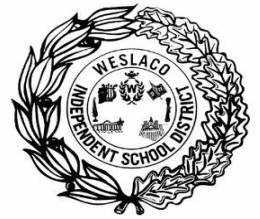




WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
THE RIGHT CHOICE

Dr. Cris Valdez
Interim Superintendent of Schools



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:
Place:
Location:
Date:
Time:

Public Hearing
WISD Board Room/Virtual
319 W. Fourth Street
December 16, 2021
5:34 P.M.

THIS MEETING WAS POSTED ONLINE FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS. THE MEETING WAS LIVESTREAMED AT THE FOLLOWING WEB LINK: <https://youtu.be/L6PcK97-vFg>

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The Public Hearing was called to order by Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Board President.

II. Establishment of a Quorum

A quorum was established. The following board members were present.

Armando Cuellar, President
Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Vice President
Marcos De Los Santos, Trustee
Jacklyn Sustaita, Trustee

Mr. Jesse Trevino joined the Public Hearing at 5:50 pm.

Mr. Isidoro Nieto and Mr. Andrew Gonzalez were absent.

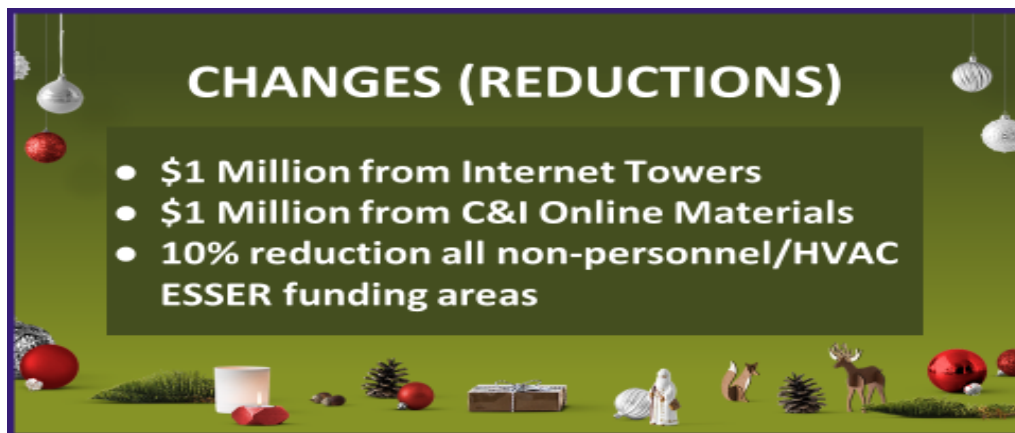
III. Public Hearing on ESSER II and ESSER III Spending Plan Amendment

Mr. John Garlic, Title One/Federal Programs & State Compensatory Director, gave an overview of the changes made to ESSER II and ESSER III funds.

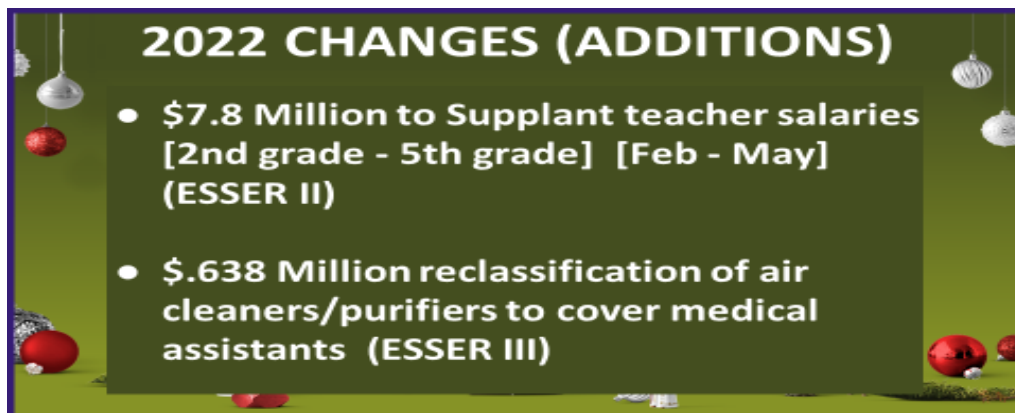
- >WISD was awarded relief funds. The district must submit an amendment to receive the additional funds of \$20,000.00. A public hearing must also be held.
- >All changes approved will be updated on the plan and posted on the district's website.
- >The \$11 million shortfall was caused by an ADA shortage of 1,500 students – a major hit to local funds.
- >WISD should receive a grant of \$.638 million around mid-January.

