

Notice of Special Called Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Fort Bend Independent School District

Monday, February 26, 2024

This is Notice that the Fort Bend Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a Special Called Meeting on Monday, Monday, February 26, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Event Center of the James Reese Career and Technical Center, 12300 University Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479. The agenda packet for the meeting is available at <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/649>.

Members of the public may view the live stream of the meeting at the following address: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/BoardMeetingLivestream>. Members of the public who wish to address the Board must register to speak no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting at the following address:

<https://www.fortbendisd.com/cms/lib/TX01917858/Centricity/Domain/83/New%20Regular%20Business%20Address%20Form%201-12-21.pdf>.

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- A. Deliberate recommendation to nonrenew or award administrator contracts for the 2024-25 school year.
15. Reconvene in Open Session
16. Consider Action on Closed Session Items
17. Adjournment

The following Fort Bend ISD Goals may be referenced in agenda items included in this document:

Goal 1: Fort Bend ISD will provide rigorous and relevant curriculum and deliver instruction that is responsive to the needs of all students.

Goal 2: Fort Bend ISD will provide a positive culture and climate that provides a safe and supportive environment for learning and working.

Goal 3: Fort Bend ISD will recruit, develop, and retain high quality teachers and staff.

Goal 4: Fort Bend ISD will engage students, parents, staff, and the community through ongoing communication, opportunities for collaboration and innovation, and partnerships that support the learning community.

Goal 5: Fort Bend ISD will utilize financial, material, and human capital resources to maximize district outcomes and student achievement.

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Agenda Review / Regular Meeting
Comparison

Summary

The following agenda items were revised or added following the February 5, 2024, Agenda Review. These do not include recognition, information, or closed session items. A brief explanation is included:

- 12A2.** The following revisions were made on Page 6 of the Meeting Minutes from the December 4 Agenda Review Meeting:

During discussion, Mr. Hamilton expressed appreciation to Dr. Whitbeck for her dedication to and positive impact on the District. Mrs. Malone highlighted Dr. Whitbeck's significant accomplishments, the public and Board's recent signals of support and confidence in Dr. Whitbeck, questioned the motives behind her retirement announcement, and shared details about information she received from Dr. Whitbeck in the days following the VATRE election, including a reported ultimatum given to the superintendent. Mrs. Malone stated her comments were not disclosures from closed session but information received outside closed session discussions.

- 12A4.** The following revisions were made on Page 2 of the Meeting Minutes from the December 15 Special Called Meeting: During discussion, Board members Jones, Hamilton, Hanan, Garcia, Gilliam and Dae expressed excitement about having Dr. Smith return to Fort Bend ISD. Board member Malone indicated her concerns were not specific to Dr. Smith, and asked for information about the selection and evaluation process, noting the extensive process that occurred in 2021.

Mr. Hamilton raised a Point of Order and Mr. Brush indicated the discussion was germane to the agenda item.

Mrs. Malone continued with questions regarding the selection process, Ms. Hanan noted Mrs. Malone participated in the 2021 process, and Ms. Dae noted Mrs. Malone's choice to participate in the current process, which included discussions in closed session. Mr. Brush confirmed closed session discussions should not be disclosed and personnel discussions are permitted to occur in closed session. Mrs. Malone explained her rationale for not attending a closed session on December 11, 2023 and expressed additional questions and concerns regarding the selection process. Mrs. Malone indicated that while she did not appreciate the way the Board handled the situation she expressed support of Dr. Smith and welcomed him back to the District.

- 12E.** The amount expended in FY2022-23 was previously reported as \$260,331. There are other Frontline expenditures not associated with Success Ed included in the total. The amount paid for Success Ed totaled \$121,962. Expenditures are not expected to exceed \$766,550 through May 2029. Funding is included in the budget.

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Action: Recognitions
Department: Communications

Recommendation

The Administration recommends that the Board recognize:

- National Anthem performer for February 26, 2024, Board Meeting
- Commonwealth Elementary for being selected as the No.1 Elementary School in Texas
- Students from Elkins High School for being selected for the TechRise Student Challenge
- Texas Music Educators Association recognizes forty-five Fort Bend ISD students for Texas All-State Band, Choir, and Orchestra recipients
- Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas recognizes thirty-six Fort Bend ISD counselors
- Six Fort Bend ISD teachers receive National Board Certifications in Teaching
- Hunters Glen Early Learning Center Black History Month presentation

Summary

Kempner High School Band ensemble for performing the National Anthem at the February 26, 2024, Board Meeting.

Commonwealth Elementary was selected as the No. 1 elementary school in Texas by the nonprofit Children at Risk organization. The recognition is based on student achievement, school performance and student growth.

Four students from Elkins High School were selected to compete in NASA's TechRise Student Challenge. The team is one of sixty winning teams nationwide. These students are a part of the Engineering Academy. Their focus is on aerospace engineering.

- Ryan Bhandari
- Jason Noby
- Thane Escobedo
- Santiago Pacheco
- Teacher – Misha Adams

The Texas Music Educators Association has selected forty-five Fort Bend ISD fine arts students for the Texas All-State Band, Choir, and Orchestra. Students are honored by participating in a series of rigorous auditions. Over 70,000 students initially entered the competition with only 1,875 students earning a seat in one of eighteen All-State ensembles.

- All-State Band

- Austin High School – Jalan Auduong
- Clements High School – Joseph Bellew and Ava Cobb
- Dulles High School – Gabriel Clark, Katherine Hwang, and Ikenna Nwakwue
- Elkins High School – Jackson Pate, Julia Wei, and Nevin Zetino
- Bush High School – Umair Ashraf
- Kempner High School – Leviticus Cano
- Ridge Point High School – Sebastian Alvarado
- All-State Choir
 - Austin High School – Gracie Pugh
 - Clements High School – Gia George, Victoria Huang, Danae Romero Leal, and Kallin Wheatley
 - Elkins High School – Davide Gucciardi, Jai Joshi, Madison Pascual, Brett Rosner, and Emma Szeto
 - Bush High School – Hobed Saravia
 - Ridge Point High School – Zachary Mok
 - Travis High School – Shelby Mortiz and Noel Pappas
- All-State Orchestra
 - Austin High School – Kevin Chen, Dezhou Gao, Chloe Lee, and Christine Li
 - Clements High School – Aryan Bora, Emilie Efendy, Amanda Li, Felix Shen, Alexander Song, Emma Wang, Sage Wang, Henry Xu, and Andy Zhou
 - Dulles High School – Seun Ayadi, Joshua Cheng, Lillian Liao, and Kendall Wu
 - Elkins High School – Lawrence Feng and Laurence Moug

Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas (CREST) is sponsored by the Texas School Counselor Association (TSCA) and awarded to exemplary school counseling programs that demonstrate effective school counseling program design and implementation while emphasizing a commitment to obtaining results that boost achievement and wellness for students.

- Fleming Elementary – Destiny Parker
- Cornerstone Elementary – Melissa (Missy) Masters
- Mission West Elementary – Karen Powell
- McAuliffe Middle School – Twana Jones, Nancy Lake, and Monica Doxey
- Crockett Middle School – Clayton Daniels, Anitra Moore, and Jessica Williams
- Fort Settlement Middle School – Marla Angibeau, Stefanie Armatta, Kristin Kendrick
- First Colony Middle School – Elizabeth Tanaka, Thao Nguyen, and Adrienne Luney
- Hodges Bend Middle School – Taheera Shelton, Taylor Blackmon, and Jasmin Stewart
- Bowie Middle School – Julia Martin, Michelle Garoni, and Tynisha Smith
- Lake Olympia Middle School – Tammy Byrd, Constance Goodly, and Tiffani Spencer

- Missouri City Middle School – Shanese Sly, Shandra Shaver, and Valerie Vaughn
- Thornton Middle School – Ayana Jefferson, Regina Torres, and Brittney Green
- Sartartia Middle School – Tanya Johnson, Amy Melby, and Jennifer Lappage
- Sugar Land Middle School – Eleni Smith, Kimberly Seright, and Nafecia Brinson

Six Fort Bend ISD teachers received their National Board Certification in Teaching. The program is a voluntary advanced professional certification for PreK-12 educators that identifies teaching expertise through a performance-based, peer-reviewed assessment. National Board Certification provides teachers an opportunity to hone their practice, demonstrate their professional knowledge and reinforce their dedication to their students and their career.

- Madden Elementary
 - Paige (Lindsey) Leiker, Generalist/Middle Childhood
 - Katherine Rogge, Generalist/Middle Childhood
- Garcia Middle School
 - Kelsey Appleby, Music/Early Adolescence Through Young Adulthood
 - Amanda Slusser, Career and Technical Education/Early Adolescence Through Young Adulthood
- Ridge Point High School
 - Kassi Carey, Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood
 - Lauren Merkel, Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

Kimberly Smith
Chief Communications Officer

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Information: Intruder Detection Audit Report
Findings
References: Policy CKC (Legal)
District Goal 2
Department: Police Department

Summary

The Texas Education Agency recently conducted an Intruder Detection Audit at one or more of our campuses. The audits test whether a campus is accessible to an unauthorized individual. This audit helps identify how we can improve safety for students, such as ensuring exterior doors are locked.

We are working closely with our School Safety & Security Committee to ensure we are training all our staff and securing our doors for the protection of everyone at our campuses. Intruder Detection Audits are just one of the many actions we are taking to ensure our schools are safe.

Since the January 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, the district has received fourteen (14) additional Intruder Detection Audit reports for fourteen (14) campuses. Thirteen (13) reports came back with no corrective actions and one (1) report showed a finding.

Specific details of the Intruder Detection Audit may be discussed in closed session and will be discussed with the Safety and Security Committee. Fort Bend ISD is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for our students and staff.

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

David Rider
Chief of Police

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Action: Information: 2nd Quarter Financials
and 2024-25 Budget Update
References: Board Policy CE (Legal)
Board Policy CFA
(Business and Finance)
Department: Executive Leadership Team

Summary

Staff will provide an update on the budget planning for the 2024-25 school year for the General Fund.

In addition, there will be a financial update and presentation of the 2nd Quarter financials for 2023-24.

Information included in the quarterly financials consists of the results of operations for the General Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Internal Service Funds and Extended Learning, and the Facility Program as of December 31, 2023.

The report also contains an updated investment report, summary of grant expenditures, tax collection report, budget amendment report, and a report on General Fund and Child Nutrition cash flow.

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

Bryan Guinn
Chief Financial Officer



Second Quarter Financial Results

- General Fund Revenues

- » Interest income higher than budgeted due to Fed rate increases 
- » SHARS revenue will be lower by \$4M due to HHS audit 

- General Fund Expenditures

- » Vacancies trending higher than budget
- » Utilities, transportation, health benefits, and sub cost higher than budgeted; offset by salary savings
- » Anticipate ending year within 90-day operating reserve requirement

Second Quarter Financial Results

- Debt Service Fund

- » Parameter orders approved by BOT in December; anticipate 4th quarter transaction
- » \$50 million of Commercial Paper outstanding

- Internal Service Funds

- » Health fund has positive fund balance due to budgeted transfers
- » Workers' Comp and Unemployment have positive fund balance

2023-24 Initial Year-End Estimate

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2023-24 Budget Impacts



Increase to
golden penny
yield



Successful
VATRE



Health &
Human
Services
Texas SHARS
finding



Vacancy
trend

2023-24 Initial Year-End Estimate

(\$ millions)	2023-24 Original Budget	2023-24 Amended Budget	2023-24 Year-End Estimate	2023-24 Variance
Total Revenue	\$ 767.6	\$ 813.6	\$ 809.4	\$ (4.1)
Net Expenditures	<u>766.6</u>	<u>818.3</u>	<u>813.5</u>	<u>(4.8)</u>
Other Sources/(Uses)	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Fund Balance	1.4	(4.2)	(3.5)	0.7
Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>200.2</u>	<u>200.2</u>	<u>200.2</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance - Ending	<u><u>\$ 201.6</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 196.1</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 196.7</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0.7</u></u>
Fund Balance Reserve - %	26%	25%	25%	
Fund Balance Reserve - Days	96 Days	91 Days	91 Days	

