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To: Board of Trustees
From: Gerry Miller
Date: May 9, 2017

CC: Dr. Mike Waldrip, Mike Jasso, Kelly Penny, Larry Guerra, Sid Grant

Re: Purchase of new band uniforms for CHS

The Coppell HS Band is interested in purchasing new band uniforms for the 2017-2018 school year. The current lot of band uniforms was purchased for the 2008-2009 school year. Band uniforms traditionally have a 7-year usable cycle before wear begins to show.

The Coppell HS Band sought out designs from several companies and ultimately decided on Fred J. Miller, Inc. and their Cesario Collection. The Cesario Collection offers proprietary 3D pattern-making for exclusive athletic fits. The counter-fit pants and structural back and seat proportions from FJM make their uniforms stand out amongst their competitors. The pricing from Fred J. Miller, Inc. is through the TASB BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative.

The quote we received for band uniforms is currently \$190,550.00. The funds would be sourced from the remaining 2013 CISD Bond. The uniforms would be constructed and sewn in mid-August, with the hope that we would be able to unveil them sometime around the 2017 Homecoming Game.

At this time, the Coppell HS Band is auditioning students for the 2017 Marching Band. Presently, 475 students are enrolled as members of the Coppell HS Band for the 2017-2018 school year. This will be the largest CHS Band in history, up from 375 this past year. Our existing uniform inventory includes 360 functional coats, 400 pants, and approximately 320 shakos (marching band hats).

We will have a student on-hand to model the new uniform at the Board Meeting, but here are a few details:

Coat: We wanted to maintain the line and shape of the traditional West Point Uniform Coppell has worn for many years, but with a post-modern twist. For this, we opted to shift the coat from black to white passing through the monochromatic color pallet. Additionally, we felt it important to bring some red back into the marching band uniform, as it was during the 1990s. We added a red vertical stripe, drawing the eye up from the drop sash all the way through the shoulder line and into the line on the shako.

Pants: While the Coppell Band was known for many years for wearing all-white, with the demands of modern drill design and choreography, wearing all-white has become a thing of the past in our activity. We have opted for the traditional all-black pant that was also utilized by the Coppell HS Bands throughout the 1990s and into the 2000s.

Drum Majors: As an homage to previous generations of Coppell HS Band performers, we have opted to dress the drum majors in an all-white version of the new uniform, keeping the tradition going with a non-marching performer.

RESOLUTION: That the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of new band uniforms from Fred J. Miller, Inc. at a total cost of \$190,550.00 through the TASB BuyBoard purchasing cooperative utilizing the remaining 2013 band Bond dollars.