/-5.33%). All expectations are for reduced future rates, but any actions will be "data-dependent." Second Estimate Fourth Quarter 2023 GDP posted 3.2% (a slight downward revision). The S&P 500 Stock Index reached another new high closing over 5,100. The yield curve remains inverted. Crude Oil drifted higher at +/- \$80 per barrel. Inflation continued to decline but still remained above the FOMC 2% target (Core PCE +/-2.8% and Core CPI +/-3.9%). Reduced global economic outlooks and ongoing/expanding military conflicts increase uncertainty.



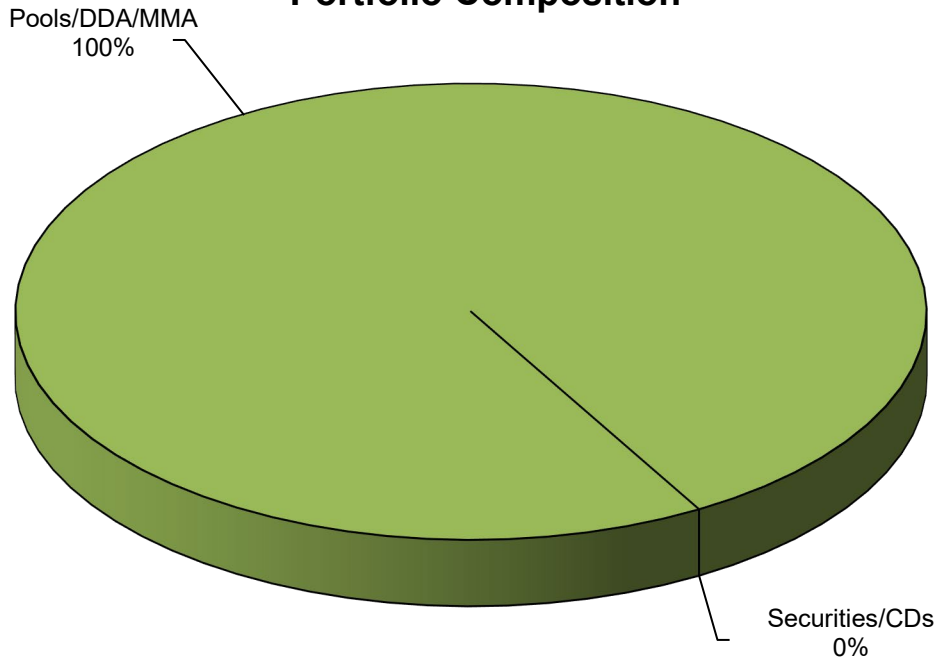
Investment Holdings
February 29, 2024

	Description	Coupon/ Discount	Maturity Date	Settlement Date	Par Value	Purchase Price	Book Value	Market Price	Market Value	Life (days)	Yield
Citizen's State Bank	Checking	0.70%	03/01/24	02/29/24	\$ 136,317	1.00	\$ 136,317	1.00	\$ 136,317	1	0.70%
Citizen's State Bank	MMA	5.20%	03/01/24	02/29/24	2,260,607	1.00	2,260,607	1.00	2,260,607	1	5.20%
TexPool	LGIP	5.33%	03/01/24	02/29/24	5,165,828	1.00	5,165,828	1.00	5,165,828	1	5.33%
InterBank	Cash Mgt	5.63%	03/01/24	02/29/24	250,085	1.00	250,085	1.00	250,085	1	5.63%
InterBank ICS	MMA	5.50%	03/01/24	02/29/24	3,070,577	1.00	3,070,577	1.00	3,070,577	1	5.50%
					\$ 10,883,415		\$10,883,415		\$ 10,883,415	1	5.30%
										(1)	(2)

