

# HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: March 27, 2025

Agenda Item: K.2c

Board Goal: Community Relations / Student Achievement

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of Annual Natural Gas Line Pressure Testing – SI Mechanical, LLC

Administrator Responsible/Position: Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer

**A. Purpose of Agenda Item:**

☒ Action needed

☐ Information only

☐ Receive input

**B. Authority for This Action:**

☒ Local Policy:

☐ Law or Rule

☐ N/A

**C. Goal or Need Addressed:** The purpose of this agenda item is to authorize the procurement of playground materials and services from Soil Express.

**D. Summary:**

☒ **Previous board action relating to this item:** Annual testing

☐ **Future action anticipated:** N/A

☒ **Background information:** The Texas Railroad Commission requires schools to test the integrity of their natural gas pipe by performing pressure testing every other year. Hays CISD conducts approximately half of the pressure testing each year, more or less divided down the middle of the district.

Staff is requesting assistance from an outside contractor to conduct the required bi-annual natural gas line pressure testing as a strategy to get more work done with the same number of people. The M&O department utilizes contractors in a similar way with air filter service. It's a staff augmentation strategy.

In March 2022, staff conducted a successful pilot test of this concept on the west side of the district at a cost of \$46,822. Success in this case means the pressure testing was completed in a shorter time frame with fewer resources. With that in mind, the MEP Director budgeted for the proposed expenditure in the current budget.

The purpose of the agenda item is to approve SI Mechanical, LLC for annual natural gas line pressure testing for the remainder of the district at a cost of \$93,757.00 and to provide awareness of the proactive approach.

**E. Comments Received:**

☒ Cabinet

☐ DLT

☐ FBOC

☐ Teacher Org. Reps.

☒ **Other:** Maintenance & Operations

**F. Administrative Recommendation:** The administration recommends approval of annual natural gas line pressure testing from SI Mechanical, LLC

**Advantages and benefits of this proposal:** N/A

**Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement:** N/A

**Effect of this action on other parts of the system:** N/A

**Consequences of not approving this recommendation:** N/A

**G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: \$93,757**

☒ **Budget**

☐ **Bond**

☐ **Grant/Special Funds:**

☐ **Other**

☐ **Budget Amendment Needed**

**Prior Year Spending: \$248,791.93**

**Bid/Contract Information:** This is a one-year contract with two (2) options to renew through 8/11/2026

**Reasons for rejecting alternatives:** N/A

**Future/Ongoing:** These services will be a recurring cost (annually)

**H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:**

**Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action:** Max Cleaver, Albert Flores

**Evaluation method and time line:** N/A

**Next report to the board:** N/A

**I. Suggested Motion:**

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve annual natural gas line pressure testing by SI Mechanical, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$93,757, as presented.