



December 12, 2024
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
James Patterson Elementary Library

2024 – 2025 FBISD Board Leadership Academy Session 1 Agenda: School Budget and Finance

Board Facilitators:

- Rick Garcia – Board Vice President

Executive Team and Staff Presenters

- Bryan Guinn – Chief Financial Officer
- Deanna Alvarado

Objectives – Facilitators will answer the following:

- What are the basic elements of school finance (federal, state, and local)?
- What is the Board's role in financial matters?
- How can the Board prioritize support for educational programs during the budget process?
- How can Board Leadership Academy Cohort members advocate for FBISD Legislative Priorities related to school finance?

Agenda

Topic
Welcome and Introductions, Dinner
Pre-Session Quiz
Who oversees public education in Texas? How much is spent?
How are schools in Texas funded?
Property Value and Tax Rate
How the Foundation School Program Works
How does FBISD spend the money?
How does FBISD fund new schools and renovations?
Post-Session Reflection: I used to think but now I know.....
FBISD Board Legislative Priorities Advocacy Activity: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Which of the FBISD Legislative Priorities related to School Business and Finance?2. Of these priorities, which one would I prioritize in my advocacy for public schools? Why?3. What are some ways that I can advocate for the FBISD Legislative Priorities related to School Business and Finance?

Pre-Session Quiz

What are the most important variables for public education funding?

- A. State and federal funding
- B. Attendance and enrollment
- C. Local property taxes
- D. None of these

True or False

The district receives more than 50 percent of its funding from the federal government.

True or False

The state funds almost all of the district's budget

True or False

When property taxes go up, school districts receive a windfall.

What are some key areas where advocacy could most benefit the district?

- A. SPED – it is underfunded by \$36M; increase SPED funding.
- B. Teacher Pay - There is competition for teachers; increase funding for staff raises.
- C. Address Inflation – Inflation rates have increased by over 20% since 2019; increase the basic allotment to address inflation.
- D. All of the Above

My Score Before the Session _____/5

Session Reflection Activity

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