

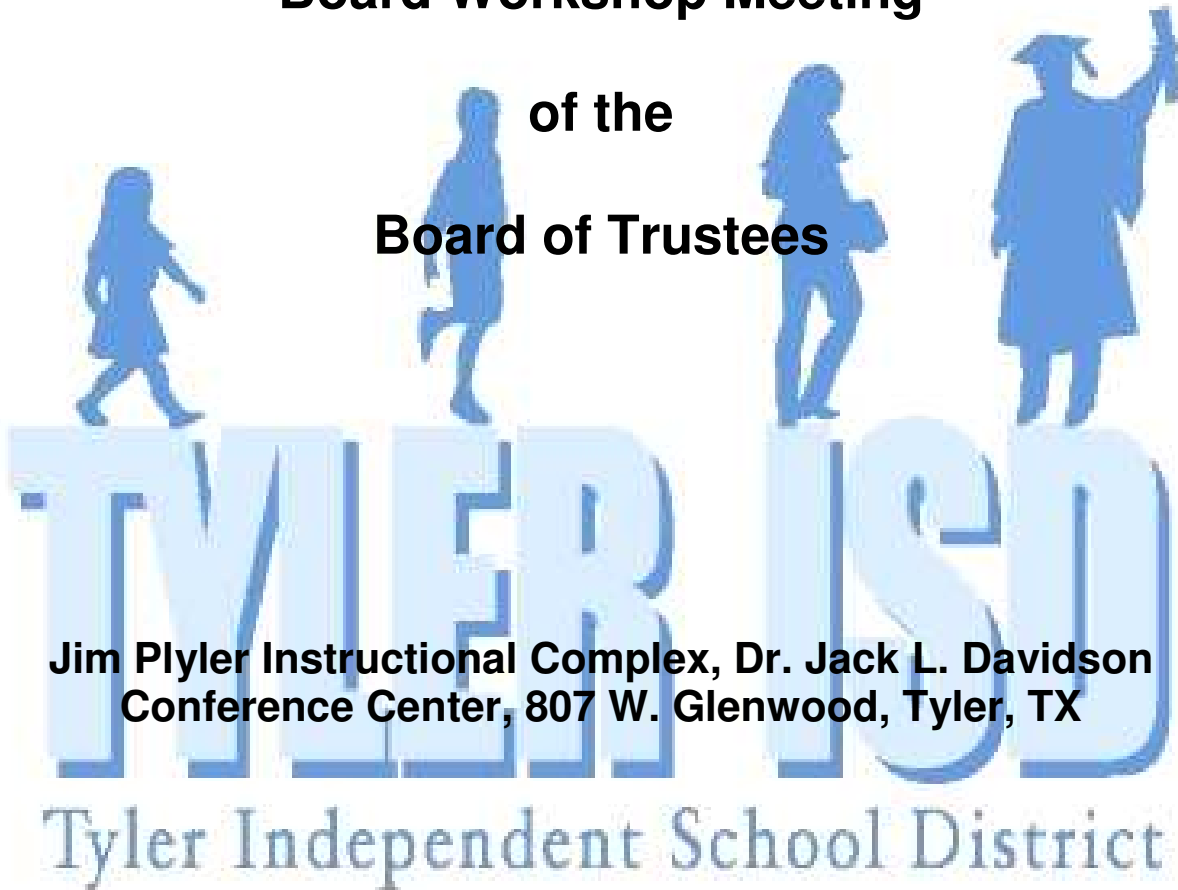
# **AGENDA**

**for the**

**Board Workshop Meeting**

**of the**

**Board of Trustees**



**Jim Plyler Instructional Complex, Dr. Jack L. Davidson  
Conference Center, 807 W. Glenwood, Tyler, TX**

**December 7, 2009  
4:30 PM**

**NOTICE OF BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE  
TYLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, December 7, 2009, the Board of Trustees of the Tyler Independent School District will hold a Board Workshop meeting at 4:30 PM at the Jim Plyler Instructional Complex, Dr. Jack L. Davidson Conference Center, 807 W. Glenwood, Tyler, TX. The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda which is attached to and made a part of this Notice.

Individuals with disabilities are entitled to have access to and participate in public meetings. An individual requiring an accommodation for access to the meeting must notify the Tyler Independent School District by informing Dr. H.T. Sanchez, the district's ADA coordinator, in writing 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting of the necessity of an accommodation. Upon receipt of this request, the district will furnish appropriate auxiliary aides and services when necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in and enjoy the benefits of the board meeting as nonhandicapped individuals enjoy.

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the School Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the School Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act.

