

Birdville Independent School District

2021 SCHOOL FIRST RATING

PUBLIC HEARING

OCTOBER 28, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

What is FIRST?

- **Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas.**
- Created by Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999 and amendments under House Bill 5 of the 83rd Texas Legislature in 2013, to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources.
- Rating calculations are based on data from the 2019–20 fiscal year.

Objectives

- Achieve quality performance in the management of school district's financial resources.
 - ◆ Assess the quality of financial management in Texas public schools.
 - ◆ Measure and report the extent to which financial resources are allocated for direct instructional purposes.
 - ◆ Fairly evaluate the quality of financial management decisions.
 - ◆ Openly report results to the general public.

Determination of Rating

The FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, as follows:

- **A** for Superior Achievement (90–100)
- **B** for Above Standard Achievement (80–89)
- **C** for Meets Standard Achievement (70–79)
- **F** for Substandard Achievement (<70)

Birdville ISD

Superior Achievement

- BISD received a score of 96 (out of 100).
- BISD has received a top rating each year since inception of the rating system 19 years ago.

Indicators

1. Was the complete annual financial report (AFR) and data submitted to TEA within 30 days of the November 27th deadline based on the school district's fiscal year-end date of June 30th?
 - YES. The 2019–20 annual financial report was filed with TEA on November 23, 2020. (Prior Year Result 2018–19: Yes)
2. Was there an unmodified opinion in the AFR on the financial statements as a whole?
 - YES. The District received an unmodified opinion on the 2019–20 annual financial report. This is the highest rating a district can receive. (Prior Year Result 2018–19: Yes)

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3. Was the school district in compliance with the payment terms of all debt agreements at fiscal year end?
 - YES. The District was in compliance with the payment terms of all debt agreements at fiscal year end. (Prior Year Result 2018–19: Yes)
4. Did the school district make timely payments to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other government agencies?
 - YES. All TRS, TWC, IRS and other governmental agency payments were made in a timely manner. (Prior Year Result 2018–19: Yes)

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5. This indicator is not being scored for 2019–20. (2018–19: Not scored)
6. Was the average change in (assigned and unassigned) fund balances over three years less than a 25 percent decrease or did the current year's assigned and unassigned fund balances exceed 75 days of operational expenditures?
 - YES. The District's average change in fund balance over three years was less than a decrease of 25 percent and the District's current year fund balance exceeded 75 days of operational expenditures. (New indicator-no response for 2018–19)

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7. Was the number of days of cash on hand and current investments in the general fund for the school district sufficient to cover operating expenditures (excluding facilities acquisition and construction)?
 - YES. The District's cash on hand and current investments was sufficient to cover operating expenditures. The District received a score of 10, the highest score for this indicator. (Prior Year Result 2018–19: Yes – 10 pts.)

8. Was the measure of current assets to current liabilities ratio for the school district sufficient to cover short-term debt?
 - YES. The District's ratio of current assets to current liabilities was sufficient to cover short-term debt. The District received a score of 10 out of 10 for this indicator. (Prior Year Result 2018–19: Yes – 10 pts.)

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9. Did the school district's general fund revenues equal or exceed expenditures (excluding facilities acquisition and construction)? If not, was the school district's number of days of cash on hand greater than or equal to 60 days?
 - YES. The District's general fund revenues exceeded general fund expenditures, and the days of cash on hand equaled 60 or more days. The District received a score of 10, the highest score for this indicator. (Prior Year Result 2018–19: Yes – 10 pts.)

10. Did the school district average less than a 10 percent variance (90% to 110%) when comparing budgeted revenues to actual revenues for the last three fiscal years?
 - YES. The District averaged less than a 10 percent variance (90% to 110%) when comparing budgeted revenues to actual revenues for the last three fiscal years. The District received a score of 10, the highest score for this indicator. (New indicator, no response for 2018–19)

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11. Was the ratio of long-term liabilities to total assets for the school district sufficient to support long-term solvency? (If the district's change in students in membership over five years was 7% or more, then the district passes the indicator.)
 - YES. The District's ratio of current assets to current liabilities was sufficient to cover short-term debt. The District received a score of 8 out of 10 for this indicator (Prior Year Result 2018–19: Yes–8 out of 10 pts.)
12. Was the debt per \$100 of assessed property value ratio sufficient to support future debt repayments?
 - YES. The District received 8 out of 10 points on this indicator. Although the District did not receive the highest level of points in this category, the score of eight points does reflect that we received a high level of assurances that the debt per \$100 of assessed property value ratio is sufficient to support future debt repayments. (2018–19: Yes–8 out of 10 pts.)

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13. Was the district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio?
- YES. The District's administrative cost ratio was 6.98 percent. The District received a score of 10, the highest rating for this indicator. (Prior Year Result 2018–19: Yes – 10 pts., at 6.78 percent)
14. Did the school district not have a 15 percent decline in the students to staff ratio over three years (total enrollment to total staff)?
- YES. The District did not have a 15 percent decline in the students to staff ratio over three years (total enrollment to total staff). The District received a score of 10, the highest rating for this indicator. (Prior Year Result 2018–19: Yes – 10 pts.)

