

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SMITHVILLE, TEXAS 78957

AGENDA ITEM: H.5 DATE: February 23, 2026

SUBJECT: 1. Bid for Financial Audit Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year audit

- A. Purpose of Agenda Item:** Request Action
- B. Administrator responsible:** Stacy Tiner, Business Manager
- C. Strategic object, goal or need addressed:** To hire an independent audit firm to conduct the annual financial audit for the fiscal year 2025-2026 for annual mandatory state reporting on school district budgeting and compliance.
- D. Summary/Background Information:** In accordance with Texas Education Agency requirements and law the district is required to have an annual financial audit performed. Last year, we used Armstrong, Vaughn & Associates, P.C.—We were satisfied with their performance. The 2025-2026 audit will include auditing different funds which include the General Fund (199), Food Service (240), Debt Service (599), Capital Projects (699) and various federal funds, as well as activity funds. We received requests from 5 audit firms and received two responses from the following audit firms:

Company Name	Armstrong, Vaughn & Assoc, PC	Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP
2025-2026 Price	\$28,000	\$46,000
Estimated Hours	131	430
Total Points	92.5	80.5

- E. Monitoring and reporting time line:** Planning will begin in August and continue through September, interim fieldwork will be conducted in September/October, final fieldwork will occur during October/November and the presentation to the Board of Trustees in November/December.

- F. Evaluation method and time line:** Public request for qualifications
- G. Fiscal effect/cost:** Between \$28,000 and \$46,000 for fiscal year 2025-2026 audit.
- H. Effect of this action on other parts of the system:** State FIRST report.
- I. Alternatives considered:** None. The board is required by law to conduct an annual independent audit and report to the Texas Education Agency (TEA).
- J. Consequences of not approving recommendation:** Fieldwork on the audit would be delayed and audit reporting to TEA to meet the January deadline could be effected.
- K. Comments received:** None
- L. Administrative recommendation:** Approve the engagement of Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, PC as the district auditor for the fiscal year of 2025-2026.