

**Purchase Request #9**  
**Regular Board Meeting April 28, 2020**  
**Consideration of Approval to Contract for**  
**Plano Theater Safety Updates**

**ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT**

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of Plano Campus theater safety updates from Wenger Corporation for the Plano Facility Plant Operations Department.

**BACKGROUND**

This purchase will be for the repair and replacement of aging fly system parts in the John Anthony Theatre. Administration requested that we have an inspection of the Theatre fly system. WJHW consultants were brought in and completed an evaluation of the system. Their findings stated “The installation is largely original to the facility and is in good operational condition. The overall system has certain deficiencies that should be addressed in order to maintain safe and useful operating characteristics.” The requested repairs address the items in WJHW’s report. Wenger, the company that is being recommended to do the work, is one of the most respected and reliable companies in the Entertainment business. This company installed the original equipment in the John Anthony Theatre in 1988.

Reference number (REF) 4319 was issued to track the volume of spend for \$175,000. Vendor has a contract through the BuyBoard cooperative purchasing program to provide repairs as described in the proposal, Contract Number 539-17, and is in compliance with the competitive procurement requirements set forth in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted through Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code.

**IMPACT OF THIS ACTION**

The fly system is an integral part of the John Anthony Theatre. This is the system of ropes and pipes that are above the stage from which curtains, lights, and scenery are hung. After an inspection, primarily due to age, there have been certain deficiencies found in the system that could become safety issues. While these deficiencies do not pose an immediate threat, if these issues are not addressed at some point in the future it will be unsafe for students and staff to participate in events that take place on the John Anthony Theatre Stage.

**BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)**

This purchasing request is for spend authorization of \$175,000 which is budgeted in the Facility Plant Operations departments’ FY20 renewal and replacement budget.

**RESOURCE PERSONNEL**

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