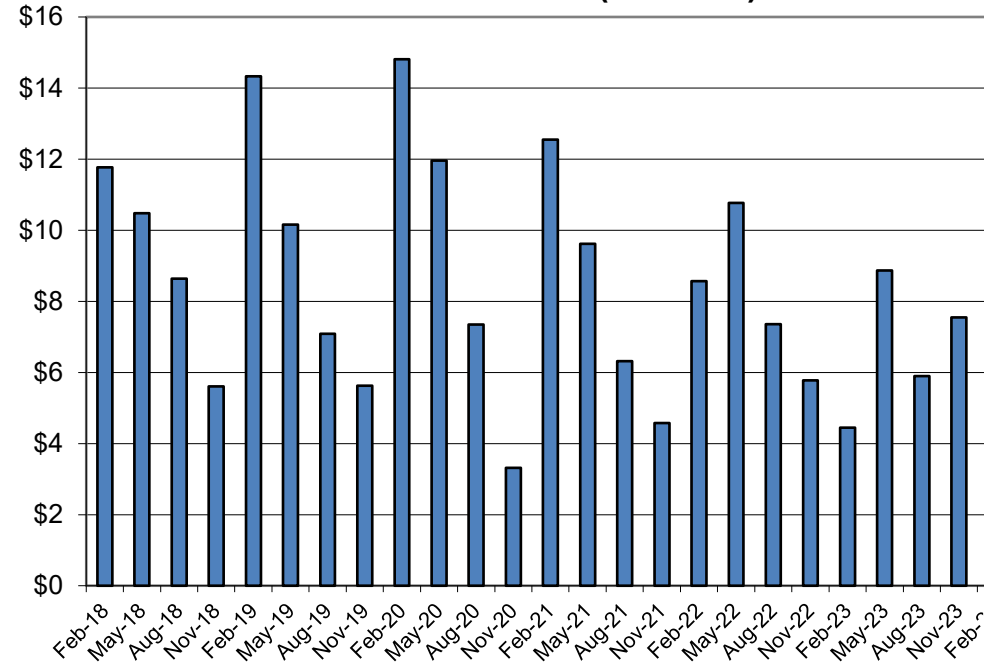
(1) Weighted average life - For purposes of calculating weighted average life, Bank Deposit, Local Government Investment Pool, and Money Market Mutual Fund investments are assumed to have a one day maturity.

(2) Weighted average yield to maturity - For purposes of calculating weighted average yield to maturity, realized and unrealized gains/losses, and Investment Advisor fees are not considered.

