



JARRELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Memo to the Board of Trustees



Date: November 19, 2025
Reported by: Stephen Dorman at Sledge Engineering
Subject: Consideration and possible approval of 2023 Bond Paw Prints Furniture, Equipment, and Playground as presented by Sledge Engineering

Background Information:

The procurement strategy employed for the 2021 and 2023 Bond projects provided for Jarrell ISD to contract directly for as much scope as possible. Items include most furniture, equipment, playgrounds, and technology related scope items. This has provided significant savings to the District at approximately 15% per item purchased directly from vendor and not included in the contractor's scope.

The Board approved the technology items not to exceed for Administration Annex and Paw Prints at the September 24, 2025 meeting. The furniture plan at Administration Annex is to reuse existing furniture. The current consideration is for furniture, equipment, and playgrounds for Paw Prints which will be mostly new.

The new Paw Prints will require similar direct purchase of furniture, fixtures, and equipment (oftentimes referred to as "FFE"). Items that can be moved to the new facility will be reused; however, most of the existing furniture and equipment is dated and needs replacement. One key logistic consideration is the need to start new FFE install in the month of May 2026 while the current daycare continues to operate through the end of the school year. Transfer of the daycare license requires approximately 60 days (June and July 2026). The new FFE install will start as early as possible to facilitate the new Paw Prints opening August 1, 2026. Estimated budget is \$350,000 for furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

Playgrounds and play equipment are needed for Paw Prints. This includes interior and exterior areas as described below:

1. The front, interior playroom will have small version of playground for activities during inclement area. This interior room will have safe fall surface installed as the flooring to improve safety versus just a carpet product.
2. There are outside play areas per age level classrooms. These areas are planned for small play equipment. Artificial turf is planned for these areas.
3. There is also a main "courtyard" on the south side of the buildings and includes two age designated play areas. There will be playground structures similar to BCES but at a much smaller scale. The main two play areas ground surface is the "safe fall" material and not mulch. This is highly recommended for the age groups using the playground structures.

Estimated budget for play equipment and playgrounds is \$250,000. The interior and exterior "safe fall" poured in place surface is \$150,000.

Procurement for FFE and playgrounds will be via bids, quotes, and/or purchasing co-op. Renderings for the playground structures are still under review but will be shared with the Board as soon as finalized.

The purpose of this action item is to approve a "not to exceed" value for all the FFE and play items for Paw Prints and authorize staff to procure and contract the installation as necessary to meet project deadlines.

Strategic Goal:

Item Addressed:

This item addresses Jarrell ISD direct purchase on furniture, equipment, and playgrounds for Paw Prints not included in the general contractor's bid.

Budget Information:

All costs will be paid from the 2023 Bond as competitively procured through bids, quotes, and/or purchasing co-op. A not to exceed value of **\$750,000** is recommended to provide contingency in the event changes are needed during the ordering process or tariffs impact the final order. The purchase of furniture and playground equipment will be via purchasing cooperative like **BuyBoard**.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval of the furniture, equipment, and playgrounds scope for Paw Prints.
Suggested motion:

I move to authorize a maximum not to exceed of \$750,000 for the purchase of furniture, equipment, and playgrounds for the 2023 Bond Paw Prints projects and authorize the Superintendent to finalize negotiations.