



Meeting Date: January 23, 2025

Submitted By: Cecilia Davis
Title: Deputy Superintendent

Agenda Item: Consider and take action regarding approving expenditures equal to or greater than \$50,000.

CONSENT ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the expenditures listed in the attachment that are equal to or greater than \$50,000 and delegate the authority to the Superintendent or his designee to execute all contracts and related documents necessary to complete this project.

IMPACT/RATIONALE:

Board Policy CH (Local) states that any single, budgeted purchase of goods or services that cost \$50,000 or more shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place, unless the purchase falls into a categorical exemption or exception as reflected in the policy.

A categorical exemption shall be defined as:

- Expenditures for utilities including electricity, natural gas, telecommunications, water and wastewater;
- Expenditures for impact and permitting fees imposed by municipalities and county governments;
- Payments to the County Appraisal District.
- Expenditures for vehicle fuels procured through board-approved purchasing cooperatives;
- Expenditures for food service products procured through board-approved purchasing cooperatives.

An exception shall be defined as:

- Emergency expenditures in the event of catastrophe, emergency, or natural disaster affecting the District

The expenditures indicated on the attached document are not covered under the categorical exceptions as contained in Board policy.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval/Disapproval



MEMORANDUM

January 6, 2025

To: Cecilia Davis, Deputy Superintendent

From: Lynne Trevino, Director of Purchasing

RE: Purchases Equal to or Exceeding \$50,000

Board Policy CH (Local) states that any single, budgeted purchase of goods or services at a cost of \$50,000 or more shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place, unless the purchase falls into a categorical exemption or exception as reflected in the policy.

A categorical exemption shall be defined as:

- Expenditures for utilities including electricity, natural gas, telecommunications, water and wastewater;
- Expenditures for impact and permitting fees imposed by municipalities and county governments;
- Payments to the County Appraisal District.
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The expenditures indicated on the attached document are not covered under the categorical exceptions as contained in Board policy.

Once a recommendation to make the purchase was established, the prospective vendor was requested to complete a Texas Ethics Commission Form 1295. This requirement became effective on January 1, 2016 and is related to the passage of House Bill 1295 which is now incorporated into the Texas Government Code 2252.908. The form is attached and identifies all interested parties associated with the vendor as it relates to this procurement. Upon approval by the Board of Trustees and issuance of a district purchase order, the form will be posted on the Texas Ethics Commission's website as required by statute.

All board members, employees and agents involved in the planning, recommending, selecting or contracting of a vendor should be reminded of the conflict of interest reporting requirements as mandated in Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code. A copy of Form CIS has been included as an additional attachment. In the event that a conflict exists, the form should be completed and submitted to the Purchasing Department not later than the 7th day after the conflict is identified.



Vendor	Requesting Department	Procurement Method	Funding Source	Amount
Major Inc. dba RX Technology	Transportation	TIPS 220105	Local	\$260,361.81

The purpose of this request is to address the entry and exit of the parking lots of the three comprehensive high schools (Judson HS, Veterans HS, and Wagner HS). We are proposing the installation of electric gates in these areas. Currently, entry and exit of the parking lots are a manual process. These gates will streamline the entry and exit for all campus employees and the Transportation department for school bus access, as well as vendors, and other authorized personnel. Electric gates would enhance security by ensuring controlled access while also providing a practical solution that supports all employees, improves efficiency, and safeguards our campuses.

Perdue, Brandon, Fiedler, Collins & Mott LLP	Business & Finance	CTPA 17-014V	Local	\$173,000
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Perdue, Brandon, Fiedler, Collins & Mott LLP is a law firm providing customized services exclusively to governmental entities, working to maximize school districts revenue. The property value study (PVS) is conducted to help ensure that state funding for public education is distributed equitably by analyzing certain property categories to estimate their legally required value, which is usually market value. As per Government Code Section 403.302(h) and Comptroller Rule 9.103 allows the Comptroller's office to audit the total taxable value of property in a school district and to revise the final School District PVS (property value study) findings based on the audit findings. The Comptroller's office certifies the audit findings to the commissioner of education. The district retained the services of Perdue, Brandon, Fiedler, Collins & Mott LLP to complete and submit the audit results of the Property Value Study to the Comptroller's Office for the 2020 tax year. As a result of the audit, the district's state funding was increased by \$2,277,521 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The cost of the services provided by Perdue, Brandon, Fiedler, Collins & Mott LLP are based on 7.5% of the amount of increased state revenue to the district. The amount is not to exceed \$173,000. *This approval of an item over \$50K requires a budget amendment."



Coliseum Advisory Board	Teaching & Learning	Annual Contract	Local	\$ 102,000
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The Coliseum Advisory Board will provide space for the three comprehensive high school graduations (Judson High School, Veteran’s Memorial, & Wagner High School) being held at the at the Freeman Coliseum. Pricing includes the use of their in-house vendor for Audio Visual Services, Expo Hall 2 for staging of graduates and The Frontier Room for staging admin & staff needed for graduation. The estimated cost will be \$102,000.

Data Optics Cable Inc.	Technology	Reg 20 #23022	Bond 2022	\$91,865.56
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As part of Bond 2022, Judson ISD purchased switches to support the expansion of the district network. In order to adequately install and maintain switching technology, the district needs to purchase additional network cabinets and Universal Power Supply (UPS) mounting brackets for network closets. This purchase provides the district with 20 network cabinets with UPS mounts to include fans and thermostat controls on the freestanding network cabinets. The cabinets provide locking mechanisms to allow for secure storage of network components.

