

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: October 26, 2026

Agenda Item: L.8

Board Goal: N/A

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of the selection of a Design Professional for Track and Turf Replacement at Hays High School – CEI Engineering Associates

Administrator Responsible/Position: Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer
Nathan Wensowitch, Exec Dir of Facilities, Construction & Bond Programs

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☒ Action needed ☐ Information only ☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy: CH – Purchasing & Acquisition ☐ Law or Rule: ☐ N/A

C. Goal or Need Addressed: Provide safe, cost-effective facilities.

D. Summary:

☐ Previous board action relating to this item: N/A

☐ Future action anticipated: N/A

☒ Background information: At the August 2026 FBOC meeting, staff identified and discussed the need to earmark approximately \$8M of bond interest earnings for athletic cycle replacement cycle items including, but not limited to, competition tracks, artificial turf, tennis court surfacing, gym surfacing, major grounds equipment, and uniforms.

Staff recommends replacing the turf and track at Hays HS Bob Shelton Stadium within the next year. As part of the process, staff recommends aligning the track and field elevations in order to eliminate the tripping hazard and safety issue, which will require an engineered design. Staff recommends contracting with CEI Engineering Associates (CEI) who has successfully designed 12 artificial turf fields for Hays CISD.

The track at Hays HS Bob Shelton Stadium is a seven-lane track which does not allow a District level track meet to be held at that location. In order to add another lane to the track, staff also recommends that the engineer evaluate the feasibility, time, and cost to add the eighth lane.

Considering stadium improvements for all high school campuses were tentatively included in the next bond cycle, which has been postponed, this work at Hays High School Bob Shelton Stadium will ensure the facility is ready when four high schools share one field.

When we bring forward a construction contract for the Hays HS work, we will also include the track replacement at Lehman HS in that scope of work. The Lehman HS track work appears to be a direct replacement that will not require engineering services.

We discussed this project at the September 2026 FBOC meeting with unanimous support.

E. Comments Received:

☒ Cabinet ☐ DLT ☒ FBOC ☐ Teacher Org. Reps. ☒ Other: Athletic Department

F. Administrative Recommendation: Approval of the selection of design professional

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: \$300,000

☐ Budget ☒ 2025 Bond Interest Earnings ☐ Grant/Special Funds: ☐ Other:

☐ Budget Amendment Needed

Prior Year Spending for this item/service: \$608,842.20

Bid / Contract Information: RFP #25-072201AS

H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action: Max Cleaver, Nate Wensowitch, Lance Moffett, Dusty Gibbs

Next report to the Board: Staff provides a monthly construction report to the Board which includes all projects.

I. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the selection of CEI Engineering Associates as the design professional for the 2025 Bond interest earnings-funded turf and track replacement at Hays High School Bob Shelton Stadium, for an estimated amount of \$300,000, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute successful contract, as presented.