

History/Process

- This process is not new. Process has been followed for 20+ years.
- Process includes:
 - Employee Request Meeting March 5
 - Evaluation of Requests
 - Board of Directors Meeting
- As part of the budget process, MSWD staff reviews and assesses all costs and increases including labor costs (wages and benefits).



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Employee Requests – March 5, 2025

- · Some requests were the same as previous years
 - Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)
 - Full medical benefits at retirement at age 55 or graduated scale or add spouse.
 - · Flexible Spending Account (FSA)
 - Longevity pay
 - Increase District match for deferred compensation
 - Increase in safety boot allowance no cap
- Other requests
 - Increase comp time to 80 hours
 - · Sick time to count towards 40 hours for overtime pay.
 - · Provide employees with paid volunteer hours
 - · Christmas eve day off
- Items at Administrative level (already in progress, safety...etc.)
 - Lunch picnic table in parking lot
 - Raise procurement policy
 - · Employee cross-training program
 - Mangers/supervisors to complete performance evaluations on time.



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Evaluation of Requests

- Evaluation of Requests is completed by MSWD Senior Management Staff based on:
 - Past Board feedback
 - · legal guidance
 - · labor market conditions
 - Items that can be done administratively (already planned, safety, etc.)
 - 12 comparable agencies are surveyed.



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Recommendations

- Cost of Living Adjustment
 - 2025 = 2.6%
 - Fiscal impact \$139,000
- One additional optional holiday
- Flexible Spending Account (FSA)
 - \$3.75/month per employee
 - Fees (initial documents, amendments, compliance testing).
- Comp Time Increase Accruals to 80 hours
 - Cashout last pay period of each fiscal year.





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