



BELLVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting of the BISD Board of Trustees

August 6, 2020

Subject:	SmartTag
Presenter:	Dr. Nicole Poenitzsch, Superintendent
Board Policy:	CH (Local) Purchasing & Acquisition
BISD Goal:	2. Foster a connected, collaborative, and strategic approach to continuous improvement for the district. [LEADERSHIP]

Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In August 2020 one of the needs expressed at the campus level during input sessions was the need for a bus tracking system to assist with ensuring parents, administrators, and the transportation director knew where students were during the arrival and dismissal processes to the greatest extent possible.• It is not uncommon, but is unfortunate and creates fear and chaos when a student falls asleep on a bus and doesn't get off at their stop, gets on the wrong bus, doesn't get on the bus, gets off at the wrong stop, or buses are running behind schedule. Knowing where our students are and that they are safe is a priority for all.• In December the transportation director researched and presented three companies for consideration of providing this service.• In January, SmartTag presented to the BISD Board of Trustees.• In February, the cost for SmartTag and discussion of moving forward with the purchase of the system was presented in a Budget Workshop, and through discussion, we received indication to move forward with only routine route buses not the entire fleet to reduce the initial cost with intentions of formally approving the purchase in March.• In March COVID-19 caused the district to close and the focus of our meetings to shift to crisis management.• In April, we moved forward with purchasing SmartTag in the amount of \$45,645 under the mis-assumption that we had completed the approval process.• In April, we presented purchase of a new camera system to replace the cameras installed 10 years ago.• In April, the Board approved the purchase of the Vision Smart camera system for \$49,938.• In July the Superintendent was approved for purchasing authority of to \$50,000 under policy CH (Local)• In August, in review of the procurement process the Superintendent & Assistant Superintendent became aware of the misstep in the purchasing process and consulted our procurement attorney for guidance on correction. Guidance was given that it can fall within the purchasing authority of the superintendent unless the Board's intent is to navigate the legal aspect of not honoring the purchase and installment with the company.
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January Board Agenda• February Budget Information• Internal Communication• SmartTag Invoice
Recommendation:	The recommendation is for the Board to: No Action is Recommended. The intent of this discussion is transparency in the procurement process for SmartTag.

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