2024-25 Budget Preparation

2024-25 Budget Guiding Principles

01

Address
academic
achievement

02

New classroom
staff due to
enrollment
growth

03

Maintain
90-day
operating
reserve

04

Address
other Board
priorities

2024-25 Budget Headwinds

No increase in basic allotment since 2019

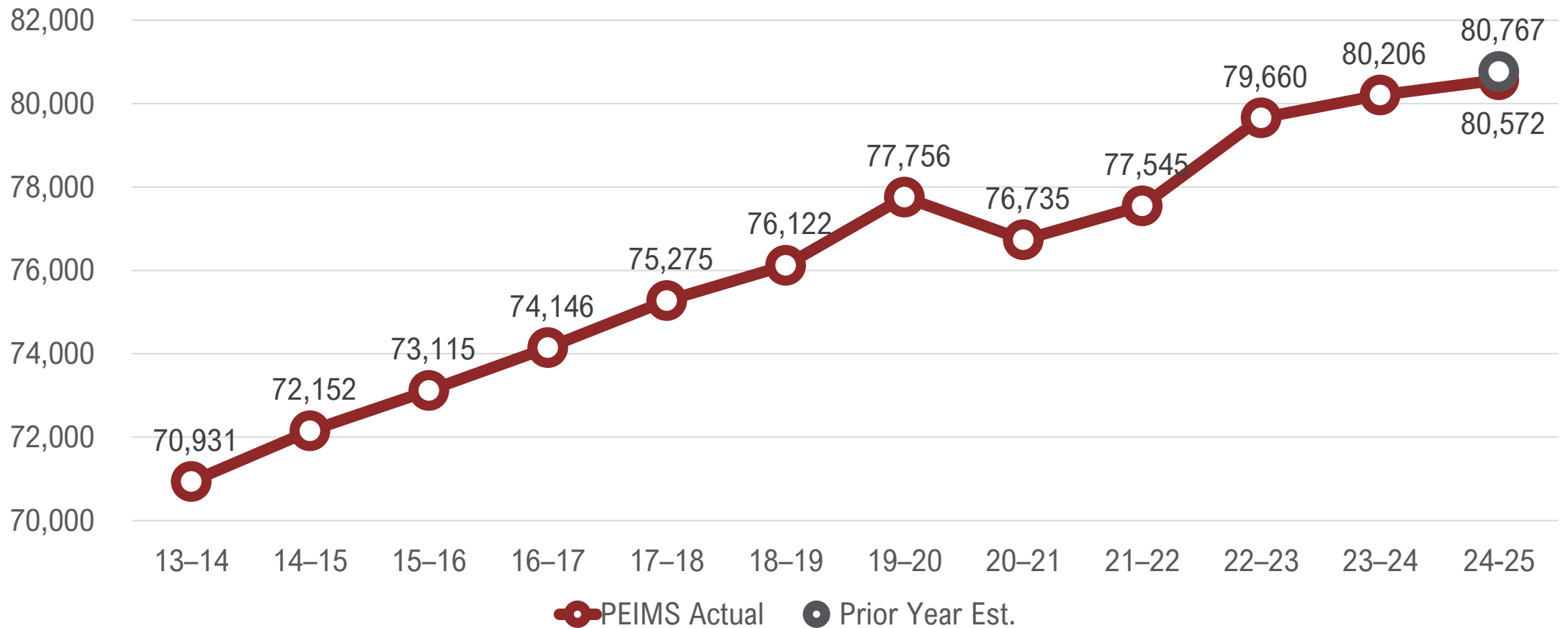
Slowing enrollment growth

HHS audit finding on SHARS

Anticipated Fed rate cuts

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Enrollment Growth



2024-25 Initial Outlook Assumptions



Projected enrollment (moderate): 80,572



Attendance rate: 95%

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Teacher step

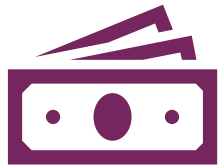


New campus-based positions for student enrollment growth

2024-25 Initial Outlook

	2023-24 Amended Budget	2023-24 Year-End Estimate	2024-25 Forecast Budget
(\$ millions)			
Total Revenue	\$ 813.6	\$ 809.4	\$ 816.9
Total Expenditures	818.3	813.5	820.3
Other Sources/(Uses)	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>2.5</u>
Change in Fund Balance	(4.2)	(3.5)	(0.9)
Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>200.2</u>	<u>200.2</u>	<u>196.7</u>
Fund Balance - Ending	<u><u>\$ 196.1</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 196.7</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 195.8</u></u>
Fund Balance Reserve - %	25%	25%	25%
Fund Balance Reserve - Days	91 Days	91 Days	90 Days

2024-25 Budget Ongoing Work



Finalize revenue estimates

Special Population Changes (\pm)
Indirect Cost (\pm)



Campus staffing allocations

BOT review and consideration in
March



Unknowns

New programs/program changes
Special legislative session
Compensation adjustments
Vacancy rate

ESSER Update

ESSER Background

ESSER II (June 3, 2021)

Total Award: **\$42.2M**

Used to supplant state ADA hold harmless in 2020-21 (\$11.7M)

Fully expended at end of 2022-23 school year

ESSER III (April 28, 2021)

Total Award: **\$94.7M**

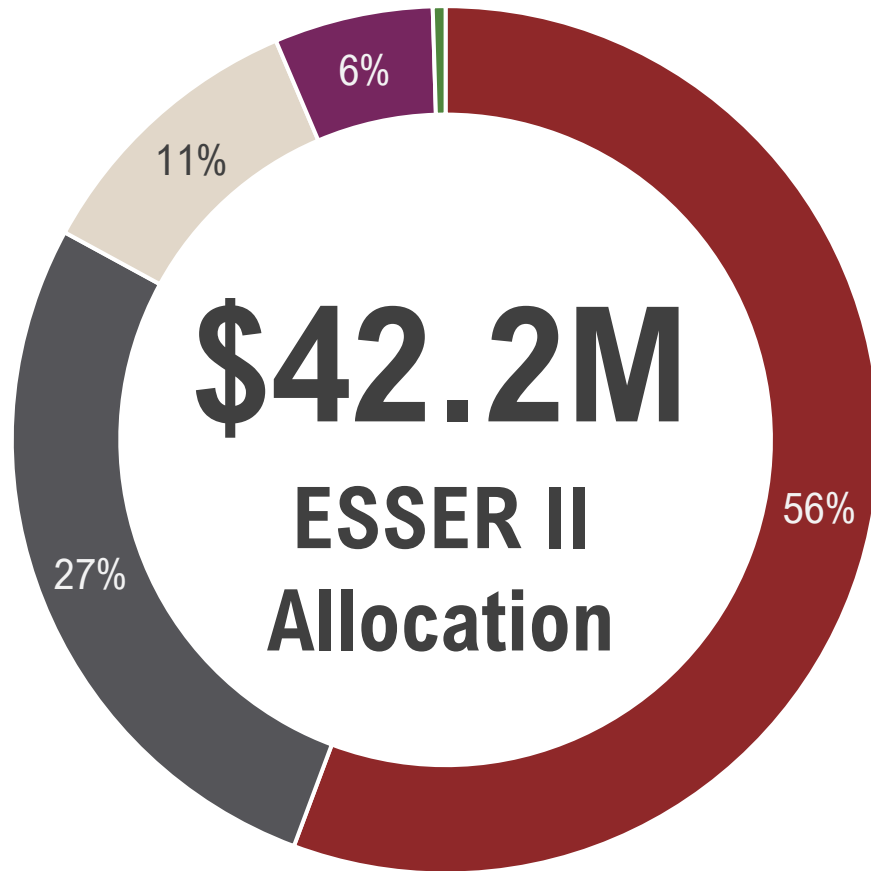
92% expended as of Jan 31, 2024

Remaining allocation budgeted to be expended by September 2024

	Awarded ¹	Expended	Balance
ESSER II	\$42.2M	\$42.2M	\$0.0M
ESSER III	\$94.7M	\$86.9M	\$7.8M
Total	\$136.9M	\$129.1M	\$7.8M

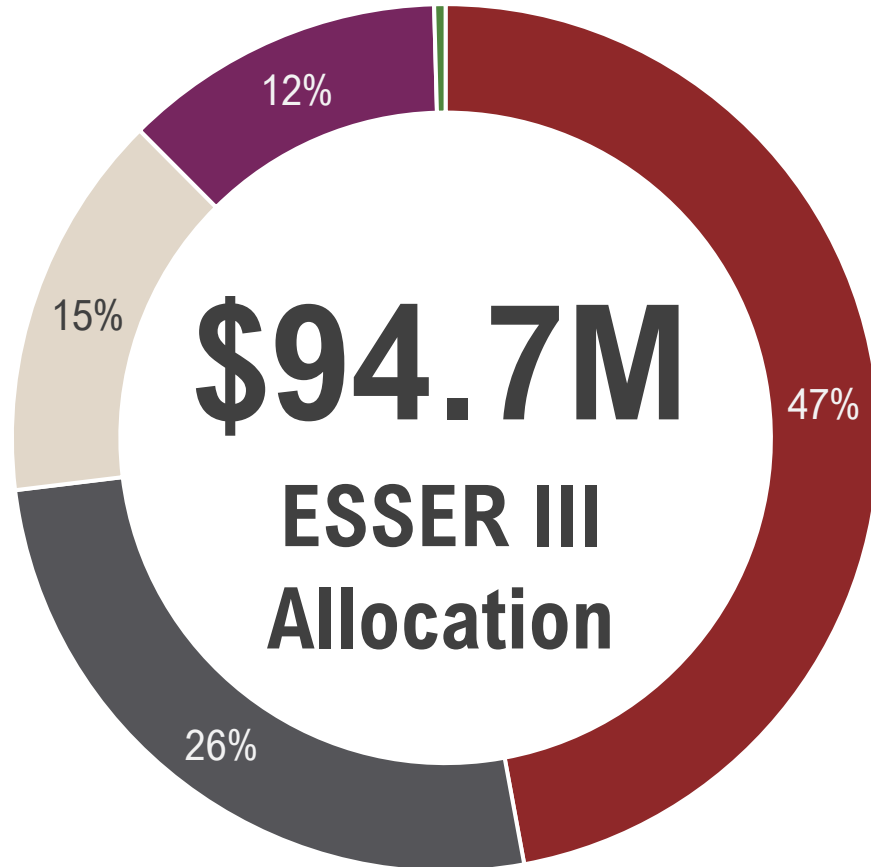
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ESSER II Recap



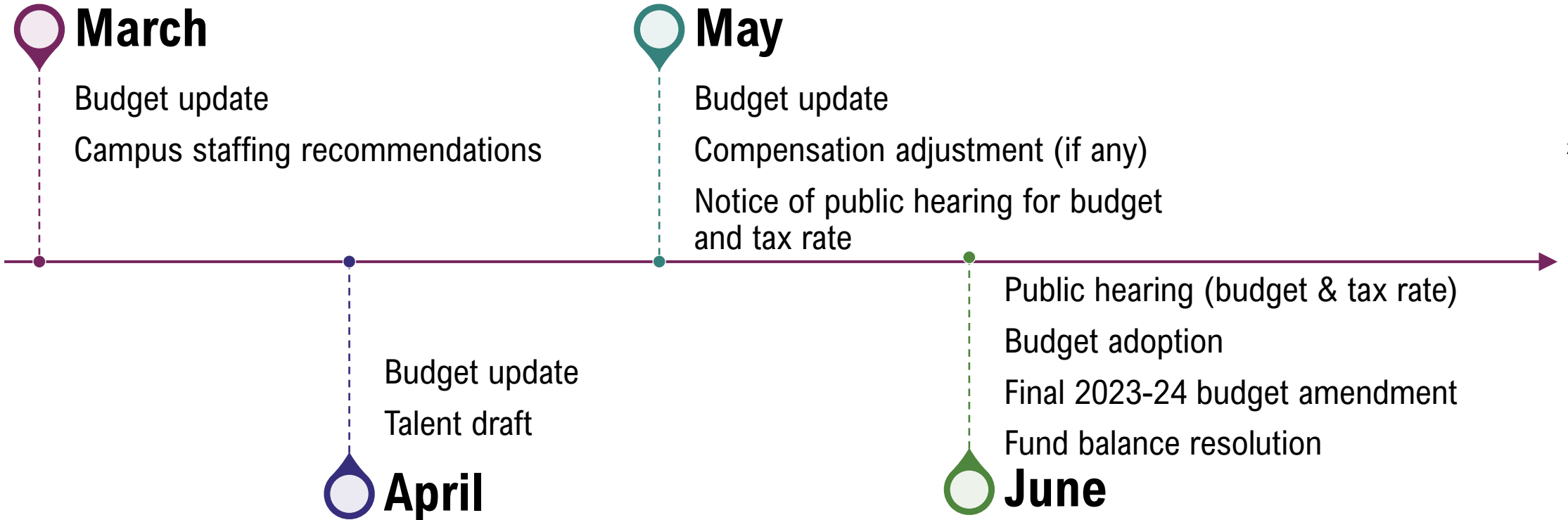
- Unreimbursed COVID Expenses: \$23.5M
- Interventionists & Mental Health: \$11.5M
- Indirect Costs: \$4.5M
- Technology Support: \$2.5M
- Other Reimbursable Costs: \$0.2M

ESSER III Recap



- Address Learning Loss: \$44.6M
- Teacher Planning: \$24.6M
- Interventionists & Mental Health: \$13.7M
- Indirect Costs: \$11.4M
- Contact Tracing: \$0.4M

Next Steps



Questions?