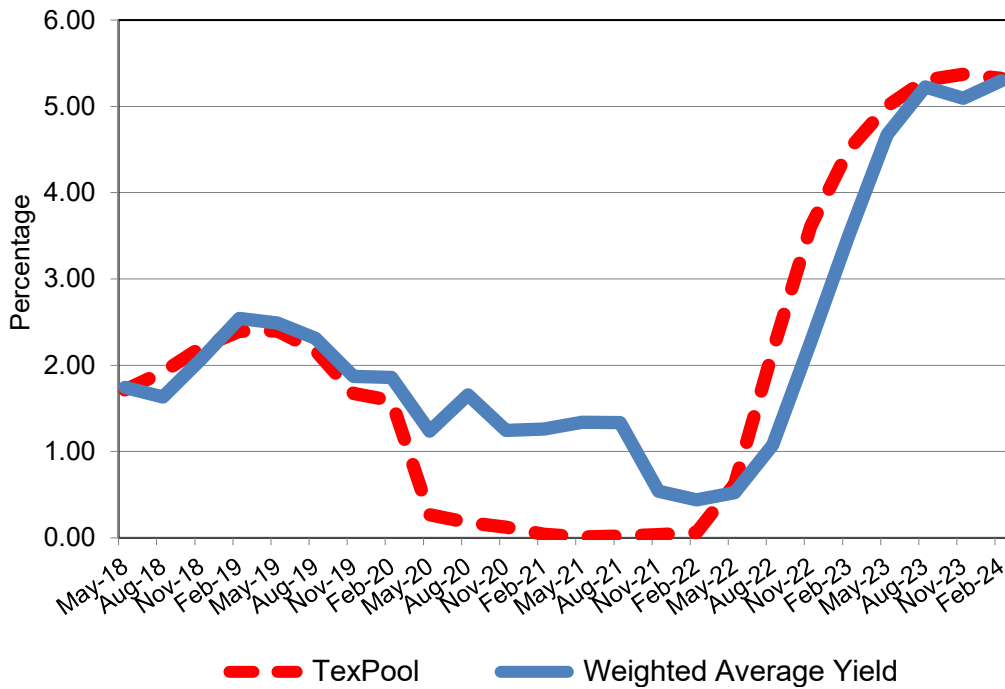
Portfolio Composition



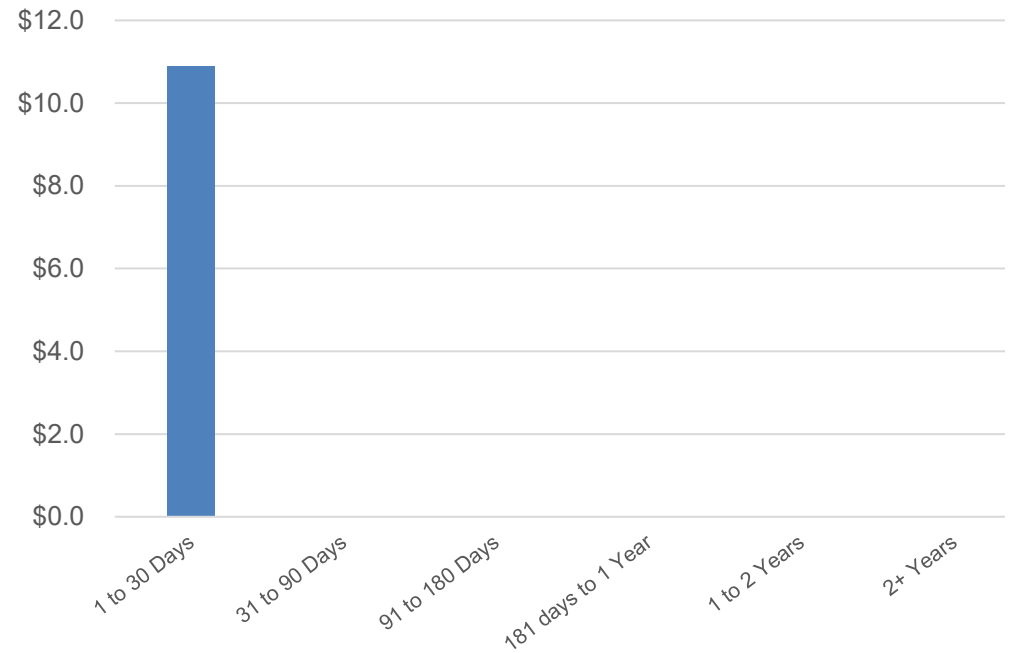
Total Portfolio (Millions)



Portfolio Performance



Distribution by Maturity (Millions)



Book & Market Value Comparison

Issuer/Description	Yield	Maturity Date	Book Value 11/30/23	Increases	Decreases	Book Value 02/29/24	Market Value 11/30/23	Change in Market Value	Market Value 02/29/24
Citizen's State Bank	0.70%	03/01/24	\$ 485,403	\$ -	\$ (349,086)	\$ 136,317	\$ 485,403	\$ (349,086)	\$ 136,317
Citizen's State Bank	5.20%	03/01/24	1,709,445	551,163	-	2,260,607	1,709,445	551,163	2,260,607
TexPool	5.33%	03/01/24	2,081,990	3,083,838	-	5,165,828	2,081,990	3,083,838	5,165,828
InterBank	5.63%	03/01/24	250,126	-	(41)	250,085	250,126	(41)	250,085
InterBank ICS	5.50%	03/01/24	3,025,331	45,246	-	3,070,577	3,025,331	45,246	3,070,577
TOTAL / AVERAGE	5.30%		\$ 7,552,295	\$ 3,680,246	\$ (349,127)	\$ 10,883,415	\$ 7,552,295	\$ 3,331,119	\$ 10,883,415

