



REGION 18 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

2811 La Force Boulevard, Midland, TX 79706

Notice: Of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 11:00 AM, in the Conference Rooms A and B, Region 18 Education Service Center, 2811 La Force Boulevard, Midland, TX 79706. The Board may retire to executive session at any time between the meeting's opening and adjournment for purposes of deliberating business as authorized in Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071-551.074 and 551.076. Action, if any, will be taken in open session. (Texas Government Code Chapter 551.102)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Roll Call
4. Audience
5. Information Items
 - a) Financial Statement
The Financial Report is shown in three sections. The first is the Financial Statement, which shows the budget to actual variances for both revenues and expenditures. The Statement of Position uses projected revenues and expenditures to estimate a fund balance at fiscal year-end, August 31, 2023. The third page is an investment report, which reflects investment balances, interest earned and shows a comparison of our interest rates to market trends.
 - b) 2021-2022 Audit Report
Mr. Trey Rowe from the accounting firm of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss of Lubbock, Texas, will present the Annual Independent Audit at the Board meeting.
6. Director Reports
 - a) Dr. Dewitt Smith - Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer
 - b) Britt Hayes - Chief Financial Officer
 - 1) Joann Taylor - Chief TxCEE Officer
 - c) Linda Jolly - Deputy Director of School Improvement and Federal Programs
 - 1) Amanda Magallan - Chief Federal Programs Officer
 - 2) Dr. Autumn Sloan - Chief School Improvement & Accountability Officer
 - a. EPP SBEC Report
 - 3) Jill Rivera - Chief Instructional & Federal Programs Officer
 - 4) Chris Enriquez - Director of Instructional Technology & Analytics
 - d) Ronnie Golson - Deputy Director of Leadership & Superintendent Support
 - 1) Casey Ritchie - Chief Technology Officer
7. Action Items
 - a) Consider Approval of Minutes for October 6, 2022 Board Meeting
The October 6, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting minutes are attached for review and approval.
 - b) Consider Approval of Audit Report for 2021-2022
An external audit was performed by Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss, L.L.P., Certified Public Accounts, in October of 2022. Management believes that the auditing firm performed adequate testing and implemented appropriate accounting standards to assure an accurate depiction of the Service Center's financial position at August 31, 2022.
 - c) Consider Selection of Independent Auditor for 2022-2023

Based upon continued receipt of an accurate audit and effective, efficient and reasonable audit procedures, management recommends that the ESC continue using Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss L.L.P. as its external auditing firm for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The estimated fee for the 2021-2022 audit is \$28,000.

Cost Comparison by Fiscal Year:

2021 - \$28,000

2020 - \$26,000

2019 - \$26,250

2018 - \$26,000

d) Consider Approval of Budget Amendment #2

The Texas Education Agency requires the Service Center to adopt a General Fund budget by function code. Amendments to the adopted budget between functions must be reflected in the official minutes. The following summary includes amendments for the 2022-2023 budget year. Please note that Transfers only move appropriations within the approved budget. In other words, they do not increase the total amount budgeted for the given fiscal year. Amounts in the Amendments section are in addition to the total amount approved in the initial budget and may impact fund balance.

e) Deliberation and possible action to adopt a Board Resolution to:

f) 1. Elect the ESC's discontinuation of participation in TRS-ActiveCare for its employee healthcare coverage effective with the 2023-2024 plan year; and

g) 2. Authorize the ESC administration to:

h) a. Submit to the Teacher Retirement System a Statement of Intent and Notice of Election regarding discontinuation prior to December 31, 2022;

i) b. Secure any and all consultants and experts necessary to let out a bid for the procurement of one or more replacement health insurance products and other voluntary dental, vision, critical care, life, and other insurance products for the 2023-2024 plan year and beyond and to administer such procured plan(s); and

j) c. Take any and all further action necessary to carry out the wishes of the Board as expressed in the Resolution.

Region 18 Education Service Center is requesting that the Board of Directors adopt a Resolution to elect the ESC's discontinuation of participation in TRS-ActiveCare for its employee healthcare coverage effective with the 2023-2024 plan year and authorizing the ESC administration to perform any and all further actions related thereto as contained in the Resolution.

k) Deliberation and possible action to authorize the ESC's entering into a consulting agreement with NS Insurance Consulting, Inc., for the purpose of procuring and administering employee health insurance products for the 2023-2024 plan year and beyond.

Region 18 Education Service Center is requesting that the Board approve entering into a consulting agreement with NS Insurance Consulting, Inc., for the purpose of procuring and administering employee health insurance products for the 2023-2024 plan year and beyond.

l) Call for Election of Board of Directors Places 1, 4 and 6

The terms of Mr. Ken Marks, Place 1, Mr. Wayne Mitchell, Place 4 and Mr. Randy Graham, Place 6, will expire May 31, 2023. All three Board members are eligible for reelection.

The beginning filing date is February 1, 2023. Filing forms for the election will be available at the February 9, 2023 Board meeting.

8. Executive Session

a) Personnel

b) Consultation with Region 18 ESC general counsel to seek and receive legal advice regarding pending legal matters including, but not limited to, personnel matters and/or pending or contemplated litigation. (Closed Session under Tex. Gov't Code 551.071)

c) Evaluation of Executive Director (Closed Session under Tex. Gov't Code 551.071 and 551.074)

9. Adjourn Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Region 18 Board of Directors is scheduled for February 9, 2023.