To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Melydi Huyett, Superintendent

Subject: Action Item – Approve Membership in The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) – November 18, 2026

PROPOSED MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

That the Board approves membership in The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), as presented.

Moved by _____; Seconded by_____

YEA	NAY	YEA	NAY
____ David Fritts	____	____ Kathleen Schaefer	____
____ Melissa Gates	____	____ Jon Wadsworth	____
____ Linda LeBlanc-Parks	____	____ Linda Wegner	____
____ Brandon Rogers	____		

Background:
In accordance with Board of Education Policy 4:60 Purchases and Contracts, the Board has adopted policy regarding compliance with 105 ILCS 5/15A-1 regarding Design-build contracts.

The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) is a national purchasing cooperative administered by the Region 8 Education Service Center located in Texas. Through a competitive solicitation process, TIPS awards contracts for a broad range of products and services including technology, maintenance and operations supplies, vehicles, furniture, construction-related services, cybersecurity solutions, and educational resources. Participating public entities, including school districts, may utilize these contracts in lieu of conducting separate bid processes when permitted by state law.

Membership in TIPS is provided at no cost to the District and does not obligate the District to purchase any goods or services. Rather, membership gives the District access to competitively awarded contracts that may provide additional purchasing options and opportunities for cost savings.

Bryne & Jones Construction is an approved vendor under TIPS. Our membership allows the District to hire them for the field construction project.

Recommendation

Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve membership in The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) on behalf of the District.