

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: June 24, 2025

Agenda Item: N.8

Board Goal: Student Achievement

Subject: Consideration and possible approval for Contract Services for Teacher of the Visually Impaired for Summer 2025

Administrator Responsible/Position: Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer
Michelle Velasquez, Executive Officer of Special Education
Jennifer Welma, Coordinator of Motor Services

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☒ Action needed

☐ Information only

☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy:

CH Legal and Local

☐ Law or Rule

☐ N/A

C. Goal or Need Addressed: The purpose of this agenda items is to secure a private contract Visually Impaired teacher to provide summer VI services to students from birth to 3 years old as mandated by TAC 350.1004(a)(b)(d).

D. Summary:

☐ Previous board action relating to this item: N/A

☐ Future action anticipated: N/A

☐ **Background information:** The Hays CISD Special Education department has experienced a shortage in applicants for the Teacher for the Visually Impaired position and as a result has been vacant all year. We have utilized private contract service providers to help meet student needs and services throughout the 24-25 school year. TAC 350.1004(a)(b)(d) requires that babies identified with a visual impairment, hearing impairment or both at birth, must be provided services year-round by a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, a Teacher of the Visually Impaired, and/or an Orientation and Mobility Specialist. The LEA must make all attempts to provide these services. In the event that services cannot be provided, the LEA must inform the family, the Early Childhood Agency, and report the information to TEA.

Going in the summer 24-25, there are 6 babies with visual impairments that need services over the summer. Services range from 1 time a month to 4 times a month depending on the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) developed for the child. The only teacher available to provide these services is a private contractor who has worked with Hays CISD in previous years, including the 24-25 school year. Utilizing this contract provider will result in exceeding the \$50,000 thresh hold.

Additional information: 2 of the 6 children with visual impairments require orientation and mobility services that will be provided by a current specialist with the district. There are also 6 babies identified with hearing impairments that will be provided services by current Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing with the district.

E. Comments Received:

☒ Cabinet

☐ DLT

☐ FBOC

☐ Teacher Org. Reps.

☐ Other:

F. Administrative Recommendation: Administration recommends approval exceeding the \$50,000 procurement for private contracted Visually Impaired teacher, Exa Curtis to provide VI services during the 24-25 summer to children 0-3 who are identified with a visual impairment.

Advantages and benefits of this proposal: Providing the summer services as written in the IFSP, allows the needs of students requiring the services to be met and compliance with TAC 350.1004(a)(b)(d).

Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement: Visually impaired services provide services need and increase student learner outcomes.

Effect of this action on other parts of the system: Providing the visually impaired services as written results in compliance with Texas Code.

Consequences of not approving this recommendation: Students 0-3 in need of VI services will not have access to services, thus not meeting the state and federal requirements.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: \$57,520

☒ Budget

☐ Bond

☐ Grant/Special Funds:

☐ Other

☐ Budget Amendment Needed

Prior Year Spending: \$13,900

Reasons for rejecting alternatives: Not providing the services may result in compliance infraction.

Future/Ongoing: N/A

H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action: Marivel Sedillo, Michelle Velasquez, Jennifer Welma

Evaluation method and time line: Evaluation of services will be monitored by service logs and progress notes.

Next report to the board: Summer 2026

I. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve to provide contract services for Teacher of the Visually Impaired for Summer 2025 to identified children ages 0-3 years of as documented in their Individualized Family Service Plan, for an amount not to exceed \$57,520, as presented.