



BOARD MEETING MEMORANDUM

Board Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

From: Maria Treto-French, Assistant Superintendent/CFO/CSBO

Re: Camp Timber-lee Outdoor Education Contract

Attachment: Camp Timber-lee Documents

Agenda Location: Consideration to Approve: Action Items

Rationale:

Board Policy 6:240 states,

"Field trips are permissible when the experiences are a part of the school curriculum and/or contribute to the District's educational objectives. All field trips must have the Superintendent or designee's prior approval, except that field trips beyond a 200-mile radius of the school or extending overnight must have the prior approval of the School Board. The Superintendent or designee shall analyze the following factors to determine whether to approve a field trip: educational value, student safety, parent concerns, heightened security alerts, and liability concerns. On all field trips, a bus fee set by the Superintendent or designee may be charged to help defray the transportation costs. Parents/guardians of students: (1) shall be given the opportunity to consent to their child's participation in any field trip, and (2) are responsible for all entrance fees, food, lodging, or other costs, except that the District will pay such costs for students who qualify for free or reduced school lunches. All non-participating students shall be provided an alternative experience. Any field trip may be canceled without notice due to an unforeseen event or condition. Privately arranged trips, including those led by District staff members, shall not be represented as or construed to be sponsored by the District or school. The District does not provide liability protection for privately arranged trips and is not responsible for any damages arising from them."

Camp Timber-Lee is an outdoor Education Experience that is offered to 8th-grade students in the fall. Students participate in an overnight trip that has its days filled with activities. The activities are a collection of Physical Challenges, Science, Art, Music, Acting/Performance, Nature, Crafts, Team Development, Personal development, and Self-reflection. The students who attend the trip are taught the 5 C's of Teamwork (Cooperation, Communication, Commitment, Caring, and Challenge). When the trip is complete, the students form a lasting impression of the experience that goes way beyond their years in school. They also develop a great sense of bonding with each other



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and their teachers. Students participate in Archery, Rock Wall Climbing, Zip Lining, Leather Craft, Team Building, Art Projects, Wilderness Survival Activities, Animal Encounters with local and foreign animals, Skit performances, Campfires and Campfire Songs, Hikes that allow them to explore both during the daylight and at night, star gazing, and fun and games. They stay in small groups through most activities and have some large group activities for things like the hikes and campfire. Camp Timber-Lee has been a tradition for over 40 years at AUGS. Sponsor: Mr. Godsey and other teachers from AUGS during the trip.

Camp Timber-lee supports the existing school curriculum and state standards. Camp participation is voluntary, and families fund their child's participation.

Recommendation/Motion:

The administration recommends that the Board approve the contract with Timber-lee Outdoor Education of Troy, Wisconsin for the 2025-2026 school year for the AUGS Camp Timber-lee Field Trip.