



La Pryor I.S.D. School Board News Briefs

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School Board Plans To Reduce School Taxes

By Marcel Valdez

Board Workshop

On Tuesday(July 30th) the La Pryor I.S.D. board of trustees held a second budget workshop on the 2013-14 school budget. According to the Zavala County Appraisal District the 2013 certified tax values have increased by \$11,410,642(million) to \$63,119,517 for the 2013-14 year. Last year's property values for the La Pryor Independent School district were appraised at \$51,708,875(million). **Note: These total values include real estate, minerals and personal/industrial properties appraised by the Zavala County Appraisal District. Questions regarding your taxes should be referred to the Zavala County Appraisal District located at 323 West Zavala Street Crystal City Texas. Telephone (830)374-3475**

Board Plans

Based on these taxable values the board has now planned the 2013-14 school budget on a tax rate of \$1.13 for maintenance and operation(M&O) and .10 for interest and sinking(I&S) for a total of \$1.23 per \$100 dollar valuation. Last Year's Tax Rate was \$1.27 per \$100 dollar valuation .

Goals for the Community

The key to the success of this lower tax rate is for all of us as taxpayers to pay our share of taxes in a timely manner.

Board Goal for School Administration

Internal controls and management of expenditures during the budget year will be necessary so that a good end of year budget audit can be attained and efficient and appropriate utilization of these funds. Additionally the expectation of the board is to maintain a healthy district fund balance which is currently estimated at \$1,558,072(million).

Board Goal For Students and Staff

The board is committed to the educational needs of all students and staff, and will insure that all reasonable financial appropriations and efforts will be made to insure that these needs are met to provide the best educational environment for students and staff of the La Pryor Independent School District.

Board Public Invitation

The board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget and tax rate at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 20, 2013 at the La Pryor Elementary School Library. The board invites and encourages the public to attend this hearing.