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March 3, 2026 - Board Meeting Agenda Questions & Responses

5.6 Staff Travel – AASBO

Can we confirm whether any district funds are being used for optional activities such as the golf tournament? Curious how this helps improve student achievement.

No district funds can be used for this event. If an employee chooses to participate in the golf tournament, they must pay for it themselves.

Staff Travel – Items 5.6 AASBO

- Can you explain the benefit of this travel to the district?

Employees benefit through learning and developing current skill sets, including new trends in the industry and updates. Continuing to educate our employees provides the district with additional expertise, retaining employees, and providing growth opportunities. One of our employees is also presenting at the conference on roofing, building soundness, and safety.

- Are these expenses being paid from the M&O account?

No, this professional development is paid from 570-Indirect Costs.

- Was a waiver signed confirming that DEI based classes will be avoided?

All employees sign the Conference Agreement as part of the annual Vector Training.

Staff Travel – Items 5.7 ASPRA

- Can you explain the benefit of this travel to the district?

The ASPRA Summer Conference brings together school public relations professionals and communicators from all over the state to learn best practices, new developments and technology that enhances community outreach and communication. Previous conference speaker sessions include experts in crisis communication, public records law, website development and design, community partnerships, and social media marketing. This conference provides professional development for the HUSD Marketing & Public Information Department so that we can continue to utilize the latest tools and practices to keep families and community partners informed and

attract new families to our schools.

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Item 5.8 – Authorization of Expenditure: Coronado Elementary Asphalt Repairs (Sunland Asphalt)

- How does this project specifically address student safety?

The current asphalt is a tripping hazard; students can injure themselves and the area is not conducive for the special education programs.

- Were additional vendors considered and priced?

No, this vendor is on a cooperative contract offering competitive pricing.

- Does this vendor provide the strongest warranty and best overall value for district funds?

Yes

Item 6.2 – HUSD K-5 ELA Curriculum

- What was the decision-making process behind selecting this curriculum?

The district used a committee comprised of various stakeholders, representing sites and district office, to review the vendors who solicited to be part of the RFP process and recommended for final review. A consensus decision-making process was used for the final recommendation. Factors considered included cost, feedback and input from the District Review Committee and Public Review, Professional Learning needs and opportunities, vendor presentations, and vendor best and final offers.

- Is this a strong long-term investment for district funds?

Yes.

- Was the material reviewed for CRT/DEI content, given community concerns?

All resources were reviewed by various stakeholders to ensure the resource meets the needs of the state's mandated learning standards, expectations of our district and community.

- Did the district review what Charters or Christian schools are using, and how does this curriculum compare?

The district reviewed publicly provided information on curricular resources of surrounding districts and schools.

- Were community and Teacher's input included in this decision?

Yes.

6.3 Supplemental

Can we get a consolidated inventory of all supplemental materials in use?

Supplemental list is on the website: [HUSDApprovedSupplementalMaterials.pdf](#)

What is the total annual cost of all approved supplemental materials across sites?

This will take time to pull as these are site based or department-based purchases. Many of the resources are open education resources and can be used at no cost.