Spring Branch Independent School District
Agenda Item Information

Date of Board Meeting: September 28, 2015

Subject: Request for Approval of Resolution for SBISD to Initiate Consideration To Be Designated as a District of Innovation under House Bill 1842

Administrator Responsible:
Name: Scott R. Muri, Ed.D.
Position: Superintendent of Schools

Purpose of Agenda Item: Action

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR BACK-UP:

The Board is requested to approve a resolution which will allow SBISD to begin the process of considering whether to move forward with being designated as a District of Innovation as described in HB 1842.

The resolution will be sent under separate cover.
Resolution
For Spring Branch ISD to Initiate the Process of Designation as a District of Innovation Under HB 1842

WHEREAS, the Spring Branch ISD Board of Trustees is committed to the success of every child; and,

WHEREAS, HB 1842 provides Texas public school districts the opportunity to be designated as Districts of Innovation; and,

WHEREAS, Texas districts designated as Districts of Innovation may be exempted from a number of state statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the Spring Branch ISD Board of Trustees has a long-standing practice of supporting innovation for the benefit of students; and,

WHEREAS, the Spring Branch ISD Board of Trustees believes that it can be a better decision-making body for students when it has freedom to exercise local control over the decision-making process; and,

WHEREAS, HB 1842 requires districts seeking to be designated as Districts of Innovation to develop a local innovation plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Spring Branch ISD Board of Trustees is preparing to develop a strategic plan for the District to improve school and District performance; and,

WHEREAS, the Spring Branch ISD Board of Trustees believes that a local innovation plan, if created, should be developed in conjunction with the District’s strategic plan; and,

WHEREAS, before considering the creation of a local innovation plan, the Spring Branch ISD Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to receive feedback from District stakeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Spring Branch Independent School District Board of Trustees on September 28, 2015, initiates the process of exploring and considering designation of the District as a District of Innovation under HB 1842.
President: Chris Vierra
Vice President: Karen Peck
Secretary: Wayne F. Schaper, Sr.
Board Member: Katherine Dawson
Board Member: Chris Gonzalez
Board Member: Pam Goodson
Board Member: Bob Stevenson

Date: 9.28.15