**Book & Market Value Allocated by Fund
February 29, 2024**

	Description/ Maturity	Total	General Operating	Debt Service	Activity Fund	Scholarship Trust
Citizen's State Bank	Checking	\$ 136,317	\$ 71,888	\$ -	\$ 61,442	\$ 2,987
Citizen's State Bank	MMA	2,260,607	2,260,607	-	-	-
TexPool	LGIP	5,165,828	2,722,368	2,443,460	-	-
InterBank	Cash Mgt	250,085	250,085	-	-	-
InterBank ICS	MMA	3,070,577	3,070,577	-	-	-
		\$10,883,415	\$ 8,375,525	\$ 2,443,460	\$ 61,442	\$ 2,987

**Book & Market Value Allocated by Fund
November 30, 2023**

	Description/ Maturity	Total	General Operating	Debt Service	Activity Fund	Scholarship Trust
Citizen's State Bank	Checking	\$ 485,403	\$ 403,373	\$ –	\$ 79,049	\$ 2,982
Citizen's State Bank	MMA	1,709,445	1,709,445	–	–	–
TexPool	LGIP	2,081,990	704,761	1,377,229	–	–
InterBank	Cash Mgt	250,126	250,126	–	–	–
InterBank ICS	MMA	3,025,331	3,025,331	–	–	–
		\$ 7,552,295	\$ 6,093,035	\$ 1,377,229	\$ 79,049	\$ 2,982

D. Powell Law Group Legal Services Program Agreement for TREA Members



March 20, 2024

VIA U.S. FIRST CLASS MAIL
MR. ANTHONY FIGUEROA
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
GROESBECK ISD
1202 N ELLIS
GROESBECK, TX 76642-0559

Re: TREA Members' Legal Services Program Agreement for School Year 2024-2025

Dear Mr. Figueroa:

Thank you for your consideration of Powell Law Group, LLP's Legal Services Program. Powell Law Group, LLP offers participation in our Legal Services Program for Texas Rural Education Association ("TREA") members with no annual retainer agreement. Our program for TREA members is designed so that district representatives, such as the Superintendent, Board President, and the Special Education Director (or their designees) can easily seek advice from attorneys as needed and at their convenience. Powell Law Group, LLP will solve your legal problems in a candid and ethical manner, emphasizing long-lasting solutions and relationships.

Powell Law Group, LLP is a full-service, state-wide law firm whose mission is to provide the highest quality of personalized training and comprehensive legal services to school districts. Our attorneys are both counselors and advocates, dedicated to an uncompromising commitment to excellence and client service. Since the Firm was established in 1996 with the principal office located just minutes from downtown Austin, our approach to the practice of law has always involved early consultation and intervention, client training, and timely responses to client concerns. Much has changed over the last two decades. Despite our growth and evolution, our original mission remains the same—to provide trusted counsel and exceptional service. The Firm's resources and areas of expertise encompass the entire gambit of legal services. We have a hard-earned reputation as counselors and advocates with a passion for public education and unparalleled commitment to client service. Our clients are as diverse as the great state of Texas.

As a part of this program, we offer 1 hour of **free consultations** on topics such as public finance (bonds), governmental relations, board training, and a host of other topics. You are only invoiced if one of our attorneys must research, write, or do additional work outside of providing advice over the phone.

Powell Law Group, LLP understands that budgets are tight. Therefore, our rate structure is one of the most competitive you will find. **As part of the Legal Services Program for TREA members, clients will receive:**

- Membership in the Center for School Governance, which provides discounted and personalized board training;
- Digital newsletters—*Ed Clips!*—sent electronically, covering informative and useful topics in education;
- *Client Alerts*—sent electronically, as needed, covering “call to actions” when the legislature is meeting and covering any topic our clients need to know about quickly;
- Discounted rates on all additional legal services or training as needed;
- TREA membership dues remain unchanged.

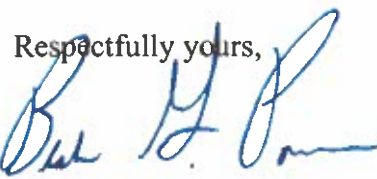
Enclosed, you will find a Legal Services Program Agreement. If your District chooses to participate, please sign and return: (i) the Signature Page; (ii) the 2024-2025 Legal Services Program Response Form; and (iii) the Form 1295 Disclosure Requirements, electronically or by mail.