For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Action: Consideration and Approval:
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Reference: Board Policy BE (Local)
Department: Legal Services

Recommendation

Consideration and approval of the minutes of Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees meetings and/or public hearings on the following dates:

- December 04, 2023 – FIRST Hearing
- December 04, 2023 – Called Meeting and Agenda Review
- December 11, 2023 – Regular Business Meeting
- December 15, 2023 – Special Called Meeting

Summary

Board Policy BE (Local) states, “Board action shall be carefully recorded by the Secretary or clerk; when approved, these minutes shall serve as the legal record of official Board actions. The written minutes of all meetings shall be approved by vote of the Board and signed by the President and the Secretary of the Board.” Following this policy, the Administration submits the meeting minutes for the Board’s approval.

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

Coby Wilbanks
General Counsel

Minutes
Fort Bend ISD Independent School District
Board of Trustees

Public Hearing – FIRST Rating
Monday, December 4, 2023

A Board of Trustees held a Public Hearing on Monday, December 4, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building located at 16431 Lexington Blvd., Sugar Land, Texas. The Live Stream of the meeting was available at <https://www.fortbendisd.com/BoardMeetingLivestream>.

The meeting was recorded as required by law, and the recording is available to the public at: <https://fortbendisd.new.swagit.com/videos/283330>.

A quorum of the Board of Trustees attended in person at this location. The agenda packet for the meeting can be found here: <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/649?meeting=609362>.

Presiding Officer.....Mrs. Judy Dae, President

Board Members Present

Dr. Shirley Rose-Gilliam, Vice President
Mr. David Hamilton, Secretary
Mr. Rick Garcia
Mrs. Angie Hanan
Ms. Sonya Jones

School Officials Present

Dr. Christie Whitbeck, Superintendent of Schools
Steve Bassett, Deputy Superintendent
Beth Martinez, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Kwabena Mensah, Chief of Schools
Kimberly Smith, Chief Communications Officer
Bryan Guinn, Chief Financial Officer
Glenda Johnson, Chief Human Resources Officer
Long Pham, Chief Information Officer
Damian Viltz, Chief Operations Officer
Dr. Kimberly Lawson, Chief Academics Officer
David Rider, Chief of Police
Coby Wilbanks, General Counsel
Amanda Bubela, Recording Secretary (virtual)

Others Present

Jonathan Brush, Board Counsel
FBISD Staff and Employees

1. Meeting Called to Order

President Dae called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. announcing the presence of a quorum and that the meeting had been duly called and the notice posted for the time and matter required by law.

2. Information

A. 2022-23 FIRST Rating

Fort Bend ISD Executive Director of Finance Kelly Slacks presented an overview of the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, which was developed by the TEA to measure the financial resources of school districts. Slacks provided information about the 20 indicators established by the Commissioner of Education and FBISD's performance on each of the indicators, which resulted in a total score of 96 and a Superior Rating.

Slacks shared that while the rating is for the 2022-23 Rating Year, the rating system analyzed the data from the 2021-22 school year. Slacks also confirmed that FBISD has met all requirements as stipulated by the TEA, including the holding of this public hearing and a public notice that was posted on the District website and in the newspaper.

Following the presentation by Ms. Slacks, Board members had the opportunity to share questions and comments.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Adjournment

Having no further business before the Board, MOTION was made by Mrs. Hanan to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Judy Dae, President

David Hamilton, Secretary

Minutes
Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Called Meeting and Agenda Review
December 4, 2023

A Board of Trustees Regular Business Meeting was held on Monday, December 4, 2023, beginning at 6:01 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building located at 16431 Lexington Blvd., Sugar Land, Texas. The Live Stream of the meeting was available at <https://www.fortbendisd.com/boardmeetinglivestream>.

The meeting was recorded as required by law, and the recording is available to the public at: <https://fortbendisd.new.swagit.com/videos/283337>.

The agenda packet for the meeting can be found here: <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/649?meeting=608016>.

Presiding Officer.....Mrs. Judy Dae, President

Board Members Present

- Dr. Shirley Rose-Gilliam, Vice President
- Mr. David Hamilton, Secretary
- Mrs. Kristen Davison Malone (joined in progress)
- Mr. Rick Garcia
- Mrs. Angie Hanan
- Ms. Sonya Jones

School Officials Present

- Dr. Christie Whitbeck, Superintendent of Schools
- Steve Bassett, Deputy Superintendent
- Beth Martinez, Deputy Superintendent
- Dr. Kwabena Mensah, Chief of Schools
- Kimberly Smith, Chief Communications Officer
- Bryan Guinn, Chief Financial Officer
- Glenda Johnson, Chief Human Resources Officer
- Long Pham, Chief Information Officer
- Dr. Kimberly Lawson, Chief Academic Officer
- David Rider, Chief of Police
- Coby Wilbanks, General Counsel
- Amanda Bubela, Recording Secretary (virtual)

Others Present

- Jonathan Brush, Board Counsel
- FBISD Staff and Employees

1. Meeting Called to Order

President Dae called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. announcing the presence of a quorum and that the meeting had been duly called and the notice posted for the time and matter required by law.

2. Public Comment

- Marilyn Moore, President of the Friends of the Sugar Land 95, addressed the Board and expressed appreciation to Dr. Whitbeck for her support of the organization since its formation in June of 2023. Mrs. Moore told Board members that interested parties are watching FBISD, and that the organization is expecting a seamless transition as the District's leadership changes.
- Willie Rainwater, a community member, addressed the Board and expressed concerns regarding Dr. Whitbeck's retirement announcement and the performance of schools on the east side. Mr. Rainwater asked that the Board work together with its community to educate students.
- Pastor David Sincere, a community member, addressed Board members and expressed appreciation to Dr. Whitbeck for taking time to meet with him and hear the voices of the community. Pastor Sincere also expressed concerns about the stability of the district, referencing previous members of the Executive Team who have left the district.
- Dr. Janice Little, a NAACP member, former FBISD staff member, and current FBISD parent, addressed Board members and expressed appreciation to Dr. Whitbeck for supporting staff and students. Dr. Little expressed concerns about Dr. Whitbeck's retirement, indicating that it appeared the retirement was forced.

3. Information

A. Curriculum Management Plan Update

Melissa Hubbard, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, provided an overview of the District's Curriculum Management Plan, as well as the foundational components that drive the district's work, such as the Core Beliefs and Commitments, Mission and Vision, Profile of a Graduate, and Board Goals and policies. Hubbard shared that the District's Curriculum Management Plan is a comprehensive document that defines expectations for curriculum, as well as the expectations for professional learning and professional learning communities, or PLCs. The document also includes the mechanisms that are used to monitor the implementation of the curriculum.

Following the presentation, Board members asked clarifying questions of the administration and shared comments and feedback.

B. 1st Quarter Financial Report

Bryan Guinn, Chief Financial Officer, shared an overview of the District's 1st Quarter Financial Report, which includes financial information from July 1 to September 30. Guinn shared that as of September 30, FBISD was on trend to meet the District's moderate growth estimate, but since then, FBISD exceeded this enrollment estimate. During the presentation, Guinn noted that

FBISD anticipates interest income and IT subscription services will be higher than budgeted, which will likely result in budget amendments being brought to the Board in the future.

Following the presentation, Board members asked clarifying questions and shared comments and feedback.

C. Clements High School Schematic Design

Ashley Dixon, Director of Design and Construction, introduced Qeturah Williams, an architect with DLR Group, to share an update about the Clements High School rebuild project and its design process. During the presentation, Williams shared information about the community engagement process, which included community meetings, department and campus meetings and stakeholder groups, and a student survey. Williams shared that the design team is conducting site observations and will review a post-occupancy evaluation of Crawford High School. The presentation included an overview of the proposed site plan, floor plans and main entry, as well as a view of courtyard elements.

Following the presentation, Board members provided feedback and asked questions.

4. Review

A. **Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes:** Consideration and approval of the minutes of the Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees meetings and/or public hearings on the following dates:

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No discussion.

B. **Innovative Courses:** Consideration and approval of TEA approved innovative courses for 2024-25 as required by EFBJ (Legal).

No discussion.

C. **Fort Bend Central Appraisal District:** Consideration and approval of a resolution casting the District's vote entitlement of 1,225 among candidates nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District.

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No discussion.

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No discussion.

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No discussion.

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- 2. **Fine Arts Semi-Trailers:** Consideration and approval for the purchase of Semi-Trailers from Stadium Creations, LLC, under a cooperative contract with BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative in an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to negotiate and execute the agreement through August 2026.

In response to a question from the Board, Director of Fine Arts Jim Drew confirmed that the initial purchase of four trailers would result in every high school having a semi-trailer. Drew also indicated a needs assessment would occur in the future to determine if additional trailers are needed to replace aging vehicles.

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current Elementary Facility Educational Specifications Standards.

No discussion.

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In response to a question from a Board member, Executive Director of Design and Construction Daniel Bankhead shared that the District is seeking additional testing, adjusting and balancing consultants to work with air-conditioning systems after installation for projects related to the 2023 Bond. Mr. Bankhead also responded to questions regarding a vendor's lower RFQ score, and confirmed the vendor was qualified to provide services and had a good record of service with other clients. Mr. Bankhead also agreed to provide additional information regarding the vendor's referrals and credentials.

5. **District-Wide Security Guard Services and Related Services:** Consideration and approval to add additional vendors and increase the existing contract awarded under 20-051AR District-Wide Security Guard Services & Related Items by \$2,500,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$3,560,000 to continue purchasing District-Wide Security Guard Services & Related Items and for authorization for the Superintendent to negotiate and execute the agreement through January 2025.

In response to a question from a Board member, Police Chief David Rider confirmed the intent is to have contracted security guards in place at the start of the spring semester. During discussion, several Board members requested that the district provide an update to parents and the community so that they are aware of the change.

6. **Intercoms, Fire Alarm Systems, Public Announcement Sound Systems, Digital Clock Repairs, Speakers, and Related Services (Increase):** Consideration and approval to increase the existing contract awarded under 22-066AR Intercoms, Fire Alarm Systems, Public Announcement Sound Systems, Digital Clock Repairs, Speakers, and Related Services by \$960,000 for a total note to exceed the amount of \$1,320,000 through April 2027.

No discussion.

5. Closed Session

The Board convened in closed session at 7:35 p.m. under Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 under the following sections: 551.071 - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law; Section 551.072 - Consider purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, Section 551.074 - Personnel matters, Section 551.076 - Security matters, Section 551.082 - Student discipline matter or complaint, or Section 551.0821 - Personally identifiable information about public school student.

- A. Consideration and approval of the Superintendent's Voluntary Retirement Agreement
- B. Deliberate appointment of Acting Superintendent

- C. Consideration and approval of appointment of Acting Superintendent and stipend contract for serving as Acting Superintendent.

6. Reconvene in Open Session

The Trustees reconvened in open session at 8:06 p.m.

7. Consider Action on Closed Session Items

- **MOTION by Mr. Hamilton and SECONDED by Ms. Jones** that the Board approve the voluntary retirement agreement as presented.

During discussion, Mr. Hamilton expressed appreciation to Dr. Whitbeck for her dedication to and positive impact on the District. Mrs. Malone highlighted Dr. Whitbeck's significant accomplishments, the public and Board's recent signals of support and confidence in Dr. Whitbeck, questioned the motives behind Dr. Whitbeck's retirement announcement, and shared details about information she received from Dr. Whitbeck in the days following the VATRE election, including a reported ultimatum given to the superintendent. Mrs. Malone stated her comments were not disclosures from closed session but information received outside closed session discussions.

During discussion, President Dae **CALLED FOR THE QUESTION** to end discussion with a **SECOND** from Ms. Jones.

Following a question from Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Brush confirmed that the Open Meetings Act allows for closed session deliberation for the employee's benefit. Mr. Brush also responded to a question from Dr. Whitbeck and confirmed that the Board could deliberate a personnel matter in closed session amongst itself without the employee present.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION CARRIES. Yea: 5, Nay: 1, Abstain: 1

Yea: Dae, Hamilton, Garcia, Hanan, Jones

Nay: Malone

Abstain: Gilliam

ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIES, Yea: 4, Nay: 1, Abstain: 2

Yea: Dae, Hamilton, Garcia, Jones

Nay: Malone

Abstain: Gilliam, Hanan

- **MOTION by Mr. Hamilton and SECONDED by Dr. Gilliam** that the Board appoint Beth Martinez as the Acting Superintendent and approve the stipend contract for her performance of Superintendent duties as presented.

