



BOARD OF TRUSTEES RATIONALE/ABSTRACT (Item sheet)

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **Change of Attorney Retainer**

☒ Reports/Information ☐ Presentation/Discussion ☐ Consent ☐ Action

PRESENTER: Dr. Jeff Roberts

MEETING DATE: 7/21/2025

RECOMMENDATION:

Kaufman ISD Administration team is suggesting shifting legal services for Special Education from Walsh Gallegos to Leasor Crass based on cost reduction and partnering with a legal firm whose home base is in the DFW area.

Motion Language:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

Per Board Policy, BDD legal and local, the district is allowed to enter into an agreement to work with an attorney on a retainer basis. It does not require board approval; however, individual Board members shall channel legal inquiries through the Superintendent, Board President, or Board's designee, as appropriate, when seeking advice or information from the District's legal counsel.

Advice from legal counsel shall be reported to the Board upon request of the Board or when deemed necessary by the Superintendent, Board President, or Board's designee.

POLICY:

All Board Policies are in effect.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Minimal

GOALS:

- ☒ **Goal 1:** Improve Student Achievement
- ☒ **Goal 2:** Improve Student Career and College Readiness
- ☒ **Goal 3:** Recruit, Retain, & Train Fully Certified and Highly Qualified Principals, Teachers, and Staff

PREPARATION ★ PURPOSE ★ PRIDE



- ☒ **Goal 4:** Improve Student Programs & Services
- ☒ **Goal 5:** Provide a safe and orderly learning environment