We have enclosed an updated Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Texas Ethics Commission Form CIQ). We are standing by and ready to comply with the disclosure requirements required by Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code. Please provide a new contract number so that we may submit the necessary information online to ensure that both the District and our Firm are in compliance.

In addition, you will also find more information on the Texas Rural Broadband Coalition (“TRBC”) along with a resolution from TRBC for your Board to consider regarding broadband service and a QR code with a survey link so that TRBC can better understand your internet needs. Once your Board passes the resolution, please provide our office with a copy. We encourage your District to become a part of the TRBC and to send a message that will help expand broadband service across Texas.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you and the District in the 2024-2025 school year and in the future. We hope you see the value in signing this agreement and return it promptly so we may serve your legal needs. At Powell Law Group, LLP, our clients come first. We will work to earn your trust every day.

With best regards, I am

Respectfully yours,

Blake Powell
FOR THE FIRM

Enclosures



SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025
LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR TREA MEMBERS

In accordance with Board Policy BDD(LOCAL), the undersigned (“*Client*”) retains Powell Law Group, LLP (“*Firm*”) to serve as the Client’s general legal counsel and attorney in matters requiring legal services, as requested by Client. Services to be performed and compensation to be paid by the Client are set forth in this Legal Services Program (“*LSP*”) Agreement (“*Agreement*”) between the Client and the Firm.

Legal Services. As a part of this Agreement, Legal Services Program members will receive the following general counsel legal services:

- Prompt access to a school attorney (including access after-hours).
- Toll-free telephone access (800-494-1971).
- Electronic *Ed Clips!* and *Client Alerts*.
- Teacher / SPED / Administrator / Other trainings are available at a reduced rate.
- All requested legal services at the Firm’s reduced LSP member hourly rate.
- Complimentary insurance audit, evaluating all existing insurance coverage, upon request of Client.
- General and special education counsel legal services.
- Access to Center for School Governance training (*see enclosure*).

Additional Transaction Services.

- Government relation services are offered under individual government relations or coalition agreements.
- The Firm is a leading public finance firm recognized by the *Bond Buyer’s Municipal Market Place (Red Book)* and performs bond counsel services at the Client’s request. Bond counsel services are provided through bond counsel agreements. Cost and fees are paid as a part of the cost of issuance.
- Executive searches are provided at a very reasonable rate and include additional training components as a part of this service.

Client shall receive prompt responses to all legal inquiries. The Firm responds to any “question calls” (that is, telephone consultation of a routine nature that requires no research or drafting effort and that is not part of an ongoing legal matter) at no charge. The Firm regularly publishes *Ed Clips!* and *Client Alerts* on subjects of interest to school administrators. Training and resource materials are generated for each training session and presented in a format that Client may distribute. If Client desires training sessions, training will be provided at the Firm’s reduced LSP member hourly rate.

Annual Retainer and Hourly Fees. Client agrees to pay the annual TREA membership fee for participation in the Firm's Legal Services Program for the 2024-2025 school year. The TREA membership cost has not increased this year. **The Firm's annual retainer is waived for TREA members.** All requested legal services shall be provided at the Firm's reduced LSP member rate.

Monthly Statements. Firm attorneys maintain daily time records in $\frac{1}{10}$ -hour increments. Monthly invoices identify the person performing the work, describe the legal work performed, and record the time expended on each task. Invoices provide separate totals for services and expenses, followed by a combined total of services and costs. Fees and expenses are due and payable within thirty days after the date of billing.

Expenses. As part of the computation of legal fees, the following costs are billed at the amount incurred by the Firm: court costs, deposition costs, postage, filing fees, travel expenses, courier fees, consultant's fees and other professional fees incurred on Client's behalf (including specialized counsel), and other disbursements. Expenses are included separately within each invoice. (*See Schedule of Fees and Expenses*).

