

## Regular

Wednesday, June 20, 2018 6:30 PM

601 S. Bounds Thrall HS LRC Annex, 601 S. Bounds, Thrall, TX 76578

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge and Invocation**

3. **Public Comment**

4. **Open Public Hearing to Discuss Proposed 2018-2019 School Year Budget**

4.A. Overview of the Proposed Budget for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and Interest and Sinking (I&S) Fund

4.B. Board and Administration Will Address Questions and Comments from the Public Concerning the Proposed Budget

5. **Consent Agenda**

5.A. Approval of Minutes from May/June Meeting

5.B. Approval of May Financial Reports

**Presenter:** Shaun Karch

5.C. Approval of the School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) and Nutritional Team for 2018-2019

6. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the 2017-2018 Amended Budget**

7. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the 2018-2019 State Compensatory Education Budget**

8. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the 2018-2019 Budget**

9. **Superintendent Report on STAAR (Unofficial)**

9.A. Superintendent Report on STAAR Scores for 2018

10. **Closed Session (If Needed) Under the Authority of Texas Government Code Section 551.074: Personnel Matters**

11. **Discussion and Possible Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session**

12. **Adjourn**

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Board Secretary

**THRALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Date:		Presented By:	President
Subject:	Call to Order	Related Page(s)	None

**Action**

1. President will call the meeting to order.

**THRALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Date:		Presented By:	Board President
Subject:	Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation	Related Page(s)	None

**Action**

1. President will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**THRALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Date:		Presented By:	President
Subject:	Public Comment	Related Page(s)	No

**Action**

**1. The Board President will guide Public Comment.**

If there is a comment presented, the Board President will read the following before they speak:

The Board of Trustees of Thrall Independent School District is committed to improving educational opportunities for girls and boys through public involvement and participation. Citizens of the district are always welcome to attend and appear before the trustees at Board meetings. Citizens are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner and work within established meeting procedures directed at all times by the President of the Board.

**Complaints and inquiries will be directed to proper administrative levels before coming to the Board.** At no time will the Board allow personal attacks on the character of a trustee or employee. Charges against an employee will be heard in closed session. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak.

No presentation shall exceed five minutes. Delegations of more than five persons shall appoint one person to present their views before the Board.

Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

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AUTHORIZED  
EXPENDITURES

A district shall not lend its credit or gratuitously grant public money or things of value in aid of any individual, association, or corporation. *Tex. Const. Art. III, Sec. 52; Brazoria County v. Perry, 537 S.W.2d 89 (Tex. Civ. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 1976, no writ)*

A district shall not grant any extra compensation, fee, or allowance to a public officer, agent, servant, or contractor after service has been rendered or a contract entered into and performed in whole or in part. Nor shall a district pay or authorize the payment of any claim against the district under any agreement or contract made without authority of law. *Tex. Const. Art. III, Sec. 53; Harlingen Indep. Sch. Dist. v. C.H. Page and Bro., 48 S.W.2d 983 (Comm. App. 1932)*

The state and county available funds disbursed to a district shall be used exclusively for salaries of professional certified staff and for interest on money borrowed on short time to pay such salaries, when salaries become due before school funds for the current year become available. Loans for paying professional certified staff salaries may not be paid out of funds other than those for the current year. *Education Code 45.105(b)*

Local funds from district taxes, tuition fees, other local sources, and state funds not designated for a specific purpose may be used for salaries of any personnel and for purchasing appliances and supplies; for the payment of insurance premiums; for buying school sites; for buying, building, repairing, and renting school buildings, including acquisition of school buildings and sites by leasing through annual payments with an ultimate option to purchase [see CHG]; and for other purposes necessary in the conduct of the public schools to be determined by a board. *Education Code 45.105(c)*

No public funds of a district may be spent in any manner other than as provided for in the budget adopted by the board. *Education Code 44.006(a)*

USE OF DISTRICT  
RESOURCES

IMPROVEMENTS TO  
REAL PROPERTY

Except as provided below or by Education Code 45.109(a-1), (a-2), or (a-3) [see CX], a board shall not enter into an agreement authorizing the use of school district employees, property, or resources for the provision of materials or labor for the design, construction, or renovation of improvements to real property not owned or leased by the district.

This section does not prohibit the board from entering into an agreement for the design, construction, or renovation of improvements to real property not owned or leased by the district if the improvements benefit real property owned or leased by the district. Benefits to real property owned or leased by the district include the

design, construction, or renovation of highways, roads, streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, utilities, and drainage improvements that serve or benefit the real property owned or leased by the district.