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15. Was the school district's ADA within the allotted range of the district's biennial pupil projection(s) submitted to TEA? If the district did not submit pupil projections to TEA, did it certify TEA's projections?
- YES. The District's ADA was within the allotted range of the district's biennial pupil projection(s) submitted to TEA. The District received a score of five, the highest rating for this indicator. (new indicator, no response for 2018–19)

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16. Did the comparison of Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) data to like information in the school district's AFR result in a total variance of less than three percent of all expenditures by function?
- YES. The comparison of District's PEIMS data to like information in the AFR resulted in a total variance of less than three percent of all expenditures by function. (Prior Year Result 2018–19: Yes)
17. Did the external independent auditor report that the AFR was free of any instance(s) of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds?
- YES. The District's AFR was free of any instance(s) of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds. (Prior Year Result 2018–19: Yes)

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18. Did the external independent auditor indicate the AFR was free of any instance(s) of material noncompliance for grants, contracts, and laws related to local, state, or federal funds?
- YES. The external independent auditor indicated the AFR was free of any instances of material non-compliance. The District received a score of 10 out of 10 points for this indicator. (Prior Year Result 2018–19: Yes – 10 pts.)
19. Did the school district post the required financial information on its website in accordance with Government Code, Local Government Code, Texas Education Code, Texas Administrative Code and other statutes, laws and rules that were in effect at the school district’s fiscal year end?
- YES. The required financial information was posted on its website in accordance with Government Code, Local Government Code, Texas Education Code, Texas Administrative Code and other statutes, laws and rules that were in effect at the District’s fiscal year end. The District received a score of five, the highest rating for this indicator. (New indicator, no response for 2018–19)

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20. Did the school board members discuss the district's property values at a board meeting within 120 days before the district adopted its budget?
- YES. The District's property values were discussed by the school board members at a board meeting within 120 days before the District adopted its budget. (New indicator, no response for 2018–19)

Five Additional Disclosures

1. Superintendent's Employment Contract in Place During the Public Hearing
2. Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2019–20
3. Outside Compensation and/or Fees Received by the Superintendent for 2019–20
4. Gifts Received by the Executive Officer and Board Members (and First Degree Relatives, if any) in Fiscal Year 2019–20
5. Business Transactions Between School District and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2019–20

Disclosure No. 1

Superintendent's Current Employment Contract

A copy of the superintendent's current employment contract is available on the District's website at:

- <https://www.birdvilleschools.net/Page/16971>

Disclosure No. 2

Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2019–20 (including amounts paid on behalf of the Superintendent and Board Members)

For the Twelve-Month Period Ending June 30, 2020

Description of Reimbursements	Dr. Darrel G. Brown	Joe Tolbert	Kelvin Dilks	Whitney Harding	Jack McCarty	Richard Davis	Ralph Kunkel	Kris Drees
Meals	\$ 80.02	\$ 28.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28.01	\$ -	\$ 28.01	\$ 23.00
Lodging	\$ 561.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transportation	\$ 225.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36.00	\$ 386.80	\$ 101.46	\$ 72.20
Motor Fuel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 462.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 220.00
Total	\$ 1,329.08	\$ 248.01	\$ 195.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 259.01	\$ 491.80	\$ 324.47	\$ 315.20

Note – The spirit of the rule is to capture all “reimbursements” for fiscal year 2019-20, regardless of the manner of payment, including direct pay, credit card, cash, and purchase order. Reimbursements to be reported per category include:

- Meals:** Meals consumed off of the school district’s premises, and in-district meals at area restaurants (excludes catered meals for board meetings).
- Lodging:** Hotel charges
- Transportation:** Airfare, car rental (can include fuel on rental), taxis, mileage reimbursements, leased cars, parking and tolls.
- Motor Fuel:** Gasoline
- Other:** Registration fees, telephone/cell phone, internet service, fax machine, and other reimbursements to, or on behalf of, the superintendent and board member(s) not defined above.

Disclosure No. 3

Outside Compensation and/or Fees Received by the Superintendent for Professional Consulting and/or Other Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2019–20

- No outside compensation and/or fees for professional consulting and/or other personal services were received by the superintendent during fiscal year 2019–20.

Disclosure No. 4

Gifts Received by the Executive Officer and Board Members (and First Degree Relatives, if any) in Fiscal Year 2019–20 (gifts with an economic value of \$250 or more in the aggregate)

- No gifts with an economic value of \$250 or more in the aggregate were received by any executive officer or board members (or first degree relatives) during fiscal year 2019–20.

Disclosure No. 5

Business Transactions Between School District and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2019–20

- None for Fiscal Year 2019–20

QUESTIONS?

