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News from Burnet CISD School Board Meetings **August 15, 2016**

Budget and Tax Rate Hearing

BCISD Business and Finance Director Sarah Cervi presented the 2016-2017 school year budget during the budget and tax rate hearing which preceded the regular Board meeting. The \$32,363,680 budget is less than a 1.1% increase over the 2015-2016 adopted budget. The budget process involves campus and central office administrators and the central office accounting and personnel staff.

Board Business

The following board actions were taken at the meeting:

- ✓ Accepted donation from the Franklin I. Fickett Foundation.
- ✓ Approved board minutes.
- ✓ Approved purchases in excess of \$25,000.00
- ✓ Approved the Student Resource Officer MOU for the 2016-17 school year.
- ✓ Approved the certified appraisal rolls for tax year 2016 for BCISD.
- ✓ Approved the effective tax rate and rollback tax rate for tax year 2016 for BCISD.
- ✓ Adopted the 2016-2017 School Year Budget.
- ✓ Approved the Resolution to adopt a tax rate of \$1.32 consisting of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and .28 for debt service for tax year 2016.
- ✓ Approved the purchase of Attendance Credits from TEA as District's Option for equalizing wealth level for Chapter 41 status.
- ✓ Approved the budget amendment.
- ✓ Approved the adult meal prices as presented.
- ✓ Approved the Burnet County AgriLife Extension Service to have adjunct staff member status for the 2016-2017 school year and the request for adoption of Resolution regarding the extra-curricular status of the 4-H organization.
- ✓ Approved the 2016-2017 appraisal calendar.

The Board of Trustees voted to approve a donation from the Franklin I Fickett Charitable Foundation in the amount of \$173,835.88. The funds will be utilized to support the Inspired Classroom pilot program. What we know from research is that classroom design influences interaction and engagement, which increase student retention and achievement. Through an infusion of technology, high-impact furniture and the creativity of our teachers, Burnet CISD wants to create inspired classrooms that look, feel and operate differently than a traditional classroom. 12 teachers are participating in the pilot program and the pilot is designed to measure levels of student engagement, cooperative learning and self direct learning while meeting the intent of the strategic drivers identified by teachers: Mobility/Flexibility, Student Centered and Technology Friendly.

Mr. Ed Small, Chairman of the Franklin I Fickett Charitable Foundation Board of Directors, presented the generous donation to Superintendent Keith McBurnett and Board President Andy Feild. The three are pictured here with the 12 BCISD teachers that are participating in the pilot program. Front Row l-r: Cheryl Shipp, Tiffany Clark, Keilah Hernandez, Kristi Messer, Megan Jones, and Elizabeth Drake.

Back Row l-r: Superintendent McBurnett, Mr. Small, Abby O'Hair, Mr. Feild, Jill Castillo, Melanie Younger, Cindy Roberts, Jessica Kelly, and Buffy Taylor.