Jordan Ford, Ltd.	Safety and Security	CTPA #24028C28	Cycle II Safety Grant	\$51,347.00
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Judson ISD was awarded the Cycle II Safety Grant. Through these funds, the district is able to purchase equipment and devices to help support the safety and security practices of the district. The purchase of this 2024 Oxford White Ford F250 Transit Medium Roof Cargo Van will provide the safety and security department with the ability to transport needed signage, tables, equipment, radios, computers, and safety equipment to and from district sites and/or reunification sites in the event of an emergency. The safety and security department has a trailer to help transport some equipment. The addition of the van will allow for the towing of the trailer and the ability to have a moveable operation station created with organized materials to support district safety operations. The Cycle II safety grants provides the ability for the district to utilize the funds to purchase vehicles to support safety operations. The district has purchased police vehicles with the funds and the purchase of this van will provide an extension of those services to support operations in the event of an emergency. Funds associated with this grant must be expended by August 2025.



United Data Technologies, Inc.	Technology	JISD 22-18	Bond 2022	\$172,645.12
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This purchase provides for the replacement of wireless access points and required hardware to provide wireless technology to classrooms and district offices. Bond 2022 included funds to support the replacement of access points and wireless devices. Through e-Rate funding, Judson ISD began the process of upgrading wireless access points across the district and provided for some expansion to support district operations. Through the Bond 2022 project, Judson ISD is able to provide replacements in addition to further expansion of wireless technologies. This purchase is a single purchase related to the Bond 2022 project to replace failed and damaged units to ensure optimal performance of wireless systems district wide.

Solid IT Networks	Technology	DIR (TX Dept of Information Resources)	Cycle II Safety Grant	\$263,113.00
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Texas Administrative Code (TAC 61.1031) and Texas Education Code (TEC 37.117) requires that all districts implement the use of silent panic alarms in all classrooms by August 2025. This purchase would expand existing emergency capabilities within classrooms to not only notify 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency but will also be tied into the existing Verkada Access Control and security systems. The panic buttons provide classrooms with the ability to activate a lockdown with the touch of a button. The panic buttons will notify law enforcement and automatically place the campus on lockdown deactivating all access control panels on doors and notify the campus of an active lockdown situation. Currently, classrooms utilize emergency buttons on the classroom phone to alert of a 9-1-1 emergency. With the installation of these devices, classroom phones with soft press emergency buttons would be re-purposed to allow for other calling capabilities and diminish inaccurate 9-1-1 calls.

MEP, Engineers Yates Company	Maintenance	RFQ 23-18 TIPS # 22010602 (JOC)	Bond 2017	\$1,795,787
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Miller’s Point Elementary and Metzger Middle School are currently facing ongoing issues with their existing chillers due to their age and declining functionality. These chillers are critical components of the campuses’ HVAC systems, responsible for maintaining comfortable and safe learning environments for students, staff, and visitors. The replacement of these aging chillers with two new units per campus is essential to address current challenges and prevent future disruptions. In addition, it will eliminate the need for temporary chiller rentals and the associated costs.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

FORM CIS

(Instructions for completing and filing this form are provided on the next page.)

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This is the notice to the appropriate local governmental entity that the following local government officer has become aware of facts that require the officer to file this statement in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of Local Government Officer

2 Office Held

3 Name of vendor described by Sections 176.001(7) and 176.003(a), Local Government Code

4 Description of the nature and extent of employment or other business relationship with vendor named in item 3

5 List gifts accepted by the local government officer and any family member, if aggregate value of the gifts accepted from vendor named in item 3 exceeds \$100 during the 12-month period described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B).

Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____

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(attach additional forms as necessary)

6 AFFIDAVIT

I swear under penalty of perjury that the above statement is true and correct. I acknowledge that the disclosure applies to each family member (as defined by Section 176.001(2), Local Government Code) of this local government officer. I also acknowledge that this statement covers the 12-month period described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code.

Signature of Local Government Officer

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the _____ day
of _____, 20 _____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

Signature of officer administering oath

Printed name of officer administering oath

Title of officer administering oath

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Section 176.003 of the Local Government Code requires certain local government officers to file this form. A "local government officer" is defined as a member of the governing body of a local governmental entity; a director, superintendent, administrator, president, or other person designated as the executive officer of a local governmental entity; or an agent of a local governmental entity who exercises discretion in the planning, recommending, selecting, or contracting of a vendor. This form is required to be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh business day after the date on which the officer becomes aware of the facts that require the filing of this statement.

A local government officer commits an offense if the officer knowingly violates Section 176.003, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

Please refer to chapter 176 of the Local Government Code for detailed information regarding the requirement to file this form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

The following numbers correspond to the numbered boxes on the other side.

- 1. Name of Local Government Officer.** Enter the name of the local government officer filing this statement.
- 2. Office Held.** Enter the name of the office held by the local government officer filing this statement.
- 3. Name of vendor described by Sections 176.001(7) and 176.003(a), Local Government Code.** Enter the name of the vendor described by Section 176.001(7), Local Government Code, with whom the officer has an employment or other business relationship as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A), Local Government Code.
- 4. Description of the nature and extent of employment or business relationship with vendor named in item 3.** Describe the nature and extent of the employment or other business relationship with the vendor in item 3 as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A), Local Government Code.
- 5. List gifts accepted, if the aggregate value of the gifts accepted from vendor named in item 3 exceeds \$100.** List gifts accepted during the 12-month period (described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code) by the local government officer or family member of the officer from the vendor named in item 3 that in the aggregate exceed \$100 in value.
- 6. Affidavit.** Signature of local government officer.