Of Counsel. Client understands that attorneys may serve the Firm in an Of Counsel relationship. Client consents to the involvement of attorneys in an Of Counsel relationship to the Firm and understands that these individuals may be involved from time to time in the delivery of the Firm's legal services.

Insurance Defense. Client shall make every effort to require its insurance carrier to assign its litigation cases to the Firm. Client agrees that any costs or time incurred by the Firm on litigation, but not paid by Client's insurer(s), shall be borne by Client.

Termination and Withdrawal. This Agreement may terminate, and the Firm may withdraw from Client's representation at any time if:

- (a) Client or the Firm requests termination.
- (b) Client insists on presenting a claim or defense that is not warranted under existing law and cannot be supported by good-faith argument for an extension, modification, or reversal of existing law.
- (c) Client insists that the Firm pursue a course of conduct that is illegal or that is prohibited under the disciplinary rules or disregards an agreement or obligation to the Firm as to expenses or fees for services rendered.

In the event of withdrawal from employment, the Firm will take reasonable steps to avoid foreseeable prejudice to the rights of Client, including giving due notice to Client, allowing time for employment of other counsel, delivering to Client all papers and property to which Client is entitled, and complying with the applicable laws and rules.

CLIENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE FIRM HAS MADE NO REPRESENTATION CONCERNING THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF ANY LEGAL ACTION THAT IS OR MAY BE FILED AND HAS NOT GUARANTEED THAT THE FIRM WILL OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT TO CLIENT OF ANY OF THE FEES, COSTS, AND/OR EXPENSES INCURRED BY CLIENT IN THE PROSECUTION OR DEFENSE OF SAID CLAIM OR

CLAIMS. CLIENT FURTHER EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ALL STATEMENTS OF ATTORNEY ON THESE MATTERS ARE STATEMENTS OF OPINION ONLY.

Confidentiality. Conversations between an attorney and a client are protected by law and by the disciplinary rules to which attorneys are subject. No attorney can be compelled to reveal anything that a client says to him or her, except in instances where a person's life may be endangered or as prescribed by Section 261.101 of the Texas Family Code regarding child abuse. The reason for this protection is that the experience of many hundreds of years has proved that the interests of the client are best served when the client's attorneys are fully informed of *all* the facts well in advance of any possible contest.

Electronic Mail. The Firm will attempt to promptly check for and respond to any e-mail correspondence from Client. Client understands that e-mail correspondence is not as secure as mail through the Postal Service and that e-mail can be intercepted by third parties. By the sending of an e-mail to the Firm, Client consents to the Firm responding and using e-mail in the future to communicate with Client and Client bears all risks of the loss of privacy that may occur with e-mail communication and releases the Firm from any liability for loss of privacy.

Information and Communication. The Firm pledges to do its best to keep Client advised on how any legal matter is progressing, based on information received from the court, opposing party, and from Client. The Firm routinely sends to Client copies of all pleadings, discovery, and correspondence for Client's information. Day-to-day communication between Client and the Firm is typically between the Superintendent (and appropriate administrative staff) and the Firm. The LSP Response Form below invites the Superintendent to identify specific staff members, if desired, who are authorized to access the services of the Firm. In accordance with this written Agreement and Board Policy BDD(LOCAL), individual Trustees shall channel legal inquiries through the Superintendent or Board designee, as appropriate, when seeking advice or information from the District's legal counsel. A report of legal advice received shall be presented to the Board when deemed appropriate by the administration or upon request of the Board.

Duty to Advise of Current Address. Client agrees to keep the Firm advised of any changes in address, all telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

Records Management and Destruction of File. Client's records management officer is responsible to ensure compliance with the applicable minimum retention schedules. The Firm shall return any original instruments to Client; however, **unless notified to the contrary, in writing, the Firm reserves the right and privilege to destroy files five (5) years from the date a file matter is closed.** If Client fails to request, in writing, the return of any items, Client consents that said items may be destroyed after the passage of five (5) years from the date the file or matter is closed.