*Education Code 11.168*

HOTELS

The board may not impose taxes, issue bonds, use or authorize the use of district employees, use or authorize the use of district property, money, or other resources, or acquire property for the design, construction, renovation, or operation of a hotel. The board may not enter into a lease, contract, or other agreement that obligates the board to engage in an activity prohibited by this section or obligates the use of district employees or resources in a manner prohibited by this section.

“Hotel” means a building in which members of the public obtain sleeping accommodations for consideration. The term includes a motel.

*Education Code 11.178*

ELECTIONEERING

A board may not use state or local funds or other resources of the district to electioneer for or against any candidate, measure, or political party. *Education Code 11.169*

COMMITMENT OF  
CURRENT REVENUE

A contract for the acquisition, including lease, of real or personal property is a commitment of a district’s current revenue only, provided the contract contains either or both of the following provisions:

1. Retains to a board the continuing right to terminate the contract at the expiration of each budget period during the term of the contract.
2. Is conditioned on a best efforts attempt by the board to obtain and appropriate funds for payment of the contract.

*Local Gov’t Code 271.903*

FISCAL YEAR

A board may determine if a district’s fiscal year begins on July 1 or September 1 of each year. *Education Code 44.0011*

BUDGET  
PREPARATION

A superintendent shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a proposed budget covering all estimated revenue and proposed expenditures of a district for the following fiscal year. *Education Code 44.002*

FUNDS FOR  
ACCELERATED  
INSTRUCTION

A district that is required to provide accelerated instruction under Education Code 29.081(b-1) [see EHBC] shall separately budget sufficient funds, including funds under Education Code 42.152, for that purpose. A district may not budget funds received under Edu-

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Education Code 42.152 for any other purpose until the district adopts a budget to support additional accelerated instruction. *Education Code 29.081(b-2)*

DEADLINES

The proposed budget shall be prepared on or before a date set by the State Board of Education, currently August 20 (June 19 if a district uses a July 1 fiscal year start date). *Education Code 44.002(a); 19 TAC 109.1(a), .41*

The adopted budget must be filed with the Texas Education Agency on or before the date established in the *Financial Accountability System Resource Guide. Education Code 44.005; 19 TAC 109.1(a)*

PUBLIC MEETING ON  
BUDGET AND  
PROPOSED TAX RATE

After the proposed budget has been prepared, a board president shall call a board meeting for the purpose of adopting a budget for the succeeding fiscal year. Any taxpayer of a district may be present and participate in the meeting. *Education Code 44.004(a), (f)* [See CCG for provisions governing tax rate adoption.]

The meeting must comply with the notice requirements of the Open Meetings Act. *Gov't Code 551.041, .043*

PUBLISHED NOTICE

A board president shall also provide for publication of notice of the budget and proposed tax rate meeting in a daily, weekly, or biweekly newspaper published in a district. If no daily, weekly, or biweekly newspaper is published in a district, the president shall provide for publication of notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the district's central administrative office is located. The notice shall be published not earlier than the 30th day or later than the tenth day before the date of the hearing.

FORM OF NOTICE

The published notice of the public meeting to discuss and adopt the budget and the proposed tax rate must meet the size, format, and content requirements dictated by law.

The notice is not valid if it does not substantially conform to the language and format prescribed by the comptroller.

TAXPAYER  
INJUNCTION

If a district has not complied with the published notice requirements in the FORM OF NOTICE described above, and the requirements for DISTRICTS WITH JULY 1 FISCAL YEAR below, if applicable, and the failure to comply was not in good faith, a person who owns taxable property in the district is entitled to an injunction restraining the collection of taxes by the district. An action to enjoin the collection of taxes must be filed before the date a district delivers substantially all of its tax bills.