During discussion, Mrs. Malone expressed concerns regarding the approved severance payment to Dr. Whitbeck, and the proposed payment to the Interim Superintendent, and stated her belief that the actions were not fiscally responsible. Mrs. Malone expressed support for Ms. Martinez. Ms. Jones indicated there were concerns with Dr. Whitbeck.

During discussion, **Mr. Hamilton CALLED FOR THE QUESTION** with a **SECOND** from **Mr. Garcia.**

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION CARRIES. Yea: 5, Nay: 1, Abstain: 1.

Yea: Dae, Hamilton, Garcia, Hanan, Jones

Nay: Malone

Abstain: Gilliam

During discussion, Mr. Garcia suggested that the Board share a timeline regarding how the situation came about. Mr. Brush recommended against further disclosure of closed session discussions and indicated that following the previous vote on whether to call the question, the debate had closed and the Board should vote.

ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIES. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain: 2

Yea: Dae, Hamilton, Garcia, Hanan, Jones

Nay:

Abstain: Gilliam and Malone

Following action on the closed session items, President Dae expressed appreciation to Dr. Whitbeck and indicated that the Board would recognize Dr. Whitbeck at the next regular Board meeting. Dr. Whitbeck also shared brief remarks.

8. Adjournment

Having no further business before the Board, **MOTION was made by Mr. Hamilton** to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Judy Dae, President

David Hamilton, Secretary

Minutes
Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Regular Business Meeting
December 11, 2023

A Board of Trustees Regular Business Meeting was held on Monday, December 11, 2023 beginning at 6:01 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building located at 16431 Lexington Blvd., Sugar Land, Texas. The Live Stream of the meeting was available at <https://www.fortbendisd.com/boardmeetinglivestream>. The meeting was recorded as required by law, and the recording is available to the public at:

<https://fortbendisd.new.swagit.com/videos/291454>.

The agenda packet for the meeting can be found here:
<https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/649?meeting=608017>.

Presiding Officer.....Mrs. Judy Dae, President

Board Members Present

Dr. Shirley Rose-Gilliam, Vice President
Mr. David Hamilton, Secretary
Mrs. Kristen Davison Malone
Mr. Rick Garcia
Mrs. Angie Hanan
Ms. Sonya Jones

School Officials Present

Dr. Christie Whitbeck, Superintendent of Schools
Steve Bassett, Deputy Superintendent
Beth Martinez, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Kwabena Mensah, Chief of Schools
Kimberly Smith, Chief Communications Officer
Bryan Guinn, Chief Financial Officer
Glenda Johnson, Chief Human Resources Officer
Long Pham, Chief Information Officer
Damian Viltz, Chief Operations Officer
Dr. Kimberly Lawson, Chief Academics Officer
David Rider, Chief of Police
Coby Wilbanks, General Counsel

Amanda Bubela, Recording Secretary (virtual)

Others Present

Jonathan Brush, Board Counsel
FBISD Staff and Employees

1.- 3. Meeting Called to Order, National Anthem, Moment of Silence

President Dae called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. announcing the presence of a quorum, that the meeting had been duly called and the notice posted for the time and matter required by law. Mrs. Dae asked everyone to stand for the National Anthem, performed by the Elkins High School Choir. Following the performance, everyone was asked to remain standing for a moment of silence.

4. Recognitions

The Board recognized several students and campuses including:

Members of the Elkins High School Choir who performed the National Anthem

- Vinita Chanpura
- Devyani Dayal
- Andrew Fulton
- Roger Gentry
- Davide Gucciardi
- Winston Marshall
- Bradford McGowen
- Madison Pascual
- Brett Rosner
- Emma Szeto
- Isabella Torres
- Joanna Vaghese
- Jesenya Wrightsil
- Director, John Richardson

Twenty-one Fort Bend ISD students were recognized at the Texas Thespians state-wide festival. For the first time in FBISD history, the qualifiers attending the festival represent all 12 of our high school campuses. Out of eighty-four FBISD students representing FBISD, twenty-one were recognized at the festival's closing ceremonies.

- Austin High School
 - Isabella Tinnin – Featured Technician - Costume Design
 - Director – Erin Eder
- Bush High School
 - Victoria Fuentes – Featured Performer-Solo Musical
 - Directors – Jason Barron and Javon Rougely
- Clements High School
 - Gretchen Gill – Featured Technician-Marketing
 - Alyssa Serrano, Tara Swasey, Amelie Irvin, Elena Yepsen, Andy Wu, Billy Fernandez, Maddie Teverovsky, Abigail Anderson, and Gretchen Gill – Lip Sync
 - Director – Gavin Mundy
- Dulles High School
 - Matt Cosby and Jaylen Cork – Featured Performers – Duet Musical
 - Director – Nichole Duga
- Hightower High School
 - Jayton Carroll and Nellyeon Scott– Lip Sync

- Director – Tynesha Spikes
- Travis High School
 - Gracen Barrett, Featured Performer – Solo Musical
 - Director – Jessica Swafford and Lindsey Pritchett Barron
- Ridge Point High School
 - Patrick Cashion and Toriana Smith – Short Film Winner
 - Directors – Alex Novia and Blake Weir

5. Convene in Closed Session

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A. Travis HS Property Sale - Storm Sewer Easement Discussion

6. Reconvene in Open Session

The trustees reconvened in open session at 7:06 p.m.

7. Superintendent Update

Dr. Whitbeck shared with the Board several district updates, events and celebrations.

- Dr. Whitbeck recognized several campuses that received high rankings on a recently published list of the best schools in the state from U.S. News & World Report. Clements High School ranked in the top five percent among the Best High Schools in Texas, while Sartartia Middle School, Colony Meadows Elementary and Sienna Crossing Elementary ranked in the top three percent of schools in Texas. Fort Settlement Middle School, Commonwealth Elementary, Cornerstone Elementary and Anne Sullivan Elementary ranked in the top one percent.
- Dr. Whitbeck congratulated the counseling teams from 14 FBISD campuses recently named Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas (CREST) Award winners for 2023-24. The FBISD recipients include the counseling teams from Bowie Middle School, Cornerstone Elementary, Crockett Middle School, First Colony Middle School, Fleming Elementary, Fort Settlement Middle School, Hodges Bend Middle School, Lake Olympia Middle School, McAuliffe Middle School, Missouri City Middle School, Mission West Elementary, Sartartia Middle School, Sugar Land Middle School and Thornton Middle School.
- Dr. Whitbeck recognized Elkins High School teacher Ty Lucas, who was recently named December's Impact Award winner for going above and beyond to support his students and his colleagues. Lucas was nominated by teacher and coach Justeen Dominy, who said Lucas makes sure that members of the Elkins team take care of each another.
- Dr. Whitbeck congratulated Hightower High School for making it to the 6A Division Finals at NRG Stadium. The team finished with a 12-2 record.

- Dr. Whitbeck shared that her updates have been intentionally focused on the exciting and great things students, staff and community members are accomplishing. She expressed it has been a pleasure to emphasize these successes and as she moves forward, she looks forward to hearing more about the wonderful things in Fort Bend ISD.

8. Board Activity Report

Mr. Hamilton reported that the Trustees attended or participated in the following activities since the last Regular Board meeting.

- FBISD Middle School Cross Country Meet
- Clements High School Rebuild Community Engagement Meeting
- Oakland Elementary's Annual Dad Club's Spaghetti Night
- 2nd, 3rd & 4th Round Playoff Football Games for Hightower High School
- Ridge Point High School Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony
- OnDataSuite Training
- Ridge Point High School's Excellence Awards Ceremony
- SPARK Park Dedication Ceremony @ Rosa Parks Elementary
- Elkins High School Theatre Production of "The Addams Family"
- Dulles High School Theatre Production of "Six"
- Student Leadership 101 Session
- SHAC Meeting
- Lakeview Elementary Spelling Bee

9. Public Comment

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Joe Zimmerman, Mayor of Sugar Land, thanked the Board members for their service and offered support of Dr. Whitbeck, stating he knows her to be of high moral character and uncompromising ethics.
- Willie Rainwater, a community member, expressed concerns regarding the superintendent's retirement and questioned why it occurred in the middle of the year.
- Suzette Ingersoll, an FBISD teacher, spoke in support of Dr. Whitbeck and questioned the Board's action, indicating that if the superintendent did something worthy of removal, the Board should let the community know.
- Chris Ingersoll, an FBISD teacher, spoke in support of Dr. Whitbeck and expressed disappointment regarding her departure.
- Michelle Bugno, an FBISD teacher, spoke in support of Dr. Whitbeck. Ms. Bungo told Board members the educational system is broken and indicated that educators had hoped Dr. Whitbeck would be a voice of reason to help the district.
- Chelsea Miller, an FBISD teacher, spoke in support of Dr. Whitbeck and asked that the Board reverse their previous decision and reinstate Dr. Whitbeck.
- Yue Su, an FBISD parent, addressed Board members to advocate for the implementation of the GPA exemption opportunities regarding athletic and fine arts courses at 10th grade, rather than the current policy at 11th grade. Ms. Su indicated that this change would encourage students who are academically excellent to pursue

interests without GPA concerns and increase student participation in UIL and other interscholastic competitions and events.

- Matthew Brown, an FBISD parent and community member, addressed Board members to express appreciation and support of the Board. Mr. Brown stated that he understands being a school Board member is a difficult job that requires hard work and a lot of time.
- Becki Smith, an FBISD teacher and parent of an FBISD graduate, spoke in support of Dr. Whitbeck and questioned why the Board would accept the resignation and thwart all the progress made in the last 2.5 years. Ms. Smith asked that the Board reconsider the acceptance of Dr. Whitbeck's resignation.
- Logan Fry, a former FBISD staff member, spoke in support of Dr. Whitbeck and expressed concern about the decision to close the superintendent search on January 2. Mr. Fry indicated this does not instill confidence that the district is heading in the right direction.
- Mike Flores addressed the Board members in support of school chaplains, telling Board members that defining moments are made when a person or group takes a stand and makes a very difficult choice that will affect outcomes and provoke necessary change.
- Dailon Ellis, a Hightower High School student and senior captain for the football team, addressed Board members expressed appreciation to them, members of the administration and everyone else who supported the team during their amazing season.
- Linda Ruckman, a former FBISD staff member, addressed the Board to express her appreciation to Board members. Ms. Ruckman stated the Board members sometimes have to make important decisions based on information that is not and should not be made public, and expressed her appreciation to Dr. Whitbeck for her service to the district.
- William Baker addressed Board members and thanked them for their service and the work they do. Mr. Baker also expressed appreciation to Dr. Whitbeck for her years of service and wished her a nice retirement.
- Graylen Houston, an FBISD parent, addressed Board members regarding a disciplinary matter involving his child at Marshall High School. Mr. Houston told Board members that as a result of an OCR mediation, a settlement was reached with the district for a reimbursement of tutoring fees and mental health therapy, but said he will now reopen a case with the US Department of Education because FBISD has not yet paid the money it agreed to.
- Stephanie Brown, a Community Member, expressed appreciation to the Board and shared concerns about underperforming schools within the district. Ms. Brown asked that the Board take action to help underperforming schools. Ms. Brown also asked that the district disclose some of the facts about the personnel matter so that the community can be at peace, and that Dr. Whitbeck disclose her evaluation with the public so that they can have a better understanding.
- John Fletcher, a Community Member and grandparent, thanked the Board for their service and expressed concerns regarding underperforming schools. Mr. Fletcher also invited his granddaughter, an FBISD graduate, to share some of the challenges she experienced in the Early College Program.

10. Information

A. CTE Update

Renee Cosby, Director of Career and Technical Education, provided an update regarding the District's Career and Technology Education (CTE) Programs and the department's four priorities, which include providing college and career exploration activities, CTE-specific professional development, preparing students for in-demand careers and high skill and high-wage industries, and the integration of academic skills into CTE programs. As part of the update, Cosby also provided information about the various College, Career and Military Readiness (CCMR) indicators.

Following the presentation, Board members provided feedback and asked clarifying questions.

B. Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings

Bart Rosebure, Executive Director of Emergency Management, provided an update on recent Intruder Detection Audit Findings. Rosebure shared that since the last update to the Board, FBISD has had an additional 11 unannounced intruder detection audits, and of those audits conducted, nine campuses had no findings. Rosebure confirmed the District is taking all corrective actions for the two audits that resulted in findings.

11. Consent Agenda

During discussion, Trustee Malone pulled Item 11 I-2 from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION made by Dr. Gilliam and SECONDED by Mrs. Malone to approve Consent Agenda Items 11 A1-5, 11-B, C, D, E, G, H, I-1, I-3, I-4, I-5 and I-6 as presented.

