

BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

ARGYLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



BOARD MEETING DATE:	05/19/2025
AGENDA ITEM:	Transportation software
AGENDA LOCATION:	Action ▾
PRESENTER TITLE & NAME:	Director of Operations - Tommy Ledford CFO - Liz Stewart
DEPARTMENT:	Transportation

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Our current transportation software lacks several key features that are essential for modern school transportation operations. These include on-board tablets with student information for drivers, turn-by-turn navigation, a parent communication portal, bus tracking, digital rosters, and electronic pre-trip inspection tools.

To address these gaps, we partnered with our IT department to thoroughly research and evaluate potential solutions. We engaged with 14 different software providers, participated in seven product demonstrations, and conducted a pilot program on one of our buses.

Through this process, we discovered that no single platform met all our needs effectively and affordably. As a result, we identified a strategic combination of two systems—Smart-Tag and TransACT—as the best solution to provide comprehensive functionality while remaining cost-effective. These systems will also function with the plan for secondary students to begin wearing identification badges for the 25-26 school year. The badges produced by this system will allow the integration of transportation, identification, and student nutrition all in one badge.

BUDGETARY IMPACT & FUNDING SOURCE

The cost of the implementation of the new software system is \$170,843.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Administration recommends approval of the purchase as presented.

MOTION

A motion might be “I move to approve the item as presented”.