



Meeting Date: March 26, 2026

Submitted By: Dr. Lacey Gosch
Title: Assistant Superintendent

Agenda Item: Consider and take action regarding approving the ranking for Request for Proposal 25-17 for Police Shields.

CONSENT ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve the ranking for Request for Proposal 25-17 for the Police Shields as presented in the attachments and delegate the authority to the Superintendent or his designee to execute all contracts and related documents necessary to complete any related purchases.

IMPACT/RATIONALE:

Section 37.1171 of the Texas Education Code, added by the "Uvalde Strong Act" (HB 33) in 2025, requires all Texas school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to have at least one breaching tool and one ballistic shield available at every campus for use during active shooter incidents. Purchase of the ballistic shields in RFP 25-17 would place our district in adherence with HB 33.

Keys requirements under HB 33 effective September 1, 2025

1. Mandatory equipment per campus in the district: one breaching tool and one ballistic shield
2. Integration into the District's Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) - Equipment must be included in multi-hazard EOPs, security audits, and law enforcement coordination protocols.
3. Training & Inter-Agency Coordination - Peace officers must complete ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training). Agencies must establish mutual aid agreements with DPS and local law enforcement.
4. Audit & Compliance Oversight - The Texas Education Agency and the Texas School Safety Center will monitor compliance. Failure to comply could expose schools and agencies to legal liability after a critical incident.
5. Funding pathway toward shield/breach tool compliance: Safety and Facilities Enhancement (SAFE) Grant.

The Judson ISD Safety and Security Department and the Judson ISD Police Department have been working towards compliance with HB 33 for the past several months. Factor explored to ensure compliance included but were not limited to, request for pricing, product specifications, availability, reference verification, and vendor reputation.

The most critical factors that the Judson ISD Police Department considered when researching ballistic shields included the following:

1. Lightweight ballistic shields between 13 lbs. – 20 lbs.
2. A ballistic shield designed with a carrying system that allows for it to be held for a long-period of time without fatigue.



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3. The shield size between 20" x 30" and 24" x 36"
4. Fabrication included materials designed to stop a projectile threat, ensuring a ballistic shield rated according to the National Institute of Justice's (NIJ) Threat Projections Levels.
5. The ballistic shield's adaptability to allow attachment of additional police equipment such as tourniquets, first aid kits, and ammunition magazines.

In summary, despite not being the lowest bid, Boyd Products Inc., provides the best value for the Judson ISD Police Department based on the outlined factors.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval/Disapproval



MEMORANDUM

March 6, 2026

To: Lacey Gosch, Assistant Superintendent
From: Teresa Ramon, Chief of Police
RE: Request for Proposal (RFP) 25-17 Police Shields

This proposal was created on behalf of the Judson ISD Police Department. In accordance with state law, a notice was published in *The Hart Beat* on January 14 and January 21, 2026. Submittals were opened as they were received, with the District receiving a total of four (4) submissions. The purpose of this bid opportunity was to secure a qualified vendor to provide the Judson ISD Police Department with industry-leading, rifle-rated ballistic protection to enhance officer safety and district security.

Evaluations were completed based on criteria identified in the Request for Proposal, which required vendors to submit various documents as a part of their packet.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the ranking for RFP 25-17 for the Police Shields as presented in the attachment and delegate the authority to the Superintendent or her designee to execute all contracts and related documents necessary to complete any related purchases.

Expenditures may be made from the Safe Grant Cycle 2.

All board members, employees and agents involved in the planning, recommending, selecting or contracting of a vendor are 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. 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.