MOTION CARRIES, 7-0.

Yea: Dae, Gilliam, Hamilton, Malone, Garcia, Hanan, Jones

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Action on Item Removed from the Consent Agenda

- **11-12 Fine Arts Semi-Trailers:** Consideration and approval for the purchase of Semi-Trailers from Stadium Creations, LLC, under a cooperative contract with BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative in an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to negotiate and execute the agreement through August 2026.

MOTION by Mrs. Malone and SECONDED by Ms. Jones to approve Item I-2 as presented.

During discussion, Fine Arts Director Jim Drew shared information about the \$2 million for transportation vehicles included in the 2023 Bond so that Fine Arts could lower operational costs by not having to rent so many tractor trailers. To date, the District has allocated \$1,050,000 to purchase trailers for Hightower, Marshall, Willowridge and Crawford High Schools, as these campuses do not currently have trailers. Drew also shared that additional money has been allocated for two other trailers that may be needed following an assessment of their current inventory.

Following discussion, **MOTION CARRIES, 7-0.**

Yea: Dae, Gilliam, Hamilton, Malone, Garcia, Hanan, Jones

12. Action

- 12A Consideration and approval of Beth Martinez, Acting Superintendent, Steve Bassett, FBISD Deputy Superintendent, and Natresha Ardoin, FBISD PEIMS Coordinator for renewal as alternate approvers/designees for the Texas Education Agency TEA Login (TEAL).

MOTION by Mrs. Hanan and SECONDED by Dr. Gilliam to approve Beth Martinez, Acting Superintendent, Steve Bassett, FBISD Deputy Superintendent, and Natresha Ardoin, FBISD PEIMS Coordinator for renewal as alternate approvers/designees for the TEA Login, TEAL, secured environment.

MOTION CARRIES, 7-0.

Yea: Dae, Gilliam, Hamilton, Malone, Garcia, Hanan, Jones

13. Consider Action on Closed Session Items

- **MOTION by Mrs. Hanan and SECONDED by Dr. Gilliam** to approve the sale of an approximate 0.282 acre tract of real property adjacent to Travis High School to Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 134D, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute the sale.

MOTION CARRIES, 7-0.

Yea: Dae, Gilliam, Hamilton, Malone, Garcia, Hanan, Jones

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Note: Trustee Kristen Malone did not participate in the Closed Session.

15. Reconvene in Open Session

The Trustees reconvened in open session at 9:57 p.m.

- **MOTION by Mrs. Hanan SECONDED by Mr. Hamilton** to amend the previously adopted Consent Agenda Item 11C by allocating the District's 1,225 votes equally among the 5 candidates.

MOTION CARRIES, 7-0

Yea: Dae, Gilliam, Hamilton, Malone, Garcia, Hanan, Jones

16. Board Recognition of Superintendent Service

Beth Martinez, Acting Superintendent, recognized Dr. Whitbeck for her leadership on behalf of the Executive Team. Members of the Board also expressed appreciation to Dr. Whitbeck for her service to the District, and Dr. Whitbeck shared remarks with the community.

17. Adjournment

Having no further business before the Board, **MOTION was made by Mr. Hamilton** to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m.

Judy Dae, President

David Hamilton, Secretary

Minutes
Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Special Called Meeting
December 15, 2023

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The agenda packet for the meeting can be found here: <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/649?meeting=614665>.

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Mrs. Angie Hanan
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Other Officials Present

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Kimberly Smith, Chief Communications Officer
Bryan Guinn, Chief Financial Officer
Glenda Johnson, Chief Human Resources Officer
Long Pham, Chief Information Officer
Damian Viltz, Chief Operations Officer
Dr. Kimberly Lawson, Chief Academic Officer
David Rider, Chief of Police
Coby Wilbanks, General Counsel
Jonathan Brush, Board Counsel
Amanda Bubela, Recording Secretary (virtual)

1. Meeting Called to Order

President Dae called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. announcing the presence of a quorum and that the meeting had been duly called and the notice posted for the time and matter required by law.

2. Public Comment

- Carrie Bronson addressed the Board and asked how and when the Board had an opportunity to interview the lone finalist, how the lone finalist will work with a divided Board, and if the Board would wait the mandated 21-day period before the individual's official hire date.

3. Convene in Closed Session

The Board convened in closed session at 10:06 a.m. under Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 under the following sections: 551.071 - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law; Section 551.072 - Consider purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, Section 551.074 - Personnel matters, Section 551.076 - Security matters, Section 551.082 - Student discipline matter or complaint, or Section 551.0821 - Personally identifiable information about public school student.

- A. Consideration and approval of lone finalist for Superintendent of Schools

4. Reconvene in Open Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 11:21 a.m.

5. Consider Action on Closed Session Items

- **MOTION by Mr. Hamilton and SECONDED by Mrs. Hanan** that the Board name Dr. Marc Smith as the lone finalist for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

During discussion, Board members Jones, Hamilton, Hanan, Garcia, Gilliam and Dae expressed excitement about having Dr. Smith return to Fort Bend ISD, ~~and Mrs. Board member~~. Malone indicated her concerns were not specific to Dr. Smith, and asked for information about the selection and evaluation process, noting the extensive process that occurred in 2021.

Mr. Hamilton raised a Point of Order and Mr. Brush indicated the discussion was germane to the agenda item.

-Mrs. Malone continued with questions regarding the selection process, Ms. Hanan noted Mrs. Malone participated in the 2021 process, and Ms. Dae noted Mrs. Malone's choice to participate in the current process, which included discussions in closed session. Mr. Brush confirmed closed session discussions should not be disclosed and personnel discussions are permitted to occur in closed session. Mrs. Malone explained her rationale for not attending a closed session on December 11, 2023 and expressed additional questions and concerns regarding the selection process. Mrs. Malone indicated that while she did not appreciate the way the Board handled the situation but she expressed support of Dr. Smith and welcomed him back to the District.

Following discussion, **MOTION CARRIES**, 7-0.

Yea: Dae, Gilliam, Hamilton, Malone, Garcia, Hanan, Jones

6. Adjournment

Having no further business before the Board, **MOTION was made by Dr. Gilliam** to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Judy Dae, President

David Hamilton, Secretary

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Action: Approval: Adoption and Revision
of Policies BBB(Local) and
FO(Local)
References: Board Policy BF (Local)
Department: Legal Services

Recommendation

Consideration and approval of proposed revision of local policies BBB (Local) and FO (Local).

Summary

The Board Policy Committee and Administration recommend the following adoption and revision of local policy:

- BBB (Local) Board Members: Elections
 - *No substantive changes are proposed to this policy.* Policy BBB (Local) was last updated in 1996, and references obsolete election cycles keyed off of 1997, 1998, and 1999. Proposed revisions update and provide clarity regarding Board membership, method of election, election date, election terms, and the method of voting (plurality).
- FO(Local) Student Discipline
 - Proposed revisions require the Student Code of Conduct to be presented annually to the Board of Trustees at the June regular meeting and include an additional revision for clarity.

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

Coby Wilbanks
General Counsel

BOARD MEMBERS
ELECTIONS

BBB
(LOCAL)

CANDIDACY

Information regarding the procedures for becoming a candidate may be found in the Superintendent's office. [See BBA]

MEMBERSHIP

The Board shall consist of seven members.

METHOD OF
ELECTION

Election of Board members shall be at large by position.

ELECTION DATE

General election of Board members shall be on the May uniform election date.

POSITIONS

The seven Board members shall be elected from the following areas:

1. Three members shall be elected from the West Division, former Sugar Land School District, and shall be designated as Positions 1, 2, and 3.
2. Three members shall be elected from the East Division, former Missouri City School District, and shall be designated as Positions 5, 6, and 7.
3. One member shall be elected at large from the entire District and shall be designated as Position 4.

Each Board position shall be identified by a position number. The application for candidacy shall indicate the position number for which the candidate is filing. A schedule of positions and their expiration dates shall be kept on file in the Superintendent's office.

DIVIDING LINE

The dividing line between the East and West is the Houston Light and Power high power lines that geographically divide the District in half. A copy of the division lines shall be on file in the Superintendent's office.

ELECTIONS AND
TERMS

Elections of Trustees are held annually for three-year terms ~~in cycles keyed off the years below~~ with elections conducted annually, as follows:

POSITIONS 2 AND 6

~~1997~~ The election of positions 2 and 6 shall be held in 2024, 2027, 2030, and in three-year intervals thereafter.

POSITIONS 3 AND 7

~~1998~~ The election of positions 3 and 7 shall be held in 2025, 2028, 2031, and in three-year intervals thereafter.

POSITIONS 1, 4,
AND 5

~~1999~~ The election of positions 1, 4, and 7 shall be held in 2026, 2029, 2032, and in three-year intervals thereafter.

METHOD OF VOTING –
PLURALITY

The candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the positions with expiring terms shall be elected.

BOARD MEMBERS
ELECTIONS

BBB
(LOCAL)

~~ELECTION SUPPLIES~~

~~The Superintendent or a designee shall be responsible for securing the necessary ballots, ballot boxes, and other supplies to conduct the scheduled election.~~

CERTIFICATION OF
ELECTION AND OATH
OF OFFICE

Newly elected Trustees shall assume full membership status when issued the certificate of election by the Board and after properly executing the oath of office.

RE-ELECTION

Board members may succeed themselves in office without limit.

Student Code of Conduct

The District's rules of discipline are maintained in the Board-adopted Student Code of Conduct and are established to support an environment conducive to teaching and learning.

Rules of conduct and discipline shall not have the effect of discriminating on the basis of gender, race, color, disability, religion, ethnicity, or national origin.

[Annually, the Student Code of Conduct shall be presented to the Board at the June regular meeting.](#)

At the beginning of the school year and throughout the school year as necessary, the Student Code of Conduct shall be:

1. Posted and prominently displayed at each campus or made available for review in the principal's office, as required by law; and
2. Made available on the District's website and/or as a hard copy to students, parents, teachers, administrators, and others on request.

Revisions

Revisions to the Student Code of Conduct approved by the Board during the year shall be made available promptly to students and parents, teachers, administrators, and others.

Extracurricular Standards of Behavior

With the approval of the principal and Superintendent, sponsors and coaches of extracurricular activities may develop and enforce standards of behavior that are higher than the District-developed Student Code of Conduct and may condition membership or participation in the activity on adherence to those standards. Extracurricular standards of behavior may take into consideration conduct that occurs at any time, on or off school property.

A student shall be informed of any extracurricular behavior standards at the beginning of each school year or when the student first begins participation in the activity. A student and his or her parent shall sign and return to the sponsor or coach a statement that they have read the extracurricular behavior standards and consent to them as a condition of participation in the activity.

Standards of behavior for an extracurricular activity are independent of the Student Code of Conduct. Violations of these standards of behavior that are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in independent disciplinary actions.

A student may be removed from participation in extracurricular activities or may be excluded from school honors for violation of extracurricular standards of behavior for an activity or for violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

“Parent” Defined

Throughout the Student Code of Conduct and discipline policies, the term “parent” includes a parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control of the child.

General Discipline Guidelines

A District employee shall adhere to the following general guidelines when imposing discipline:

1. A student shall be disciplined when necessary to improve the student’s behavior, to maintain order, or to protect other students, school employees, or property.
2. A student shall be treated fairly and impartially and equitably. Discipline shall be based on an assessment of the circumstances of each case, and shall not have the effect of discriminating on the basis of gender, race, color, disability, religion, ethnicity, or national origin. Factors to consider shall include:
 - a. The seriousness of the offense;
 - b. The student’s age;
 - c. The frequency of misconduct;
 - d. The student’s attitude;
 - e. The potential effect of the misconduct on the school environment;
 - f. Requirements of Chapter 37 of the Education Code; and
 - g. The Student Code of Conduct adopted by the Board.
3. Before a student is assigned to detention outside regular school hours, notice shall be given to the student’s parent to inform him or her of the reason for the detention and permit arrangements for necessary transportation.

Corporal Punishment

The Board prohibits the use of corporal punishment in the District. Students shall not be spanked, paddled, or subjected to other physical force as a means of discipline for violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

Physical Restraint

Note: A District employee may restrain a student with a disability who receives special education services only in accordance with law. [See FOF(LEGAL)]

Within the scope of an employee’s duties, a District employee may physically restrain a student if the employee reasonably believes restraint is necessary in order to:

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

FO
(LOCAL)

1. Protect a person, including the person using physical restraint, from physical injury.
2. Obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object.
3. Protect property from serious damage.
4. Remove a student refusing a lawful command of a school employee from a specific location, including a classroom or other school property, in order to restore order or to impose disciplinary measures.

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Action: Approval: Designation of Public Information Act Non-Business Days
References: GBA(Legal and Local)
Department: Legal Services

Recommendation

Consideration and approval of the designation of non-business days under the Texas Public Information Act for calendar year 2024 and Spring 2025.

Summary

The Texas Public Information Act (TPIA) contains various deadlines related to the District’s response to public information requests, many of which are determined by calculating “business days.” Previously, any holidays or skeleton crew days observed by a governmental entity were not considered “business days,” provided the District identified such days in any related briefing to the Attorney General.

House Bill 3033 (2023) defines “business day” in such a way that includes any day the District is closed that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or official state or national holiday. As a result, additional days on which the District is closed that are not official holidays (such as Fort Bend County Fair day and days during Thanksgiving Break, Christmas Break, and Spring Break) are now considered “business days” for purposes of the TPIA.

HB 3033 allows the Board of Trustees of a school district to designate up to ten (10) additional nonbusiness days per calendar year for purposes of the TPIA. The administration recommends designating the following dates as nonbusiness days for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year and Spring of 2025:

2024		
March 13, 2024	March 14, 2024	March 15, 2024
July 3, 2024	July 5, 2024	October 10, 2024
November 25, 2024	December 23, 2024	December 27, 2024
December 30, 2024		
Spring 2025		
January 2, 2025	March 10, 2025	March 11, 2025
June 30, 2025	July 1, 2025	

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

Coby Wilbanks
General Counsel

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Action: Approval: Resolution for National Procurement Month and Professional Buyer's Day
**References: Board Policy CFA (Legal)
Board Policy CFA (Local)**
Department: Business and Finance

Recommendation

Consideration and approval of a resolution naming March as National Procurement Month and March 8, 2024 as National Buyer's Day. This year, The Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP) has designated March 8, 2024 as National Buyer's Day.

Summary

The public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of procuring goods and services for the District. The District Materials Management Team works diligently to secure goods and services to fulfill the needs of the District by negotiating, implementing, and managing contracts, developing, implementing, and carrying out strategic procurement strategies, and cultivating and building positive working relationships with suppliers and departments within the District.

The District procurement professionals serve as the gatekeepers of the competitive process and are entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that competitive processes are conducted with fairness and transparency to obtain the best value for the District. The team makes important contributions to ensure the efficient use of taxpayer dollars while maintaining the highest ethical standards.

NIGP The Institute for Public Procurement has designated March as National Procurement Month and determines the date for National Buyer's Day each year. Because Fort Bend ISD is focused on leading excellence in public procurement, staff requests that the Board of Trustees approve a proclamation naming the month of March as National Procurement Month and March 8, 2024 as National Buyer's Day.

This proclamation will be an important recognition to celebrate the positive impact that the Materials Management team has on the District and its operations.

Submitted by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Bryan Guinn
Chief Financial Officer

FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION

Regarding National Procurement Month and Professional Buyer’s Day

WHEREAS, the public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, procurement professionals add value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing, and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies, and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals operate under many different titles including “Contract Officer”, “Procurement Specialist”, “Purchasing Agent”, etc., and whereas this Resolution is intended to include all titles with the all-encompassing term “Professional Buyer”; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals have tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the United States and Canada, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the public procurement professionals serve as the gatekeeper of the competitive process and are entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that competitive processes are conducted with fairness and transparency for our partners in the business community; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bend Independent School District is focused on leading excellence in public procurement; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bend Independent School District seeks to expand the awareness of the public procurement professional’s role to governmental officials, the public, business, and corporate leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Fort Bend Independent School District do hereby designate the month of March as National Procurement Month and March 8, 2024, as

PROFESSIONAL BUYER’S DAY

and urge all members of the Fort Bend Independent School District and our Community to join in recognizing the role of the procurement professionals within business, industry, and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of February 2024.

Judy Dae
Fort Bend ISD Board President

David Hamilton
Fort Bend ISD Board Secretary

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Action: Approval: Specialized Student Information System
Reference: District Goal 5
Department: Academic Affairs

Recommendation

Consideration and approval for the purchase of a Specialized Student Information Management System from TCASE Services Inc. empoWEr in an amount not to exceed \$766,550.00 and authorization for the Superintendent to negotiate and execute the agreement through May 31, 2029.

Summary

On October 31, 2023, Fort Bend ISD issued RFQuote 24-019AC Specialized Student Information Management System. This is a web based, data driven, comprehensive, federal and state compliant system that assists school districts with compliance requirements for students' Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). In addition, this system will support Section 504 documentation requirements.

On March 28, 2022, the Board approved RFP 22-026AB Specialized Student Information Management System which was awarded to Frontline Technologies, LLC. Due to ongoing issues with the current awarded vendor, the Special Education department is seeking another vendor to meet the needs of the District.

The ongoing issues include the following: Response time from the vendor to address system related issues with the system running correctly, data from the system updating Skyward nightly as required, reporting functions from the system not working correctly which impact the ability of the administration to track compliance, and additional functions of the Frontline (Success Ed) system that impact PEIMS reporting and the School Health and Related Services (SHARS) program. The District has attempted to seek resolution with the current vendor to rectify these persistent issues by engaging with the vendor on multiple occasions with no resolution, leaving the District with no alternative but to explore other options.

This contract seeks approval under relevant statutes, including Chapter 44, §44.031(a) of the Texas Education Code and Chapter 791, Interlocal Cooperation Act, along with Board Policies CH (LEGAL) and CH (LOCAL) for purchasing goods and services. The Board of Trustees must approve proposed awards of \$50,000 or more.

Under the authority of the Texas Government Code §791.001 and the Interlocal Cooperation Act as amended, local governments like Fort Bend ISD are allowed to

contract with each other and other government agencies. This ACT exempts the requirement of seeking competitive bids for goods and services, once a school district determines that a local cooperative purchasing program offers the best value, to enhance efficiency and effectiveness.

An evaluation team comprised of Fort Bend ISD staff members from the Business and Finance, Special Education, and Information Technology Departments evaluated the proposal. Through the following vendor demonstration, it was determined that the product offered by TCASE Services Inc.-empower, offers the best value that meets the District’s needs.

Renewal options are available through May 2029. Should the contract not be renewed for the full term, staff will return to the Board to request authorization to utilize an alternate cooperative contract, or an alternate procurement method.

Background

The amount expended in FY2022-23 was previously reported as \$260,331. There are other Frontline expenditures not associated with SuccessEd included in the total. The amount paid for Success Ed total \$121,962. Expenditures are not expected to exceed \$766,550 through May 2029. Funding is included in the budget.

Requested by:	Kimberly Lawson, Chief Academics Officer Bryan Guinn, Chief Financial Officer
Vendor:	TCASE Services Inc.-empower
Budget Sources:	General Fund Federal Funds
Amount:	Not to exceed \$766,550.00
Other Supporting Information	
Sole Source:	N/A
Number of vendors contacted by Purchasing:	2
Number of vendors downloaded the solicitation:	2
Number of responses received:	1
Number of “no bid” responses received:	1
Length of commitment:	Through May 2029, with (2) two 5-year renewal options
Last solicitation date:	March 28, 2022
Supporting documents:	Evaluation Summary and Criteria
Disclosure under Board Policy CH, CV, or DBD (Local):	None

*** Previously awarded a contract of the same scope with the District.

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

Dr. Kimberly Lawson
Chief Academic Officer

RFQuote 24-019AC Specialized Student Information Management System

	Evaluation Criteria	Point System
1	<p>Purchase Price</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal should offer a fair and reasonable price for items and services to be procured by Fort Bend ISD. 	30 points
2	<p>Reputation of the Vendor and of the Vendor's Goods or Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vendor should have a solid reputation with other ISD's, Government or Collegiate entities that show a high level of customer service, a high level of quality of goods or services. 	10 points
3	<p>Quality of the Vendor's Goods or Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vendor Experience (years in business) • Vendor Experience with current platform or system • System aligned to meet Federal and State requirements for Sped • Customer Service • Quality Control • Training • Vendor's ability to import existing IEP/ARD data extracted from SuccessED • Demonstration 	30 points
4	<p>Extent to Which the Goods or Services Meet the District's Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Capabilities • Data analysis capabilities • Compliance capabilities. • Integration capabilities • Demonstration 	30 points
	TOTAL	100 points

Evaluation Summary
RFQuote 24-019AC Specialized Student Information Management System

Vendor	Purchase Price (30 pts. Max)	Reputation of the Vendor and of the Vendor's Goods or Services (10 pts. Max)	Quality of the Vendor's Goods or Services Including Demo (30 pts. Max)	Extent to Which the Goods or Services Meet the District's Needs Including Demo (30pts. Max)	Proposer's Total Score (100 pts. Max)	Proposer's Ranking
TCASE Services Inc. - empowEr	30.00	10.00	21.50	21.08	82.58	1

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Action: Approval: Small Kitchen Equipment Increase
References: District Goal 5
Department: Business and Finance

Recommendation

Consideration and approval to increase the existing contract awarded under Small Kitchen Equipment – Child Nutrition Department by \$500,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$1,000,000 to continue purchasing Small Kitchen Equipment for the Child Nutrition Department through November 2025.

Summary

The Child Nutrition Department is requesting an increase to an existing contract to continue purchasing Small Kitchen Equipment. Currently, the Child Nutrition Department is executing its Texas Department of Agriculture approved spend down plan. Federal regulations (7 CFR 210.19(a)(1)) require state agencies to monitor the level of net cash resources in a district's food service fund. These regulations specifically require that the level of net cash resources not exceed three months' average expenditures, as reported in the food service fund. At the end of the 2022-23 school year, the Child Nutrition Fund exceeded the federal limit and had to submit a TDA spend-down plan to reduce the excess cash resources.

According to the approved spend down plan, the Child Nutrition Department will be purchasing additional needed small kitchen equipment such as food bagging devices, knife sharpeners, pizza cutters and other kitchen small wares. These additional purchases on the spend down plan will be above and beyond the original expenditure request for small kitchen equipment.

On June 26, 2023, the Board approved Small Kitchen Equipment with an initial expenditure amount not to exceed \$500,000 through 2025. The Child Nutrition Department is requesting a contract to increase Small Kitchen Equipment in the amount of \$500,000 to meet the needs of the District through November 2025.

Background

Expenditures in 2022-23 were \$140,656. Expenditures year-to-date are \$289,564. The contract balance remaining under the current Board authorization is \$69,780. Expenditures are not expected to exceed \$1,000,000 through November 2025.

The increase of \$500,000 is included in the budget.

Vendor:	4Terry Woodward Enterprises (dba) Kommercial Kitchens*** Cook's Direct*** Pasco Brokerage, Inc*** Pollock Investments, Inc*** Tai Hing Corporation (dba) Budget Restaurant Supply***
Budget Sources:	Child Nutrition Fund Federal Funds Grant Funds
Amount:	Increase of \$500,000; not to exceed a total of \$1,000,000 through November 2025
Other Supporting Information	
Sole Source:	N/A
Number of vendors contacted by Purchasing:	N/A
Number of vendors downloaded the solicitation:	N/A
Number of responses received:	N/A
Number of "no bid" responses received:	N/A
Length of commitment:	Through November 2025
Last solicitation date:	N/A
Supporting documents:	N/A
Disclosure under Board Policy CH, CV, or DBD (Local):	N/A

*** Previously awarded a contract of the same scope with the District.

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of School

Submitted by:

Bryan Guinn
Chief Financial Officer

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Action: Approval: Child Nutrition Equipment Increase
References: District Goal 5
Department: Business and Finance

Recommendation

Consideration and approval to increase the existing contract awarded under 23-053AB Child Nutrition Equipment by \$10,000,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$15,000,000 to purchase of small and large Child Nutrition Equipment and for the Superintendent to execute the agreements through June 2027.

Summary

The Child Nutrition Department is requesting an increase to the existing contract, an extension of the contract term, approval of additional vendors, and approval of an additional cooperative contract. Currently, the Child Nutrition Department is executing its Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) approved spend down plan. Federal regulations (7 CFR 210.19(a)(1)) require state agencies to monitor the level of net cash resources in a district's food service fund. These regulations specifically require that the level of net cash resources not exceed three months' average expenditures, as reported in the food service fund.

At the end of the 2022-23 school year, the Child Nutrition Fund exceeded the federal limit for net cash resources in the food service fund and had to submit a TDA spend-down plan to reduce the excess cash resources. According to the approved spend down plan, the Child Nutrition Department will be purchasing additional needed kitchen equipment such as ovens, walk-in coolers or freezers, dish washing machines, steamers, reach-in warmers or coolers, serving lines and kitchen smallwares. These additional purchases on the spend down plan will be above and beyond the original expenditure request for small and large kitchen equipment.