*Education Code 44.004(b)-(e)*

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PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY	Concurrently with the publication of notice of the budget under Education Code 44.004, a district shall post a summary of the proposed budget on the school district's Internet website or, if the district has no Internet website, in the district's central administrative office.
	The budget summary must include a comparison to the previous year's actual spending and information relating to per student and aggregate spending on:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Instruction;</li><li>2. Instructional support;</li><li>3. Central administration;</li><li>4. District operations;</li><li>5. Debt service; and</li><li>6. Any other category designated by the Commissioner.</li></ol>
	<i>Education Code 44.0041</i>
DECREASE IN DEBT SERVICE RATE	If the debt service rate calculated under Education Code 44.004(c)(5)(A)(ii)(b) decreases after the publication of the notice required by this section, the board president is not required to publish another notice or call another meeting to discuss and adopt the budget and the proposed lower tax rate. <i>Education Code 44.004(g-1)</i>
BUDGET ADOPTION	A board shall adopt a budget to cover all expenditures for the succeeding fiscal year at the meeting called for that purpose and before the adoption of the tax rate for the tax year in which the fiscal year covered by the budget begins. <i>Education Code 44.004(f)-(g)</i>
CERTIFIED ESTIMATE	By April 30, the chief appraiser shall prepare and certify an estimate of the taxable value of school district property. <i>Tax Code 26.01(e)</i>
DISTRICTS WITH JULY 1 FISCAL YEAR	A district with a fiscal year beginning July 1 may use the certified estimate of the taxable value of district property in preparing the published notice if the district does not receive the certified appraisal roll on or before June 7. A district that uses a certified estimate may adopt a budget at the public meeting designated in the published notice prepared using the estimate, but a district may not adopt a tax rate before the district receives the certified appraisal roll for the district. <i>Education Code 44.004(h)-(i)</i>

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BUDGET ADOPTION AFTER TAX RATE ADOPTION	Notwithstanding Education Code 44.004(g), (h), and (i), above, a district may adopt a budget after the district adopts a tax rate for the tax year in which the fiscal year covered by the budget begins if the district elects to adopt a tax rate before receiving the certified appraisal roll for the district as provided by Tax Code 26.05(g). Following adoption of the tax rate [see CCG], the district must publish notice and hold a public meeting before the district may adopt a budget. The comptroller shall prescribe the language and format to be used in the notice. The district may use the certified estimate of taxable value in preparing the notice. <i>Education Code 44.004(j)</i>
PUBLICATION OF ADOPTED BUDGET	On final approval of the budget by the board, a district shall post on the district's Internet website a copy of the budget adopted by the board. The district's website must prominently display the electronic link to the adopted budget.  A district shall maintain the adopted budget on the district's website until the third anniversary of the date the budget was adopted.  <i>Education Code 44.0051</i>
AMENDMENT OF APPROVED BUDGET	A board shall have the authority to amend the approved budget or to adopt a supplementary emergency budget to cover necessary unforeseen expenses.  Copies of any amendment or supplementary budget must be prepared and filed in accordance with State Board rules.  <i>Education Code 44.006</i>
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH BUDGET REQUIREMENTS	A board member who votes to approve any expenditure of school funds in excess of the item or items appropriated in the adopted budget or a supplementary or amended budget commits a misdemeanor offense. <i>Education Code 44.052(c)</i>
CERTAIN DONATIONS	A district may donate funds or other property or service to the adjacent general's department, the Texas National Guard, or the Texas State Guard. <i>Gov't Code 437.111(b), .252, .304(a)</i>

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FISCAL YEAR	The District shall operate on a fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30.
BUDGET PLANNING	Budget planning shall be an integral part of overall program planning so that the budget effectively reflects the District's programs and activities and provides the resources to implement them. In the budget planning process, general educational goals, specific program goals, and alternatives for achieving program goals shall be considered, as well as input from the District- and campus-level planning and decision-making committees. Budget planning and evaluation are continuous processes and shall be a part of each month's activities.
BUDGET MEETING	<p>The annual public meeting to discuss the proposed budget and tax rate shall be conducted as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Board President shall request at the beginning of the meeting that all persons who desire to speak on the proposed budget and/or tax rate sign up on the sheet provided.</li><li>2. Prior to the beginning of the meeting, the Board may establish time limits for speakers.</li><li>3. Speakers shall confine their remarks to the appropriation of funds as contained in the proposed budget and/or the tax rate.</li><li>4. No officer or employee of the District shall be required to respond to questions from speakers at the meeting.</li></ol>
AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES	The adopted budget provides authority to expend funds for the purposes indicated and in accordance with state law, Board policy, and the District's approved purchasing procedures. The expenditure of funds shall be under the direction of the Superintendent or designee who shall ensure that funds are expended in accordance with the adopted budget.
BUDGET AMENDMENTS	The Board shall amend the budget when a change is made increasing any one of the functional spending categories or increasing revenue object accounts and other resources.

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**Action**

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