

Terrell Independent School District

Executive Summary Report

Date	District Guiding Pillar	
March 30, 2026	<p>Goal 1: Student Achievement: Accelerate student learning to dramatically increase the number of students who perform on or above grade level.</p> <p>Goal 2: School Culture: Create safe and secure learning environments that focus on the social, emotional, and cultural needs of every student.</p> <p>Goal 3: Human Capital and Resources: Develop the capacity of every teacher and staff member to deliver rigorous, enriching learning experiences to every student and ensure safety of all.</p> <p>Goal 4: Organizational Efficiency: Develop a resource allocation plan and long-term facilities plan that supports and maintains the financial stability of the district, is aligned with identified priorities, addresses future growth and facility improvement needs, and represents being good stewards of taxpayer funds.</p> <p>Goal 5: Community Engagement and Outreach: Elevate district pride by strengthening partnerships with families, community, and the business community</p>	

Agenda Item: Consider the Approval of Retaining Legal Counsel for Legal Services and Authorize the Superintendent to Negotiate and Execute the Contract

Summary:

Board Policy BDD (LOCAL) states “The Board shall retain an attorney or attorneys, as necessary, to serve as the District’s legal counsel and representative in matters requiring legal services. Services to be performed and reasonable fees and expenses to be paid by the District shall be set forth in writing between the Board and the attorney or attorneys.”

Because the District may wish to have diverse representation due to different legal needs, the Board may consider retaining Thompson & Horton and O’Hanlon, Demerath, & Castillo Attorneys and Counselors at Law for legal services.

Attachments:

[BDD \(LOCAL\)](#)
Contract under separate cover

Administrative Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Trustees approve retaining Thompson & Horton and O’Hanlon, Demerath, & Castillo Attorneys and Counselors at Law as legal counsel and to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute the contract.

Budget/Funding

N/A