
Stetson Roane • Superintendent

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Dear Seguin ISD Community,

In light of concerns expressed over two budget amendments approved during the Nov. 10 Seguin ISD School Board meeting, I would like to provide clarification to our stakeholders.

While I never intended to spend \$15,000 for a holiday celebration for employees and community, this was the amount that I took to the Board for approval. I have reviewed our Nov. 12 holiday expenditures (two nutcrackers for future district-wide use) as well as what we plan to spend leading up to the Dec. 16 holiday celebration.

Simply put, I budgeted too much for the event. After crunching numbers, the total cost of the holiday celebration, nutcrackers included, should cost no more than \$4,000. Attached is a line item budget for the holiday celebration.

While Seguin ISD Central Office staff has held holiday celebrations in the past, my intent is to bring people together by expanding the event to include our campus and district employees, community and students. I should note that I have hosted similar events at two previous districts and they were well received and have continued following my departure.

We will be distributing invitations to the event in the near future and I look forward to this new opportunity to share the holiday spirit and give thanks.

Also during the Nov. 10 Board Meeting, a budget amendment was approved for \$38,000 for Board and Superintendent training and travel. There has been miscommunication as to exactly how these funds are to be used. Many believe that the \$38,000 is earmarked for a Board training trip to Boston. It is important to realize that the funds approved cover a wide variety of training and travel through June 2016.

Traditionally, a few of our Board Members have attended the national conference. This year, the national board training conference is in Boston in April. Details on who from Seguin ISD will attend, if any, will be determined in February.

All together, we have six board members, myself, and possibly two additional Board Members (by appointment and election) who are required to receive professional development as part of their voluntary service on the Board of Trustees. Additionally, the amount budgeted covers travel for the board and me to support student related activities such as performances and competitions.

It is my hope that this information helps clarify and answer questions regarding the budget items.

Sincerely,



Stetson Roane
Seguin ISD Superintendent of Schools

**Holiday Celebration
Budget**

REVISED

Item	Amount	Quantity	Total	Notes
Food, Desserts & Drinks	\$2.50	1000	\$2,500.00	
Decorations & Paper Products	\$750	1	\$750.00	
Incidentals (student transportation, santa, platters, etc.)	\$750	1	\$750.00	

\$4,000.00

A celebration to acknowledge the great contributions to the education of our students. With special gratitude for all administrators, teachers, teacher aides, support staff, maintenance and ground crews, transportation, and community supporters.