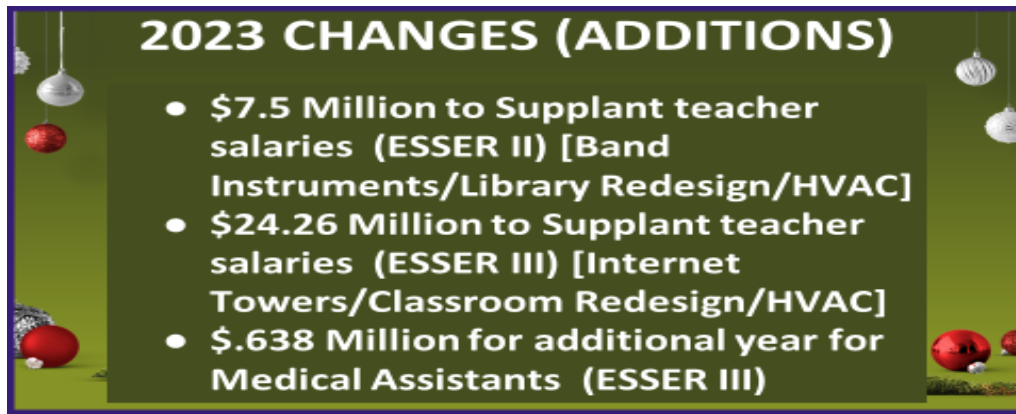


- >Below are several reductions that will occur to help make up the deficit:
 - Items related to personnel or HVAC were not touched.

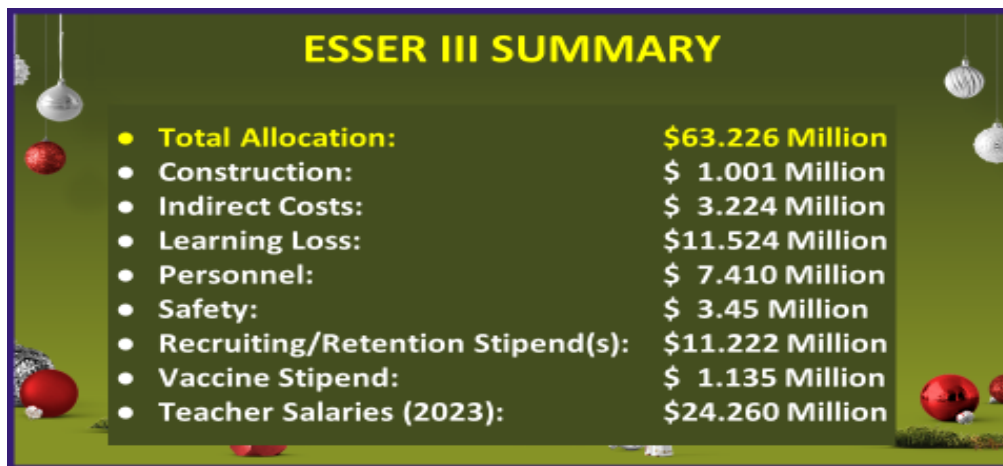


- >The following changes (additions) will be made to ESSER II and ESSER III funding:





- > The chart below reflects the total allocation of funds under ESSER III and list the categories on how the funds will be spent.
- Amount increased by about \$20,000.00
 - Learning loss spending requirement is 20%



According to Mr. Garlic, the amendments to ESSER II and ESSER III funding will help the district meet the shortfall caused by the ADA this year. Amendments for next school year will free up local monies and will allow the district to do the HVAC projects and make it easier for staff to purchase items such as band instruments, library furniture, and furniture for the elementary classroom redesign.

IV. Public Comments on ESSER II and ESSER III Spending Plan Amendment

Questions/Concerns Address by the Board:

- > Why is this information not included in their weekly packet to provide them ample time to review the information?
- Mr. Garlic explained that the grant is for three years so staff can amend the funding as needed. This information was shared with Mr. Andres Sanchez, Mr. Abel Aguilar, and Dr. Valdez and it is not set in stone.
 - Dr. Valdez said that the information was vetted through campus leaders, parent liaisons, principals, and district staff. It is being presented to the Board for their review and input. Staff will take into consideration any feedback received during this meeting and make the necessary adjustments.

Trustee Marcos De Los Santos pointed out that many school districts are making reclassifications for staff and amending ESSER funds to try to free up local funds.

>\$.638 Million Grant: Staff can purchase air purifiers through this grant. Thus, staff will be able to reclassify the funds previously spent on air purifiers and free up money from this grant to use for the medical assistants.

>Safety Concerns/Issues

- ›What other safety measures can the district take to make the schools a safer environment?
- According to Mr. Garlic, local funds have to be used for purchases related to safety.

Dr. Valdez shared that the ultimate goal in making these reclassifications is to free up local funds, which staff can use towards other purchases.

>Use of funds

The staff has to follow protocol to ensure all purchases are allowable under ESSER funds. Staff must submit a request for funds to Mr. Garlic when they want to purchase items. He will review the request to ensure the purchase is justified.

In the spring, Mr. Garlic will have to submit a report to the State of all items purchased with ESSER funds to ensure that the district met all spending requirements set forth. All purchasing documentation will be available for auditing purposes.

V. Adjournment

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:08 p.m.