On April 17, 2023, the Board approved Child Nutrition Equipment with an initial expenditure amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 through June 2024 to replace aging kitchen equipment. The item was authorized by the board prior to TDA approving the spend-down plan. This equipment will be purchased with existing CND resources. Since program funds can only be used for Child Nutrition program purposes, CND resources must be used to improve the quality of food served or to purchase needed supplies, services, or equipment. This replacement plan includes replacing large and small kitchen equipment, such as ovens, walk-in coolers or freezers, dish washing machines, steamers, reach in warmers or coolers, and serving lines at over 45 campuses. The contract extension, additional vendors and various cooperative purchasing contracts,

will allow the Child Nutrition Department to have enough resources to replace this outdated and non-functioning equipment.

Renewal options are available through June 2027. Should the cooperative contract not be renewed for the full term, staff will utilize an alternative cooperative contract, or return to the Board to request authorization to utilize an alternate procurement method.

Background

Expenditures in 2022-23 were \$701,473. The contract balance remaining under the current Board authorization is \$4,298,526.

The expenditures are not expected to exceed \$15,000,000 through June 2027.

The increase of \$10,000,000 is included in the budget.

Vendors:	1st Choice Restaurant Equipment & Supply, LLC*** Ace Mart Restaurant Supply Company*** Budget Restaurant Supply*** Commercial Kitchen Parts & Service*** Cook's Direct*** Coolers Inc.*** Hobart Service*** Innoseal Systems*** Jean's Restaurant Supply*** Lowe's*** Parts Town, LLC (fka Heritage Food Service) *** Refrigeration Technologies, LLC*** School Food Service Innovations*** Shepherd Food Equipment*** Strategic Equipment, LLC*** The Edu-Source Corporation*** PASCO BROKERAGE INC 4Terry Woodward Enterprises (dba) Kommercial Kitchens
Budget Sources:	Child Nutrition Fund Federal Funds Grant Funds
Amount:	Increase of \$10,000,000; Not to exceed a total of \$15,000,000 through June 2027
Other Supporting Information	
Sole Source:	N/A
Number of vendors contacted by Purchasing:	N/A
Number of vendors downloaded the solicitation:	N/A
Number of responses received:	N/A
Number of "no bid" responses received:	N/A
Length of commitment:	1 year, with 3 one-year renewals, through June 2027

Last solicitation date:	N/A
Supporting documents:	N/A

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of School

Submitted by:

Bryan Guinn
Chief Financial Officer

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Action: Approval: Broadcast System
References: District Goal 5
Department: Information Technology

Recommendation

Consideration and approval for the purchase of an in-District broadcast system from The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) contract in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to negotiate and execute the agreement through April 2029.

Summary

In March 2019, the Board approved RFP 18-085ES Broadcast System which expires on March 24, 2024. The Broadcast System is used by campuses for creating, editing, publishing, and managing video content which includes morning announcements, kiosk displays to present various information, broadcast class, etc.

This new contract will allow the District to purchase and support the District-wide Broadcast solution. Planned purchases include:

- Purchase and installation of broadcast systems for new construction projects
- Replacement hardware and support
- Annual software subscription renewals

This contract seeks approval under relevant statutes, including Chapter 44, § 44.031(a) of the Texas Education Code and Chapter 791, Interlocal Cooperation Act, along with Board Policies CH (LEGAL) and CH (LOCAL) for purchasing goods and services. The Board of Trustees must approve proposal awards worth \$50,000 or more.

Under the authority granted in the Texas Government Code §791.001 The Interlocal Cooperation Act as amended, allows local governments like Fort Bend ISD the ability to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments by authorizing them to contract, to the greatest possible extent, with one another and with local government agencies of the state to perform governmental administrative functions.

Renewal options are available through April 2029. Should either contract not renew for the full term, staff will return to the Board to request authorization to utilize an alternative cooperative contract, or an alternate procurement method.

Background

Expenditures for FY 2022-23 were \$102,584. Expenditures are not expected to exceed \$400,000 through April 2029. Funding is included in the budget.

Vendor:	Data Projections***	
Budget Sources:	General Fund 2023 Bond Fund	
Amount:	Not to exceed \$400,000 through April 2029	
Other Supporting Information		
Sole Source:		N/A
Number of vendors contacted by Purchasing:		N/A
Number of vendors downloaded the solicitation:		N/A
Number of responses received:		N/A
Number of "no bid" responses received:		N/A
Length of commitment:		Through April 2029
Last solicitation date:		N/A
Supporting documents:		N/A
Disclosure under Board Policy CH, CV, or DBD (Local):		N/A

*** Previously awarded a contract of the same scope with the District.

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

Long Pham
Chief Information Officer

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
**Action: Approval: Computer Hardware,
Services, and Support**
References: District Goal 5
Department: Information Technology

Recommendation

Consideration and approval for the purchase of computer hardware, accessories, services, and support from multiple vendors in an amount not-to-exceed \$106,000,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to negotiate and execute the agreement through February 2029.

Summary

On November 3, 2023, Fort Bend ISD issued RFQ 24-020KB soliciting qualified vendors to supply Dell Computer Hardware, Support, and Services. Following that, on November 29, 2023, Fort Bend ISD issued RFQ 24-020KB-01 soliciting HP Computer Hardware, Support, and Services. In the past, the District solicited and awarded computer contracts utilizing the Request for Proposal (RFP) methodology and selected a single vendor and manufacturer to supply the computer needs for the District. Switching to a Request for Quote (RFQuote) process allows Fort Bend ISD to select multiple qualified vendors and multiple Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs).

Vendors submitted proposals for specific computer models and services that are representative of the majority of the District's computer fleet allowing multiple vendors to be compared on pricing, reputation, quality of goods and services, and the extent to which the goods and services meet the needs of the District. Establishing this list of pre-qualified vendors will allow the District to seek out the best pricing, products, and availability throughout the life of the contract, rather than be limited to a single supplier.

Fort Bend ISD has an extensive computer fleet consisting of more than 95,000 Windows based laptops and desktops, over 12,000 HD monitors, 9,000 USB-C docking stations, 6,000 laptop carts, and many more computer related cables, adaptors, and accessories. Desktop and laptop computers are replaced on a rolling 5 to 6-year replacement cycle. Additionally, new computers are purchased to support student growth, replace lost or damaged devices, to support Title 1 and other grants, and to equip new campuses as they open.

This large fleet of Windows computers and computer accessories supports over 90,000 end users throughout Fort Bend ISD. Every employee and student depends on having access to reliable working computers for instructional purposes, administrative tasks, or collaborative projects. The reliability of these computing resources is fundamental to the

smooth flow of activities and the overall success of Fort Bend ISD's educational endeavors.

Renewal options are available through February 2029. Should the contract not be renewed for the full term, staff will return to the Board to request authorization to utilize an alternate cooperative contract, or an alternate procurement method.

An evaluation team comprised of Fort Bend ISD staff members from the Business and Finance and Information Technology Departments evaluated the proposals. The committee determined the vendors selected offered the best value to the District.

Background

The term of this contract is for three (3) years with two (2) optional one-year extensions. The contract term will begin on February 26, 2024, and will run through February 25, 2027. With the two (2) optional extensions, the contract can be extended until February 25, 2029.

The average annual cost for the Fort Bend ISD computer fleet is \$17.6M. This agreement covers five years of fleet replacements and growth. Expenditures are not expected to exceed \$106,000,000 through February 2029 and includes a factor for student and teacher growth. Funding is included in the budget.

Vendors:	Intech Southwest Services LLC Netsync Network Solutions *** Riverside Technologies, Inc. Summus Industries United Data Technologies, Inc. dba UDT Virtucom, Inc.
Budget Sources:	General Fund Student Activity Funds Bond Funds Grant Funds Campus Activity Funds Enterprise Fund
Amount:	Not to exceed \$106,000,000 through February 2029
Other Supporting Information	
Sole Source:	No
Number of vendors contacted by FBISD:	4689
Number of vendors downloaded the solicitation:	121
Number of responses received:	7
Number of "no bid" responses received:	4
Length of commitment:	Through February 2029
Last solicitation date:	February 18, 2019

Supporting documents:	Evaluation Summary and Criteria
Disclosure under Board Policy CH, CV, or DBD (Local):	None

****Previously awarded a contract of the same scope with the District*

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

Long Pham
Chief Information Officer

RFQuote 24-020KB Dell Computer Hardware, Services, and Support
RFQuote 24-020KB-01 HP Computer Hardware, Services, and Support

	Evaluation Criteria	Point System
1	<p>Purchase Price</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal should offer a fair and reasonable price for items and services to be procured by Fort Bend ISD. • Pricing will be calculated using the Bid Table in this document. 	40 points
2	<p>Reputation of the Vendor and of the Vendor's Goods or Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vendor should have a solid reputation with other ISD's, Government or Collegiate entities that show a high level of customer service, a high level of quality of goods or services. (References will be contacted via e-mail with a deadline. If no response is received by the deadline, there will be points deducted in this section.) 	10 points
3	<p>Quality of the Vendor's Goods or Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vendor's products should be new and be of the highest quality • Service Capabilities • Demonstrated Competence • Certified reseller for Dell hardware • Local (Houston area) warehousing, servicing, and imaging abilities • List key personnel available to service FBISD contract (sales, support, logistics, technical, etc.) • Vendor authorized to service the warranty 	25 points
4	<p>Extent to Which the Goods or Services Meet the District's Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vendor's prior experience with IPsec tunnels to deliver client SCCM imaging and Wi-Fi at their warehouse • How many concurrent laptops can be imaged in vendors facility (bench space) • Vendor's delivery capacity (size and makeup of vendor's white fleet) • Vendor provides server metal to run district's SCCM publishing point at their warehouse or does Fort Bend ISD have to provide the server hardware • Can vendor stand up an instance of the District's wireless network in their warehouse to validate settings and configurations 	25 points
	TOTAL	100 points

Tabulation Summary
RFQuote 24-020KB Dell Computer Hardware, Services, and Support

Vendor	Purchase Price (40 pts. Max)	Reputation of Vendor and Vendor's Goods and Services (10 pts. Max)	Quality of Vendors Goods and Services (25 pts. Max)	Extent to Which the Goods or Services Meet the Needs of the District (25 pts. Max)	Proposer's Total Score (100 pts. Max)	Proposer's Ranking
Netsync Network Solutions	40.00	6.00	22.75	22.50	91.25	1
United Data Technologies, Inc. dba UDT	31.74	0.50	22.50	22.25	76.99	2
Summus Industries	30.01	8.00	18.50	17.75	74.26	3
Mitstrike LLC	31.82	8.00	12.00	9.00	60.82	4
V3Main Technologies	24.11	0.50	10.50	10.50	45.61	5

Tabulation Summary
RFQuote 24-020KB-01 HP Computer Hardware, Services, and Support

Vendor	Purchase Price (40 pts. Max)	Reputation of Vendor and Vendor's Goods and Services (10 pts. Max)	Quality of Vendors Goods and Services (25 pts. Max)	Extent to Which the Goods or Services Meet the Needs of the District (25 pts. Max)	Proposer's Total Score (100 pts. Max)	Proposer's Ranking
Netsync Network Solutions	37.51	0.50	23.33	23.00	84.34	1
Riverside Technologies, Inc.	39.01	2.00	21.33	21.00	83.34	2
United Data Technologies, Inc. dba UDT	38.74	0.50	21.67	21.67	82.58	3
Intech Southwest Services LLC	39.14	4.00	19.33	18.33	80.80	4
Virtucom, Inc.	40.00	2.00	16.67	14.67	73.34	5

*Mitstrike LLC and PC Depot Plus LLC are deemed Non-Responsive

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Action: Approval: Fire Extinguishers Annual Inspections, Maintenance, Related Items and Services
References: District Goal 5
Department: Police Department

Recommendation

Consideration and approval for the purchase of fire extinguishers, annual inspections, maintenance, and related items and services from multiple vendors under multiple cooperative contracts in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to negotiate and execute the agreements through February 2029.

Summary

On May 14, 2018, the Board approved RFP 18-035AR Fire Extinguishers Maintenance Service, new equipment purchases, annual inspections, and related items and services. The State of Texas Fire Marshal’s office requires that the District maintain all portable fire extinguishers in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 10 Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers. This requirement makes it necessary to inspect all portable extinguishers annually and to perform internal examinations every 6 years.

Personnel licensed and registered with the State Fire Marshal’s Office conduct annual inspections, 6-year maintenance, hydrostatic testing, and recharging. Previously, District-licensed staff performed inspections and sourced assistance from awarded vendors as needed. Currently, the District does not staff licensed fire alarm technicians, so all inspections will be outsourced. The District has over 5,000 portable extinguishers that are inspected annually. Staff send extinguishers requiring 6-year maintenance, hydrostatic testing, and recharging to an awarded vendor for testing and replaces that unit with a spare fire extinguisher.

