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News from Burnet CISD School Board Meetings

August 21, 2017

Board Business

The following Board actions were taken at the meeting

- ✓ Approved Board minutes.
- ✓ Approved purchases in excess of \$25,000.
- ✓ Approved purchase of attendance credits from TEA as District's option for equalizing wealth level for Chapter 41 status.
- ✓ Approved the Banking Corporate Authorization Resolution
- ✓ Approved the audit engagement letter with West, Davis, and Company.
- ✓ Approved the request from Burnet County AgriLife Extension Service to have adjunct staff member status for the 2017-2018 school year and adopted the Resolution regarding the extra-curricular status of the 4-H organization.
- ✓ Voted to accept the certified appraisal rolls for the tax year 2017 for the Burnet Consolidated Independent School District.
- ✓ Voted to accept the effective tax rate and rollback tax rate for the tax year 2017 for Burnet Consolidated Independent School District as presented.
- ✓ Adopted the 2017-2018 school year budget as presented.
- ✓ Approved the Resolution to adopt a tax rate of \$1.28 consisting of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and .24 for debt service for tax year 2017-2018.
- ✓ Approved the final budget amendments as presented.
- ✓ Approved the purchase of three activity buses from Thomas Buses for \$521,250 and establishing a budget of \$30,000 for graphical wraps utilizing fund balance for a total of \$551,250.
- ✓ Approved Odysseyware as credit recovery.
- ✓ Made a Board request for cameras in special education self-contained classrooms pursuant to Texas Education Code §29.022 for the 2017-2018 school year.

A Note from Superintendent Keith McBurnett

Local school taxes make up a big part of a homeowner's property tax bill. The tax bill is broken into two parts: Maintenance and Operations (M&O) covers operating costs like salaries, benefits and utility bills; Interest and Sinking (I&S) covers interest on bond debt for facilities.

On Monday, August 21 the BCISD Board of Trustees voted to reduce its I&S tax rate to 0.24 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the 2017 tax year. This represents a 4 cents decrease from last year for a total tax rate of \$1.28.

"The Board of Trustees and administration are committed to having the lowest possible tax rate while planning for the future and maintaining an outstanding educational program for students," said Superintendent Keith McBurnett. The approved tax rate is 2 cents away from being at pre-2014 Bond Program levels.

"We are thrilled to have accomplished so many upgrades and renovations to our facilities the past 3 years while aggressively lowering the tax rate," said McBurnett. "Because of the work we accomplished our facilities are safer, more efficient and provide a better learning environment for students."