Texas Government Code Section:

551.071	Private consultation with the board's attorney.
551.072	Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
551.073	Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations.
551.074	Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.
551.076	Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.
551.082	Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.
551.083	Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups.
551.084	Excluding witnesses from a hearing.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting, then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or
- (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.

**TYLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**

**Monday, December 7, 2009 4:30 PM**

**Jim Plyler Instructional Complex, Dr. Jack L. Davidson Conference Center, 807 W.  
Glenwood, Tyler, TX**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. First Order of Business -- Announcement by the Chairman as to the presence of a quorum, that the meeting has been duly called and that notice of the meeting has been posted in the time and manner required.
- III. Action Item
  - A. Approve Consulting Contract with Five Star Education Solutions to act as Technical Assistance Provider for John Tyler School Improvement Process 5
- IV. Superintendent's Reports/Discussion
  - A. Math Presentation 7
  - B. Facilities/Preventive Maintenance Report 8
  - C. T-Stem Academy/Grade Configuration 9
- V. Executive Session will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071 et seq. concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act.
  - A. Texas Government Code Section 551.071 For the purpose of a private consultation with the board's attorney on all subjects or matter authorized by law.
    - I. When the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or
    - II. On a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.
    - III. Consider legal advice regarding personnel and related action items.
  - B. Texas Government Code Section 551.072 For the purpose of discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
    - I. Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property
  - C. Texas Government Code Section 551.074 For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
    - I. Consider hiring and accepting resignations of professional personnel.
    - II. Consider renewals, non-renewals and terminations of contracts for professional personnel. (To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, and contracts of employees.)
- VI. Reconvene from Executive Session
- VII. Consider action on items discussed in Executive Session

- A. Consider board approval of hiring, accepting resignations and/or terminations of professional personnel.
- B. Consider renewals, non-renewals and terminations of contracts for professional personnel.

VIII. Adjournment

Subject: Approve Consulting Contract with Five Star Education Solutions to act as Technical Assistance Provider for John Tyler School Improvement Process

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

John Tyler High School is in Stage II of AYP in two areas, Math and Reading. This made it necessary to procure the support of a Technical Assistance Provider (TAP) mandated by TEA. As a result of her prior work with several Tyler ISD campuses and other area schools, Dr. Teri Fowler was selected as John Tyler's Technical Assistance Provider. She has made progress on each of the campuses she has served in her various capacities. Dr. Fowler examined John Tyler's educational needs and has recommended Five Star Education Solutions to provide the needed services.

### ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Many of John Tyler's staff has less experience than their district counterparts. As a result additional support and training are necessary to assist the staff in obtaining background in the use of diverse teaching strategies. Alternative teaching methods and strategies instill not only knowledge, but the love of learning which will provide students an opportunity to grow academically and function in an ever changing society.

### ACADEMIC IMPLICATIONS

Services provided by Five Star Education Solutions are as follows:

- Assistance in learning thoroughly the content for the core courses.
- Training in how to implement standards based instruction.
- Instruction on how to use hands-on and manipulative strategies.
- Helping with class management and student motivation techniques.
- Developing assessments that can be used to gage student progress.
- Assistance in how to intervene with students having difficulty.
- Training in the use of data to determine student strengths and weaknesses and to guide instruction.
- Helping teachers appropriately and seamlessly integrate technology.
- Participate in co-teaching experiences to provide support to the teachers.
- Work with the faculty in areas of need as determined by the teachers and administration.
- Help implement instructional strategies that have the students working instead of watching the teacher work.
- Emphasis on inquiry and the 5E instructional model.
- Implement a social contract between all stake holders in the school community that fosters student achievement.
- Promote collaboration among teachers and plan with staff during the designated planning time.
- Work specifically with teachers who will accept the necessity of change.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications as the funds will be obtained from John Tyler's school improvement grant funds (SIP and SIP ARRA). The services provided by Five Star Education Solutions will be for the amount of \$43,750.

### ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Allow for the purchase of services from Five Star Education Solutions which will entail 36 days for two consultants and one-half day for a campus overview by Paul Tisdell, director of Five Star Education Solutions.

### ACTION REQUIRED

The administration recommends the board approve a contract in the amount of \$43,750 to Five Star Education Solutions from John Tyler's school improvement funds.

### CONTACT PERSONS

Kim Tunnell  
Debbie Kelly  
Vernora Jones  
Edd Schneider  
Carol Saxenian

12-07-09

Subject: Math Presentation

Information will be presented at the meeting.

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Kim Tunnell  
Stacey Grant

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Subject: Facilities/Preventive Maintenance Report  
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CONTACT PERSONS

Tim Loper  
Rick Hensley  
Erly Polk

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Subject: T-Stem Academy/Grade Configuration  
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Randy Reid, Ed.D.  
Debbie Kelly  
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