

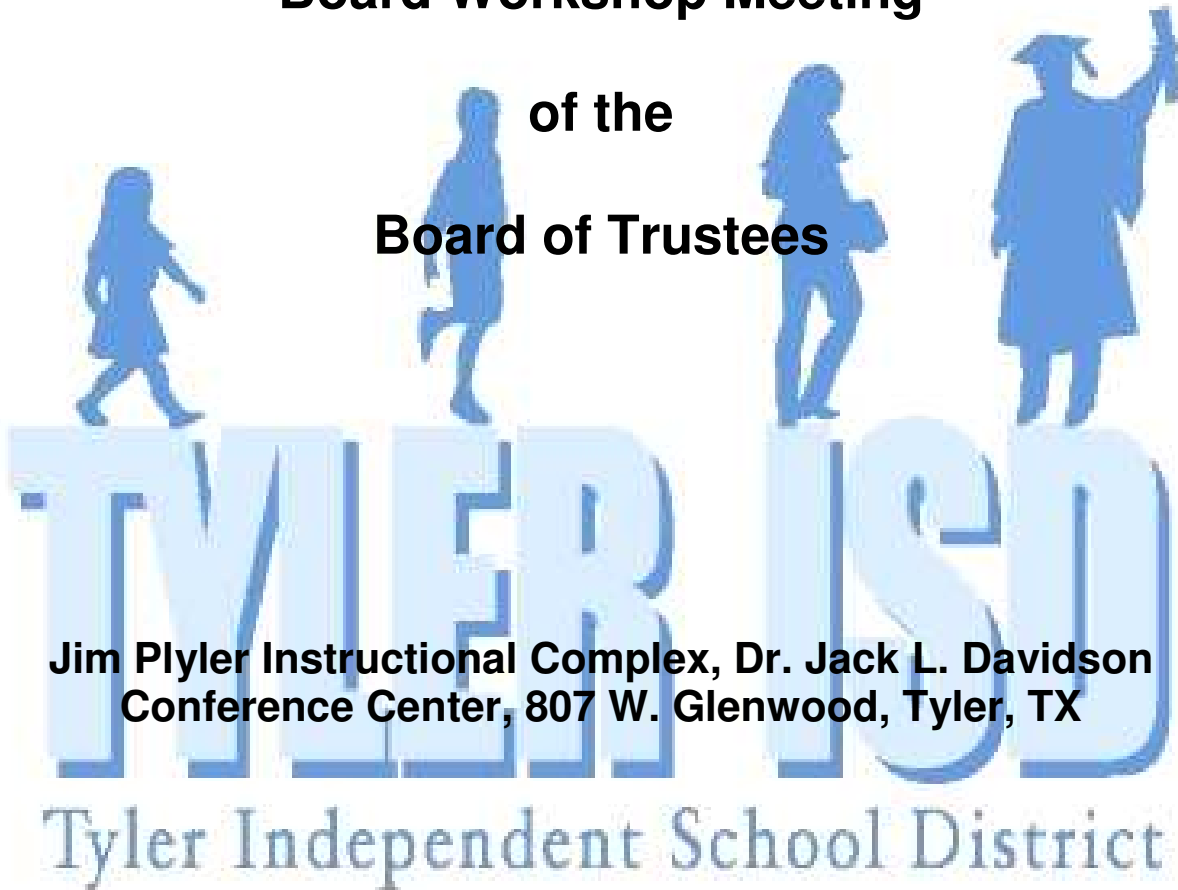
# **AGENDA**

**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**

**February 5, 2010  
1:00 PM**

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

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, February 5, 2010, the Board of Trustees of the Tyler Independent School District will hold a Board Workshop meeting at 1:00 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**

**Friday, February 5, 2010 1:00 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. Presentation by Paul Umbach with Tripp Umbach and Associates and Adam Levy with 30 Point Strategies regarding Industry Growth Initiative Project on behalf of the City of Tyler
- IV. Superintendent's Reports/Discussion
  - A. Language Arts Presentation 5
- V. Action Item
  - A. Consider approval of Managed Student E-mail Service 6
- VI. 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 551.074 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.)
- VII. Reconvene from Executive Session
- VIII. 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.

IX. Adjournment

Subject: Language Arts Presentation

Information will be presented at the meeting.

CONTACT PERSONS

Kim Tunnell  
Tammy Johnson

02-05-10

Subject: Managed Student E-mail Service

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Part of the continuous effort to engage our students in relevant learning experiences is to integrate technology into the classroom and provide real life opportunities to utilize reading and writing skills. In addition, the Technology Application TEKS include the standard that students properly use E-mail and understand procedures.

Student E-mail has been utilized in the past until concern for student safety prompted the need to select a program with a safety net to protect our students. Three campuses; Orr Elementary, Hubbard Middle School, and Moore Middle School will pilot Gaggle Net this spring to incorporate reading, writing, and provide an avenue for students to complete assignments and learn the proper E-mail process and etiquette. These pilots will provide the opportunity for teachers and students to use technology before, during, and after class within a safe web environment as we prepare to offer student E-mail as an instructional tool.

An RFP to provide for district-wide managed student E-mail accounts fro grades 4 – 12 was posted on the TISD website on December 29, 2009. The proper forms were filed the same day with the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company who is the administrator of the E-rate fund. In order to be eligible for E-rate discounts twenty-eight days must elapse before bids are considered. The requested service provides E-mail accounts for students that comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Two vendors responded to the RFPs and were evaluated on the basis of price, quality, resources, K-12 experience, and experience with the E-rate program. TISD staff reviewed the proposals.

Gaggle.Net, Inc.	\$25,374.90
Intrafinity, Inc. DBA SharpSchool	\$15,473.00

After a careful review of the proposed solutions, the district is not recommending selection of the lowest cost solution for the following reasons:

1. Robustness of filtering for inappropriate content.
2. References questioned level of support and size of the company.
3. Lack of financial information provided in the proposal.
4. Provided only 2 foreign languages for translations support.
5. No text to speech conversion.
6. Lack of control for student generated spam.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends that the Board approve a contract for the managed student E-mail accounts with Gaggle.Net, Inc. in the amount of \$25,374.90 per year. Funding for the project is provided by the E-rate funds. Final cost to the district after E-rate priority one funding will be approximately \$6,850.00 per year.

#### ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

#### CONTACT PERSONS

John Orbaugh  
Kim Tunnell  
Darlene Marshall  
Debbie Kelly

02-05-10