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BOARD BRIEFS: SEPTEMBER 24 BOARD MEETING

“Board Briefs” provides a summary of the Dripping Springs ISD Board of Trustees Sept. 24 Board meeting, including adoption of the 2018-19 tax rate.

During the recognitions portion of the meeting, the following employees received Above and Beyond awards: Victor Ashford from Dripping Springs Middle School, Amy Banker from Sycamore Springs Elementary, Darlene Byrd and Amelia Thompson from Rooster Springs Elementary, Celika Casanova from Dripping Springs High School, Roel Gutierrez from Sycamore Springs Middle School, Nancy Henry from the Special Services Department, Vanessa Holmes from Dripping Springs Elementary, and Michelle Machecek from Walnut Springs Elementary.

In the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Bruce Gearing reported that bonds were sold Sept. 20, 2018. Architects are working at the high school to gather input on programming needs from faculty members and an RFQ is being developed for the construction manager. He also reported that the Long-Range Facility Planning Committee will reconvene in the coming months. The group will receive reports on the 2018 bond program, be provided with updated demographic data, and begin discussion regarding the future of district facilities.

Assistant Superintendent Nicole Poenitzsch reported on several items from the Learning and Innovation Department, including universal screening with MAP testing, development of student profiles, planning SEL support for students, and membership in the SHAC (Student Health Advisory Council). Assistant Superintendent Elaine Cogburn introduced the Business and Finance Department's monthly report. She also gave an overview of budget amendments.

The DSISD Board voted to maintain the tax rate of \$1.52 (\$1.17 Maintenance & Operations/\$0.35 Interest & Sinking) per \$100 of certified property value for the 2018-19 fiscal year. This action is consistent with what the district projected to result from the May 2018 bond election and marks the fifth consecutive year that the total tax rate has remained unchanged at \$1.52. As a reminder, actual tax bills received by homeowners are the product of the tax rate and the appraised property value. Click [here](#) for more information on the budget development

process, tax rate, and recapture; this page also has links to the complete budget document, as well as other data such as student enrollment history.

Other Board action included approval of MOUs with CAPCOG and Texas State University, the TIRZ Cost Participation Agreement, a legal services retainer agreement, and continuation of five elementary classes that have 23 students.