

# Birdville Independent School District

2015 Schools FIRST Rating

Public Hearing

November 19, 2015– 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 to measure the performance of school districts' financial resources
- Rating system reduced from 20 to 7 indicators for 2015 Rating (additional indicators will be added in future years)
- Rating calculations are based on data from the 2013-14 fiscal year

# Objectives

- 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

- Ratings are determined by the number of points earned on the 7 indicators:
  - Pass
    - 16-30 points
  - Substandard Achievement
    - < 16

# Birdville ISD

## Superior Achievement

- BISD received a score of 30.
- BISD has received the top rating since the inception of the rating system 14 years ago.

# Indicators

1. Was the complete annual financial report (AFR) and data submitted to TEA within 30 days of the November 27<sup>th</sup> deadline depending on the school district's fiscal year end date of June 30?

YES – The 2013-14 annual financial report was filed with TEA on November 21, 2014. (2012-13 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 2013-14 annual financial report. This is the highest rating a district can receive. (2012-13 Yes)

# Indicators (continued)

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. (2012-13 Yes)

4. Was the total unrestricted net asset balance (net of accretion of interest on capital appreciation bonds) in the governmental activities column in the Statement of Net Assets greater than zero?

YES – 2013-14 \$69,609,619 (2012-13 \$71,461,133)

# Indicators (continued)

5. Was the school district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio?

YES – The administrative cost ratio for 2013-14 was 5.32 percent. The maximum percentage for districts with ADA of 10,000 and above to receive the full 10 points on this indicator was 8.55 percent. (2012-13 Yes at 5.47 percent)

6. Did the comparison of Public Information Management System (PEIMS) data to like information in the school district's AFR result in a total variance of less than 3 percent of all expenditures by function?

YES – The district had zero aggregate variance in PEIMS data versus the AFR. (2012-13 Yes at zero variance)



# Indicators (continued)

7. 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 2013-14 AFR did not disclose an instance of material weakness in internal controls.  
(2012-13 Yes)

# 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 2014
3. Outside Compensation and/or Fees Received by the Superintendent for Professional Consulting and/or Other Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2014
4. Gifts Received by the Executive Officer and Board Members (and First Degree Relatives, if any) in Fiscal Year 2014
5. Business Transactions Between School District and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2014

# Disclosure No. 1

## Superintendent's Current Employment Contract

A copy of the superintendent's current contract is available on the District's website under Business Office Financial Reports at the following link:

<http://schools.birdvilleschools.net/Page/16971>

# Disclosure No. 2

Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2014 (including amounts paid on-behalf of the Superintendent and Board members)

All reimbursements received by the Superintendent and the Board Members for the period ending June 30, 2014 are listed by category on the following worksheet.

# Disclosure No. 2 (continued)

For the Period Ending June 30, 2014	Darrell Brown	Jack McCarty	Dolores Webb	Joe Tolbert	Brad Greene	Richard Davis	Ralph Kunkel	Cary Hancock
Description of Reimbursements	Superintendent	Board Member 2	Board Member 3	Board Member 4	Board Member 5	Board Member 6	Board Member 7	Board Member 1
Meals	\$ 92	\$ 80	\$ 13	\$ -	\$ 263	\$ 320	\$ 372	\$ 568
Lodging	632	432	-	-	722	963	1,780	1,780
Transportation	937	346	76	-	932	326	821	562
Motor Fuel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	515	1,061	779	740	1,700	1,080	2,747	1,996
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,176</b>	<b>\$ 1,919</b>	<b>\$ 868</b>	<b>\$ 740</b>	<b>\$ 3,617</b>	<b>\$ 2,688</b>	<b>\$ 5,721</b>	<b>\$ 4,906</b>

**Note** – The spirit of the rule is to capture all “reimbursements” for fiscal year 2014, 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 (or on-behalf of) to the superintendent and board member 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 2014

No outside compensation and/or fees for professional consulting and/or other personal services were received by the Superintendent during fiscal year 2014.

# Disclosure No. 4

Gifts Received by the Executive Officer and Board Members (and First Degree Relatives, if any) in Fiscal Year 2014 (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 member (or first degree relatives) during fiscal year 2014.

# Disclosure No. 5

## Business Transactions Between School District and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2014

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Total Paid</u> <u>2013-14</u>
Lift Aids, Inc.	Richard Davis	\$10,065