Texas Lawyer's Creed. The Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals have adopted the Texas Lawyer's Creed as a mandate to the legal profession in Texas. The Creed requires Texas attorneys to advise clients of the contents of the Creed when undertaking to represent a client. A copy of the Texas Lawyer's Creed is attached to this Agreement for Client's review. Client understands that the Firm may do nothing which violates this Creed.

Notices to Client. The State Bar of Texas investigates and prosecutes professional misconduct committed

by Texas attorneys. Although not every complaint against or dispute with a lawyer involves professional misconduct, the State Bar Office of General Counsel will provide you with information about how to file a complaint. For more information, please call 1-800-932-1900. This is a toll-free call. In compliance with TEX. GOVT. CODE § 2270.002, the Firm hereby affirms that it has not and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement and that it is not identified on a list prepared and maintained under TEX. GOVT. CODE §§ 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153.

Texas Law. Texas law shall govern this Agreement. If any part or provision of this Agreement shall be held to be illegal, then such illegal provision shall be deleted, shall not affect any other part of this Agreement, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such illegal provision had never been contained herein.



SCHEDULE OF FEES AND EXPENSES

Members of the Firm’s Legal Services Program receive a reduced hourly fee for services from the Firm’s attorneys, as well as “question call” services at no cost to Client. The Firm has a sliding fee scale for attorneys, based upon the experience of the attorney. The maximum hourly rate for PLG attorney time is currently \$325.00 per hour (reduced from the full fee of \$450.00 per hour for non-LSP members). The Firm reserves the right to increase its hourly rate during the term of this Agreement, particularly in the event of unanticipated increases in the costs of doing business, but only after first providing Client with notice of the proposed change in rates and permitting Client the opportunity to terminate the Agreement. The Firm charges attorney time on the following fee scale:

Firm Member	Rate
Partner / Of Counsel	\$325.00 per hour
Senior Associate	\$300.00 per hour
Junior Associate	\$285.00 per hour
Senior Law Clerk	\$195.00 per hour
Paralegal	\$175.00 per hour
Legal Assistant	\$125.00 per hour
Travel Time	½ hourly rate

The Firm charges only for expenses which represent direct costs of the delivery of legal services. Expenses are billed as follows:

Expense	Cost
In-house photocopies	\$0.25 per copy
Electronic Library Charges	\$95.00 per hour (not to exceed \$300 per month)
Telicon	No Charge
Bill Summaries	No Charge
Outside photocopy services	At Cost
Postage	At Cost
Litigation expenses (consultants, expert witness, court reporter, graphic exhibits)	At Cost
Mileage (no charge for return trip)	\$0.67 per mile (or current IRS rate)
Travel / Lodging	At Cost
Courier Services	At Cost



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Blake G. Powell'.

Blake G. Powell, Partner
Powell Law Group, LLP
EIN: 74-2768755

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jay Youngblood'.

Jay Youngblood, Partner
Powell Law Group, LLP
EIN: 74-2768755

EXECUTED ON BEHALF OF THE LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM MEMBER CLIENT BY:

Signature

Date

Name

Title

Client Name

This original is for the Client's records.



LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM RESPONSE FORM

Please select an option below to participate in Powell Law Group, LLP's Legal Services Program.

- Yes, I would like to enroll in Powell Law Group, LLP's Legal Services Program for TREA members for the 2024-2025 school year. I am enclosing a check made payable to the Texas Rural Education Association for the 2024-2025 membership dues.
- Yes, I would like to enroll in Powell Law Group, LLP's Legal Services Program for TREA members for the 2024-2025 school year. Please ask TREA to invoice me for the 2024-2025 LSP membership fee.
- Yes, I would like to enroll in Powell Law Group, LLP's Legal Services Program for TREA members for the 2024-2025 school year. The 2024-2025 membership dues have already been paid to the Texas Rural Education Association.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Entity: _____

Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Tax-Exempt ID: _____

Other administrators / categories of administrators who are authorized to contact the Firm:

Name and Email: _____

Special Education / 504 Coordinator: _____

Business Manager / CFO: _____

Board President: _____

E-mail address(es) of other administrator(s) who wish to receive *Ed Clips!* and *Client Alerts*:

Please return this form to Powell Law Group, LLP, 108 Wild Basin Rd, Ste 100, Austin, TX 78746.