This contract seeks approval under relevant statutes, including Chapter 44 § 44.031 (a) of the Texas Education Code and Chapter 791, Interlocal Cooperation Act, along with Board Policies CH (LEGAL) and CH (LOCAL) for purchasing goods and services. The Board of Trustees must approve proposal awards worth \$50,000 or more.

Under the authority granted in the Texas Government Code §791.001 The Interlocal Cooperation Act as amended, allows local governments like Fort Bend ISD the ability to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments by authorizing them to

contract, to the greatest possible extent, with one another and with local government and agencies of the state to perform governmental administrative functions.

Renewal options are available through February 2029. Should the contract not be renewed for the full term, staff will return to the Board to request authorization to utilize an alternative cooperative contract, or an alternate procurement method.

Background

The term of this contract is for (3) years with two (2) optional one-year extensions. The contract term will begin on February 26, 2024, and will run through February 25, 2027. With the two (2) optional extensions, the contract can be extended until February 25, 2029.

Expenditures for FY 2022-23 were \$358,614. Expenditures year-to-date are \$377,192. Expenditures will not exceed \$2,000,000 through February 2029. Funding is included in the budget.

Vendor:	Wilson Fire Equipment and Services CO. Inc. * Convergent Technologies LLC * Firetron Inc. *	
Budget Sources:	General Fund	
Amount:	Not to exceed \$2,000,000	
Other Supporting Information		
Sole Source:	N/A	
Number of vendors contacted by Purchasing:	N/A	
Number of vendors downloaded the solicitation:	N/A	
Number of responses received:	N/A	
Number of "no bid" responses received:	N/A	
Length of commitment:	Through February 2029	
Last solicitation date:	February 2018	
Supporting documents:	N/A	
Disclosure under Board Policy CH, CV, or DBD (Local):	N/A	

*** Previously awarded a contract of the same scope with the District.

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of School

Submitted by:

David Rider
Chief of Police

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
**Action: Approval: Paint, Supplies, and
Related Items**
Reference: District Goal 5
Department: Operations

Recommendation

Consideration and approval for the purchase of paint, supplies, and related items from multiple vendors under multiple cooperative contracts in an amount not-to-exceed \$399,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to negotiate and execute the agreements through February 2027.

Summary

On March 25, 2019, the Board approved RFP 19-035AR Paint, Paint Supplies, and Related Items. COOP 24-027AR will replace RFP 19-035AR.

The District painters provide painting services throughout the District, such as servicing the interior and exterior of buildings and applying finishes to exterior surfaces, furniture, wood, and metals. The continued purchase of paint, supplies, and related items is needed to complete the services. The contracts will allow the Facilities Department to efficiently and effectively fulfill district painting needs and comply with the school district's bidding requirements.

This contract seeks approval under relevant status, including Chapter 44 § 44.031 (a) of the Texas Education Code and Chapter 791, Interlocal Cooperation Act, along with Board Policies CH (LEGAL) and CH (LOCAL) for purchasing goods and services. The Board of Trustees must approve proposal awards worth \$50,000 or more.

Under the authority granted in the Texas Government Code §791.001 The Interlocal Cooperation Act as amended, allows local governments like Fort Bend ISD the ability to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments by authorizing them to contract, to the greatest possible extent, with one another and with local government and agencies of the state to perform governmental administrative functions.

Renewal options are available through July 2026. Should either contract not be renewed for the full term, staff will return to the Board to request authorization to utilize an alternative cooperative contract, or an alternate procurement method.

The term of this contract is for three (3) years. The contract term will begin on February 26, 2024, and will run through February 25, 2027.

Background

Expenditures for FY 2022-23 were \$113, 258. Expenditures will not exceed \$399,000 through February 2027. Funding is included in the budget.

Vendor:	3 Star Commercial Development, LLC* PPG Industries, Inc.* Southwestern Paint & Wallpaper, Co. Sherwin Williams *
Budget Sources:	General Fund
Amount:	Not to exceed \$399,000
Other Supporting Information	
Sole Source:	N/A
Number of vendors contacted by Purchasing:	N/A
Number of vendors downloaded the solicitation:	N/A
Number of responses received:	N/A
Number of "no bid" responses received:	N/A
Length of commitment:	Through February 2027
Last solicitation date:	November 18, 2018
Supporting documents:	N/A
Disclosure under Board Policy CH, CV, or DBD (Local):	N/A

*** Previously awarded a contract of the same scope with the District.

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

Damian Viltz
Chief Operations Officer

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
**Action: Approval: School Bus Cameras,
Installation, Replacements and
Related Services**
Reference: District Goal 5
Department: Operations

Recommendation

Consideration and approval for the purchase of school bus cameras, installation, replacements, and related services from Safety Vision, LLC through BuyBoard Purchasing in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to negotiate and execute the agreements through February 2029.

Summary

On May 16, 2016, the Fort Bend ISD Board approved RFP 16-054CC for the purchase of camera system installation, equipment, services, and related items.

The Fort Bend ISD Transportation Department seeks to advance the bus camera system, enhancing productivity and safety. Currently, buses are equipped with 4 cameras and the upgrade will consist of a nine (9) camera system. The upgrade will also assist with bus investigations, parent complaints, and accidents. The upgraded system will allow for the following features: cameras to the front windshield, front wide angle, over the driver, mid-left and right, left and right exterior, rear wide angle, and rear view, providing a 360 view and more comprehensive coverage. The current camera system only records the front and back of the bus, which limits the accessibility of coverage in the case of an accident or an incident in the middle area of the bus.

The recommendation includes the upgrade of 200 bus camera systems. Staff have already identified bus cameras for immediate upgrades. Buses purchased under RFP 23-082AR will be delivered with the upgraded camera system installed.

This contract seeks approval under relevant statutes, including Chapter 44, § 44.031(a) of the Texas Education Code and Chapter 791, Interlocal Cooperation Act, along with Board Policies CH (LEGAL) and CH (LOCAL) for purchasing goods and services. The Board of Trustees must approve proposal awards worth \$50,000 or more.

Under the authority granted in the Texas Government Code §791.001 The Interlocal Cooperation Act as amended, allows local governments like Fort Bend ISD the ability to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments by authorizing them to

contract, to the greatest possible extent, with one another and with local government agencies of the state to perform governmental administrative functions.

Renewal options are available through February 2029. Should either contract not be renewed for the full term, staff will return to the Board to request authorization to utilize an alternative cooperative contract, or an alternate procurement method.

Background

The term of this contract is for three (3) years with two (2) one-year extensions. The contract term will begin on February 26, 2024, and will run through February 25, 2027. With the two (2) optional extensions, the contract can be extended until February 25, 2029.

The District did not purchase cameras in FY 2022-23. Expenditures are not expected to exceed \$1,500,000 through February 2029. Funding is included in the budget.

Vendor:	Safety Vision Inc.*	
Budget Sources:	General Fund Bond 2023	
Amount:	Not to exceed \$1,500,000	
Other Supporting Information		
Sole Source:	N/A	
Number of vendors contacted by Purchasing:	N/A	
Number of vendors downloaded the solicitation:	N/A	
Number of responses received:	N/A	
Number of “no bid” responses received:	N/A	
Length of commitment:	Through February 2029	
Last solicitation date:	N/A	
Supporting documents:	N/A	
Disclosure under Board Policy CH, CV, or DBD (Local):	N/A	

*** Previously awarded a contract of the same scope with the District.

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

Damian Viltz
Chief Operations Officer

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Action: Approval: Student Ridership
System and Software
Reference: District Goal 5
Department: Operations

Recommendation

Consideration and approval for the purchase of a Student Ridership System and Software from Transfinder Corporation under multiple cooperative contracts in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,744,361 and authorization for the Superintendent to negotiate and execute the agreement through February 2029.

Summary

The Fort Bend ISD Transportation Department provides over 35,000 students with transportation to and from school. The Student Ridership System will provide real-time ridership information to parents, campus administration, and Transportation Department personnel. This system will provide more transparency to parents/guardians to ensure students arrive and depart school buses safely. Campus Administration will be able to see their buses, student locations, and activity for approximate arrival times. The contract will provide software, hardware, installation, technical support, and customer support.

This contract seeks approval under relevant statutes, including Chapter 44, § 44.031(a) of the Texas Education Code and Chapter 791, Interlocal Cooperation Act, along with Board Policies CH (LEGAL) and CH (LOCAL) for purchasing goods and services. The board of Trustees must approve proposal awards with \$50,000 or more.

Under the authority of the Texas Government Code §791.001 and the Interlocal Cooperation Act as amended, local governments like Fort Bend ISD are allowed to contract with each other and other government agencies. This Act exempts the requirement of seeking competitive bids for goods and services, once a school district determines that a local cooperative purchasing program offers the best value, to enhance efficiency and effectiveness.

Renewal options are available through February 2029. Should either contract not be renewed for the full term, staff will return to the Board to request authorization to utilize an alternate cooperative contract, or an alternate procurement method.

Background

The term of this contract is for three (3) years with two (2) optional one-year extensions. The contract term will begin on February 26, 2024, and will run through February 25, 2027. With the two (2) optional extensions, the contract can be extended until February 25, 2029.

There are no current expenditures for FY 2022-23. Expenditures will not exceed \$2,744,361 through February 2029. Funding is included in the budget.

Vendor:	Transfinder Corporation
Budget Sources:	General Fund Bond 2023
Amount:	Not to exceed \$2,744,361 through February 2029
Other Supporting Information	
Sole Source:	No
Number of vendors contacted by Purchasing:	N/A
Number of vendors downloaded the solicitation:	N/A
Number of responses received:	N/A
Number of "no bid" responses received:	N/A
Length of commitment:	Through February 2029
Last solicitation date:	N/A
Supporting documents:	N/A
Disclosure under Board Policy CH, CV, or DBD (Local):	None

*** Previously awarded a contract of the same scope with the District.

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

Damian Viltz
Chief Operations Officer

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Action: Approval: Consideration of a
Resolution pursuant to Senate Bill
763 (2023)
References: Board Policy BF (Local)
Department: Legal Services

Recommendation

Consideration and approval of a resolution pursuant to Senate Bill 763 (2023) regarding whether to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain.

Summary

Senate Bill 763, passed by the 88th Texas Legislature, created Section 23.001 of the Texas Education Code, which permits the District to either employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for students as assigned by the Board.

Senate Bill 763 requires each school board to take a record vote between September 1, 2023, and March 1, 2024, “on whether to adopt a policy authorizing a campus of the district or school to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain under Chapter 23, Education Code.”

The Policy Committee recommends adopting the presented resolution recognizing the importance of volunteers in our schools, affirming community members – including chaplains – have been welcome to volunteer on District campuses in accordance with the District’s volunteer policy GKG (Local), and, therefore, **declining to adopt a specific policy authorizing the District to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain under Chapter 23, Education Code.**

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

Coby Wilbanks
General Counsel

**FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION**

Regarding the Employing or Accepting as Volunteers Chaplains

WHEREAS, Section 23.001 of the Texas Education Code permits the District to either employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for students as assigned by the Board;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 763, passed by the 88th Texas Legislature, requires each school board to take a record vote between September 1, 2023, and March 1, 2024, “on whether to adopt a policy authorizing a campus of the district or school to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain under Chapter 23, Education Code;”

WHEREAS, the Fort Bend Independent School District welcomes volunteers in our schools and recognizes the vital role a volunteer plays in supporting the educational experience of students. Interested individuals can volunteer through various district, campus, and school-based volunteer opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees affirms the practice of a district campus permitting any community members who meet requirements, including chaplains, to volunteer to provide support, services, and programs for students in accordance with the district's existing GKG (LOCAL) policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees declines to adopt a policy authorizing the District to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain under Chapter 23, Education Code.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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|----------------------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| • Judy Dae | For ___ | Against___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Dr. Shirley Rose-Gilliam | For ___ | Against___ | Abstain ___ |
| • David Hamilton | For ___ | Against___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Kristen Davison Malone | For ___ | Against___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Rick Garcia | For ___ | Against___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Angie Hanan | For ___ | Against___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Sonya Jones | For ___ | Against___ | Abstain ___ |

FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Judy Dae, President
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

David Hamilton, Secretary
Board of Trustees

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: February 26, 2024
Action: Consideration and Approval:
Bond Audit Process
References: Board Goal 2
Department: Board of Trustees

Recommendation

Consideration and approval of process audit for cost estimation of 2023 bond projects.

Recommended by:

Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

Judy Dae
Board President