

Belton Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item
August 18, 2025

Item: Expenditures over \$50,000

Contact Person: Melissa Lafferty

Presented for: ☒ Action ☐ Report Only

Supporting Documents: ☒ None ☐ Attached ☐ Provided Later

District Goal or Objective Addressed:

Goal 5: Maximize our use of resources for both current priorities and plans for the future.

Background Information:

Board Policy CH(LOCAL) requires that any single budgeted purchase of goods or services that costs \$50,000 or more shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place. The following list of proposed purchases is submitted for your consideration:

Renewal of Integrated Systems for Skyward Hosting

Integrated System Corporation (ISCorp) is Skyward's private secure cloud computing service that provides hosting and support for Belton ISD Skyward servers. ISCorp provides all aspects of Skyward server support including software installation, compatibility performance, security upgrades and disaster recovery. In addition, ISCorp provides optimized performance, 99.5% uptime guarantee, off-hour software updates, server monitoring, fail safe backups, and enhanced security. This allows Belton Skyward servers to run in a secure environment that utilizes the industry's latest "security best practices." This cost is approximately \$57,500 for a one-year subscription based on projected enrollment and will be paid with funds allocated in the general fund budget. Integrated System Corporation (ISCorp) is an approved vendor.

Renewal of Nearpod – Tech Apps TEKS Instruction Resource

Nearpod is recommended for renewal as our primary TEKS certified instructional resource to address our K-12 TEK Apps. Nearpod offers individualized digital student learning experiences aligned to Renaissance assessment data and has been included in a bundled contract in order to reduce pricing for Belton ISD. The cost is \$88,315.50 for a one-year subscription. Nearpod is financially supported through our Instructional Materials and Technology Allotment.

Renewal of Freckle Math/Reading – Supplementary Instructional Resource

Freckle Math serves as a supplemental intervention resource designated for accelerated instruction, providing individualized digital student learning experiences aligned to Renaissance assessment data for each student. Freckle Math has been included in a bundled contract in order to reduce pricing for Belton ISD. The cost is \$131,814.96 for a one-year subscription. Freckle Math is financially supported through our Instructional Materials and Technology Allotment.

Renewal of STAR Literacy and Math Universal Screener Assessments

Renaissance Learning K-2 STAR Early Literacy & STAR Reading Assessment programs are recommended for renewal in order to meet assessment requirements by TEA. Districts in Texas are required to administer universal screening assessments to monitor student progress in early literacy and math. In addition, as a TIA district, a student growth measurement assessment is necessary. STAR Renaissance serves as the growth progress monitoring instrument in 3-12 Reading and Math for implementation of the Teacher Incentive Allotment. The cost is \$156,150.71 for a one-year subscription. STAR Renaissance Assessment is financially supported through our Instructional Materials and Technology Allotment.

Texas Equipment Solutions for HVAC Unit Replacements (Various Campuses)

Texas Equipment Solutions will furnish new HVAC systems to replace existing units on five campuses. The overall cost of the project is \$2,230,450 and is detailed as follows: \$323,500 for Joe Pirtle Elementary School, \$436,000 for Belton Early Childhood School, \$371,100 for Belton New Tech High School, \$802,100 for Belton Middle School, and \$297,750 for Sparta Elementary School. Texas Equipment Solutions is an approved vendor.

Fiscal Implications:

Integrated Systems Corporation will be funded by the General fund. Nearpod, Freckle Math/Reading, and STAR Literacy and Math will be funded by the Instructional Materials and Technology Allotment. Texas Equipment Solutions will be funded by Bond funds.

Administrative Recommendation(s):

Approve the requested expenditures as presented.