E. Sabroff Technologies

Quote Details Expires: 5/23/24

One-time Total

Professional Services - Per Seat GTC Managed Install (Over 50 Licenses)		
Qty	Your price	Total
50	\$15.00	\$750.00
Voice Number DID Port - Configuration Fee		
Qty	Your price	Total
20	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yealink T33G SIP phone PoE		
Qty	Your price	Total
200	\$64.86	\$12,972.00
Yealink T54W IP Phone PoE		
Qty	Your price	Total
50	\$138.85	\$6,942.50
Jive Business Continuity with Jive View (Intel NUC 6)		
Qty	Your price	Total
1	\$241.16	\$241.16
Sub-Total		\$20,905.66
Estimated taxes and fees		\$1,662.84
TOTAL		\$22,568.50

Monthly Charges

GoToConnect Standard		
Qty	Your price	Total
50	\$12.95	\$647.50
Voice - Standard DID - Monthly Charge		
Qty	Your price	Total
20	\$0.25	\$5.00
Interconnected VoIP, Ultra Low Usage - Monthly Charge		
Qty	Your price	Total
200	\$6.95	\$1,390.00
Sub-Total		\$2,042.50
Estimated taxes and fees		\$433.73
TOTAL		\$2,476.23

Quote ID: Q-776636

ONE-TIME TOTAL
\$22,568.50

MONTHLY CHARGES
\$2,476.23

Contract term:

60 months

Service start date:

Apr 11, 2024

Billing start date:

Jan 11, 2025

Contract end date*:

Apr 30, 2029

**If we delay your Billing start date, we will extend your Contract end date by equal length.*

Additional info:

One Standard DID per account is at no charge, reflected on the invoice. Remainder at the price set forth in the quote.

Allowances and overage rates for SMS are as stated [here](#).

Salesperson:

Jessica O'Loughlin
sales@sabrofftech.com
+1 512-970-0215

Authorized Partner:

Sabroff Technologies, LLC
+1 512-970-0215

- F. Surplus
- G. Donations

GROESBECK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PH. 254-729-3894
P.O. BOX 326
GROESBECK, TX 76642

 **The Farmers State Bank**
MAIN OFFICE: GROESBECK, TX 76642
BRANCH OFFICES:
THURSDAY, OKLA 800-848-1000
FAIRFIELD, OKLA 800-799-1000
NORTHALL, OKLA 719-2000
TULSA, OKLA 918-258-2000
JEWETT, OKLA 800-800-1000
88-1503/1119

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 EShield® Check Fraud
Protection for Business

DATE 3/20/24

PAY
TO THE
ORDER OF

Groesbeck ISD

\$ 150.00

One hundred fifty dollars 00/100

DOLLARS

Eclipse glasses Donation

3 Paul / [Signature]

THIS CHECK IS DELIVERED FOR PAYMENT ON THE ACCOUNTS LISTED



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XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Review Recommendation for Employment (Tex. Gov't 551.074)
- B. Personnel Resignations, Leave of Absences, or Reassignments (Tex. Gov't 551.074)
- C. Deliberation Regarding Personnel - Administrators, Teachers and Other Staff Contracts (Tex. Gov't 551.074)

XIV. RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING

XV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Recommendation for Employment
 - I. Other Personnel Positions as Needed
- B. Personnel Resignations, Leave of Absences, or Reassignments
- C. Action on Administrators, Teachers, and Other Staff Contracts

XVI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

XVII. BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS AND REPORTS

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

If, during the course of the meeting, the Board may lawfully conduct a closed meeting as to all or part of any item on the agenda, then, in accordance with applicable law, 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). The Board shall not conduct a closed meeting unless a quorum of the Board first convenes in an open meeting for which proper notice has been given. Before any closed meeting is conducted, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act or other applicable law authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions regarding any matter deliberated in a closed meeting shall only be taken in open meeting for which proper notice has been given. [See BEC(LEGAL)]

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on:

For the Board of Trustees