



JARRELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Memo to the Board of Trustees



Date: September 24, 2025
Reported by: Stephen Dorman at Sledge Engineering
Subject: Consideration and possible approval of 2023 Bond Annex and Paw Prints Technology presented by Sledge Engineering

Background Information:

A strategy employed for the 2021 Bond projects provided for Jarrell ISD to contract directly for most technology related scope items. The board approved the direct procurement and purchase of technology infrastructure, audio/visual, cameras, card readers, networks/servers, public address systems, and displays. This has provided significant savings to the District at approximately 15% per project or \$3.3 million.

The first round of 2023 Bond projects were procured in a similar fashion. The projects included JRMS, Operations Center, JHS Package 1 (Administration, Fine Arts, Library, and Ag), and BCES. A Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (RFP) was issued, bids tabulated, vendor qualifications evaluated, and board awarded on a not to exceed value of \$5,000,000 on September 18, 2024. The savings realized was \$650,000 with the direct contracting approach of technology vendors.

The Administration Annex and Paw Prints projects will require similar direct purchase of technology equipment and installation. Procurement will be via bids, quotes, and/or purchasing co-op. The purpose of this item is to approve a “not to exceed” value for all the items that are needed for these two projects and authorize staff to procure and contract the installation as necessary.

Strategic Goal:

Item Addressed:

This item addresses Jarrell ISD direct purchase on technology for the Administration Annex and Paw Prints not included in the general contractor’s bid.

Budget Information:

All costs will be paid from the 2023 Bond as competitively procured through bids, quotes, and/or purchasing co-op.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval of the technology scope for the Administration Annex and Paw Prints.
Suggested motion:

I move to authorize a maximum not to exceed of \$600,000 for the purchase of technology infrastructure and equipment for the 2023 Bond Administrative Annex and Paw Prints projects and authorize the Superintendent to finalize negotiations.