



Board of Education

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Executive Director of Business & Operations, Karen Apostoli
DATE: 03-05-2026
RE: Payment & Invoicing System

This memo is:

- Information only.
 Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board consent.
 Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: 03/19/2026

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- in previous Board packet(s) dated. ____
 or attached to this memo

Basic information:

The administration is requesting board approval to move forward with Hearthland (My School Bucks) as the district's vendor for payments and invoicing.

Background or historical information:

Currently, the district uses RevTrak as the vendor for payment collection. RevTrak has a dated appearance, is not user-friendly, and has poor customer service. In planning for the replacement of RevTrak, input was gathered from building secretaries and the technology team. Four vendors were considered (KevGroup, Omella, My School Bucks, and Parent Square), and the middle school secretary participated in demos when possible.

Platform	Set Up Fee	One Time Costs	Annual Costs	Transaction Fee	Webstore	Integrates with SIS	Integrates with IQ	Forms Included	Ticketing Module	Sample (\$50 tech fee)	All Students Paid	Total Fee for Payment
KEV Group	\$6,900	\$800	\$19,120	4.00% + \$0.10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$52.10	\$160,050.00	\$6,722.10
Omella	\$0	\$632	\$0	3.49% + \$0.30	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	\$52.05	\$160,050.00	\$6,562.05
My School Bucks	\$1,998	\$1,592	\$0	4.60% + \$0.40	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$52.70	\$160,050.00	\$8,642.70
Parent Square	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	3.50% + \$0.30	No	Yes	No	Yes	No?	\$52.05	\$160,050.00	\$6,562.05
RevTrak	\$0	\$0	\$0	3.35%	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	\$51.68	\$160,050.00	\$5,377.68

Priorities for the selection process were:

- a friendly, updated webstore experience for families,
- ease of use for district staff,
- integration with our student information system (SIS), PowerSchool,
- the ability to include forms (such as field trip forms),
- the ability to create tickets for large events,
- the use of credit card readers,
- robust account reporting
- reasonable cost

My School Bucks meets all of the priorities with additional options to expand.
Previous decisions, actions or parameters that relate to this topic or issue: (Options) 3 options
Prior boards had elected to “cover” the cost of the transaction fee for parents. We will not be recommending a change to that process.
Recommendations: (Recommendations) and (Evaluate)
The administration is recommending My School Bucks as the payment and invoicing vendor beginning with the 2025-26 school year.
Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?: