

NAVARRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Subject: **Approval for the purchase of welding machines and equipment for the new high school CTE welding program**

Date: July 21, 2025

Administrator Responsible/Position: Sarah Santone

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☐ Information Only

☒ Action Needed

☐ Receive Input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy

☐ Law or Rule

☐ N/A

C. Priority, Goal, or Need Addressed:

☐ Strategic Plan

☐ District/Campus
Improvement
Plan

☒ Other

Priorities

☐ **Priority 1:** Recruiting, Hiring, Coaching, and Retaining High Quality Teachers and Staff to Support Student Outcomes.

☐ **Priority 2:** Maximizing Academic Performance.

☐ **Priority 3:** Maximizing Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Opportunities, Performance, and Engagement.

☐ **Priority 4:** Planning, Preparing, and Maintaining Facilities and Environments for Learning.

☐ **Priority 5:** Obtaining and Maintaining Top Rated District Recognition

Board Goals for 2023-2028

☐ **Goal 1*:** The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Reading will increase from 49% to 60% by June 2024, 65% for 2024-2025, 70% for 2025-2026, 75% for 2026-2027, 80% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

☐ **Goal 2*:** Increased overall student performance in mathematics to 85% Meets Standard by 2028. The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Math will increase from 53% to 65% by June 2024, 70% for 2024-2025, 75% for 2025-2026, 80% for 2026-2027, 85% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

☐ **Goal 3*:** The percentage of graduates that meet the criteria for CCMR will increase from 72% to 88% by August 2024 and increase to 95% by 2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

D.

Summary: **As part of the opening of the new Navarro High School, updated welding machines and related equipment are needed to support the Career and Technical Education program. The equipment is critical to ensure**

students receive training aligned with current industry standards and safety requirements.

Background Information:

Multiple vendors were contacted to obtain competitive pricing and ensure availability of all items needed. A total of five bids were received from various vendors for the welding machines and related equipment. Of these five, only two vendors are members of a cooperative program, Buyboard and TIPS. One of these vendors is only able to provide a small portion of the items needed and were at a higher cost. Coastal Welding Supply, a BuyBoard vendor is the only vendor able to supply nearly the full list of equipment requested from the CTE department and did so at a lower overall cost compared to the other bids.

Non-co-op vendors either could not meet the full specifications or provided higher pricing, making Coastal Welding Supply the most cost-effective and compliant choice.

Grainger, also a BuyBoard member and online supplier, was able to quote the remaining items needed.

Vendor	Quote Amount	Co-op	Notes
Alamo Welding Supply	\$110,876.10	No	Only able to supply welding machines and fume extractors
Champion Industrial Sales	\$105,743.35	No	Only able to supply welding machines and fume extractors
Coastal Welding Supply	\$145,241.18	Yes (BuyBoard)	Vendor able to supply nearly all items requested.
Grainger	\$9,634.37	Yes (BuyBoard)	Online supplier; remaining items available
New Braunfels Welding Supply	\$107,459.74	No	Only able to supply welding machines
Paxton/Patterson	\$161,795.00	Yes (TIPS)	Only able to supply welding machines, fume extractors and pipe bender.

Coastal Welding Supply is able to provide the equipment below:

Item	Quantity	Cost
Miller Multimatic 255 w/cart	20	\$84,983.80
Miller 130 Weld Fume Extractor	5	\$9,572.25
4 Ton Ironworker 3-phase	1	\$8,190.32
3 HP 7.5HP Sled Table Saw	1	\$29,874.17
7x12 Horz/Vert Bandsaw	1	\$1,718.66
Vertical Band Saw	1	\$5,335.30
Welding Positioner	1	\$1,921.29
Welding positioner chuck - 11 in	1	\$479.14
Mitering chop saw	1	\$626.95
Wilton 880 M Pro Vise	1	\$744.30
TOTAL COST		\$145,241.18

Below are the remaining items that can be provided by Grainger:

Item	Quantity	Cost
Corded Panel Saw	1	\$3,614.70
Blasting Cabinet	1	\$417.30
Plasma Cutter	2	\$4,207.70
Gas Cylinder Cabinet	1	\$1,235.67
Shipping		\$159.00
TOTAL COST		\$9,634.37

The total amount to be spent for the welding machines and related equipment is \$154,875.55, with the majority of the purchase being made through Coastal Welding Supply and the remaining items through Grainger.

E. Comments Received:

☐ LT

☐ DEIC

☐ Other

All agenda items are reviewed by the Superintendent's Leadership Team.

F. Administrative Recommendation:

That the board approves the purchase of welding machines and related equipment from Coastal Welding Supply and Grainger, both BuyBoard vendors, in the amount of \$154,875.55 for the new high school CTE department.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost:

Amount:

☐ Budget

☐ Grant/Special
Funds

☐ Other

☒ Bond

H. Exhibits:

None

I. Action: "I move to approve/disapprove/postpone" the purchase of welding machines and related equipment for the new high school as listed.

Motion by: _____ second by: _____

FOR: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson
AGAINST: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson
ABSTAIN: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson

MOTION CARRIED/DENIED/POSTPONED

