



El Boletín

Regular Called Meeting: September 23, 2009

Tax Collector's Report

August 2009 Tax Collector's Report

Minutes Approved

- Special Called Meeting - August 10, 2009

Discussion Items

Discussion of Investments/Investment Earnings as of August 31, 2009

Discussion/Update on La Joya ISD Juarez-Lincoln High School (Texan Road) by Gignac & Associates LLP - Raymond Gignac. A presentation was made by Gignac & Associates LLP on construction project status.

Discussion of the Heart and Stroke Policy. An Allstate representative presented to the Board to clarify the coverage provided by the Heart and Stroke Policy.

Public Comments

Debbie Lee Alvarez spoke before the Board on behalf of her sister, teacher Paula Guajardo. Alvarez said Guajardo's son was diagnosed with leukemia, has been hospitalized for an extensive period of time and is awaiting additional medical treatment. Guajardo has exhausted her days to be out of work and has been offered 87 days to borrow from colleagues. However, local Board policy states employees may borrow only 30 days per year. Alvarez asked the Board to reconsider this 30 day limit to help people, like Guajardo, who face catastrophic events. Guajardo's husband, Pete Guajardo, has also been offered days. Paula Guajardo works at Escandon Elementary and Pete Guajardo works at Garcia Middle School.

Action Items

Approved

Contracts

- Continuation of the Weidenhammer Education Solutions Maintenance Renewal for Business Administration Software at a cost of \$60,133
- Gifted and Talented Coop Contract with Region One at a cost of \$3,500
- Ordinance No. 2009-01 Certifying the Tax Roll for the 2009-2010 School Year, Setting the Tax Rate and Ratio for the La Joya Independent School District, Making Certain Findings, and Providing for a Severability Clause, adopting a tax rate of \$1.3110.
- Resolution No. 2009-09 to Authorize Administration to Invest District Funds in the Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexasTERM) and Designating Authorized Representatives

- Resolution No. 2009-08 to Authorize Administration to Invest District Funds in the Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool) and Designating Authorized Representatives
- Resolution Prohibiting Contracting with a Person Indebted to the La Joya Independent School District

- Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) Operating Plan and Interagency Agreement/Business Associate Agreement

Bids

- Boys Soccer Bid # 2009-070 at a cost of \$36,149.72
- Girls Soccer Bid # 2009-069 at a cost of \$29,517.15
- Employee Uniforms Competitive Sealed Proposal # 2009-090 at an estimated cost of \$60,000.00 per year
- Fine Arts Performance Groups Catalog Bid # 2009-093 at an estimated cost of \$500,000.00 per year (Aggregate estimate including Bid No. 2007-061 and Bid No. 2008-076)
- Orchestral Instruments and Supplies for J.D. Salinas Middle School Quote # 2009-884 through Catalog Bid # 2007-060 at a cost of \$41,354.30
- Procurement of School Buses Utilizing the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative at a cost of \$1,643,670.00
- Purchase of Computer Technology, Software and Peripheral Purchases Utilizing Purchasing Cooperatives Available to the District at a cost of \$2,000,000.00

Business and Finance

- Application and Certificate for Payment of Contractor's Fees No. 6 for the Construction of La Joya ISD Elementary School No. 25 at a cost of \$833,307.61
- Application and Certificate for Payment of Contractor's Fees No. 2 for La Joya ISD Performing Arts Center HVAC Upgrade at a cost of \$436,973.18
- Application for Payment of Architectural and Engineering Fees No. 22 for the New La Joya ISD Juarez-Lincoln High School (Texan Road) at a cost of \$29,407.25
- Allowance Expenditure Authorization No. 3-R2 for the New La Joya ISD Elementary School No. 25 at a cost of \$12,364.00 from an Allowance of \$84,810.00, leaving a remaining Balance of \$72,446.00
- Allowance Expenditure Authorization No. 5-R2 for New La Joya ISD Elementary School No. 25 at a cost of \$50,276.00 from an Allowance of \$75,000.00, leaving a remaining Balance of \$24,724.00
- Color Selection for La Joya ISD Juarez-Lincoln High School Gymnasium Bleachers

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- TASB Large District Leadership Forum for the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools to Attend in Austin, Texas on December 4-5, 2009 at an approximate cost of \$200.00-\$1,200.00 per person
- Texas Association of School Board Legal Seminar for the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools to Attend in South Padre Island, Texas on November 13-14, 2009 at an approximate cost of \$100.00-\$600.00 per person
- Call for Nominee's to the Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2010-2011 - Pete Garcia of Pharr

Instruction & Student Services

- 2009-2012 Algebra Readiness, Cycle 1 Grant Application for a Maximum Allowable Amount per Award of \$235,000.00
- 2009-2010 Investment Capital Fund, Cycle 19 Grant Application for a Maximum Allowable Amount per Award of \$50,000.00
- 2009-2010 Pre-Kindergarten Early Start Tier 3, Year 1 for an Award Amount of \$1,717,360.00
- 2008 Advanced Placement Campus Awards Letter for Secondary School for an Award Amount of \$27,374.30

Personnel

- Employment of Professional Personnel
- Employment of Classified Staff
- Staff Resignation(s)

Postponed

- Minutes for Regular Called Meeting - September 9, 2009
- Proposal Submitted by Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 for La Joya ISD Middle School No. 9

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