



Agenda of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Belton Independent School District

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Belton Independent School District will be held August 31, 2023, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Bronco Room, 400 N. Wall Street, Belton, TX 76513. One or more trustees may participate via video conference.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comments**
- 3. Action Items**
 - A. Texas House Bill 3 3
 1. Resolution to Claim a Good Cause Exception Regarding 19
Texas House Bill 3
 2. Consider, Discuss, and Take Appropriate Action Regarding RFP# 2308-275-316 for Armed Security Officer Services
- 4. Closed Session (Texas Government Code, Subchapters D and E)**
 - A. Consultation with Attorney - Texas Government Code, Section 551.071
- 5. Reconvene in Open Session**
- 6. Board Training Regarding Evaluating & Improving Student Outcomes (EISO)**

7. Adjourn

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 - **Personnel who qualify to serve as a an armed officer**

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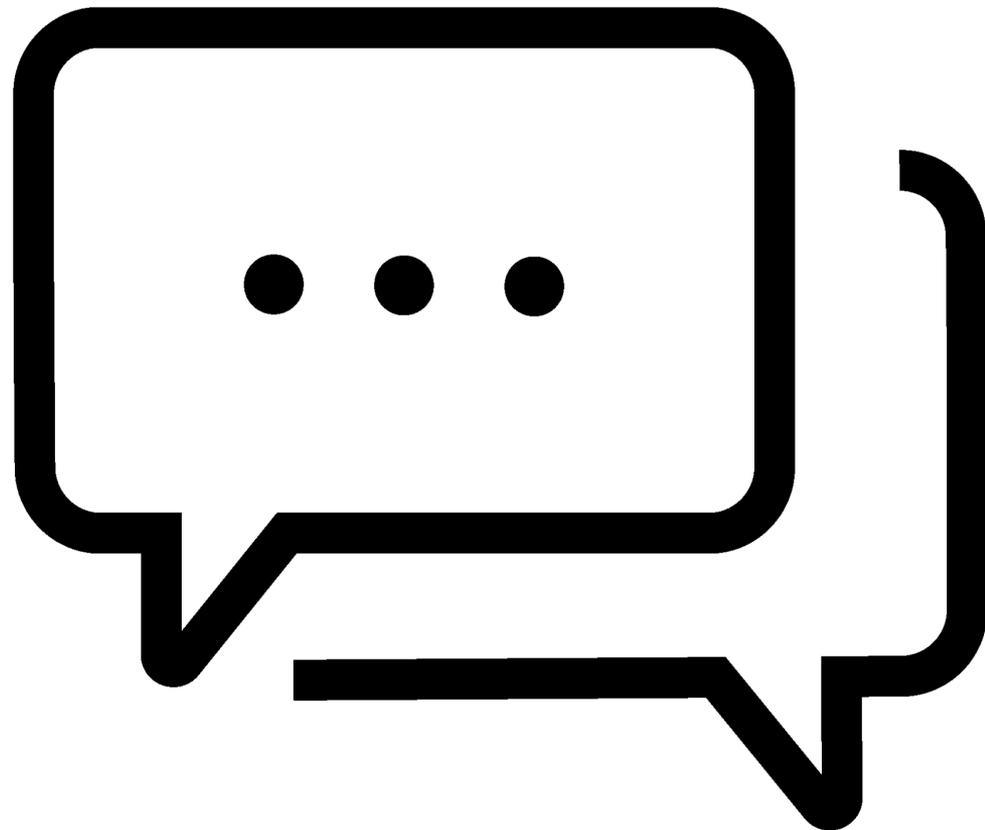
19 Contracted Armed Security Officers

38 Total Armed Staff

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Recommendation from RFP# 2308-275-316 for Armed Security Officer Services.

(Recommended Firm) will provide armed security officers for the 2023-2024 school year beginning on (date negotiated) and ending on May 22, 2024 for (contractual financial obligation).



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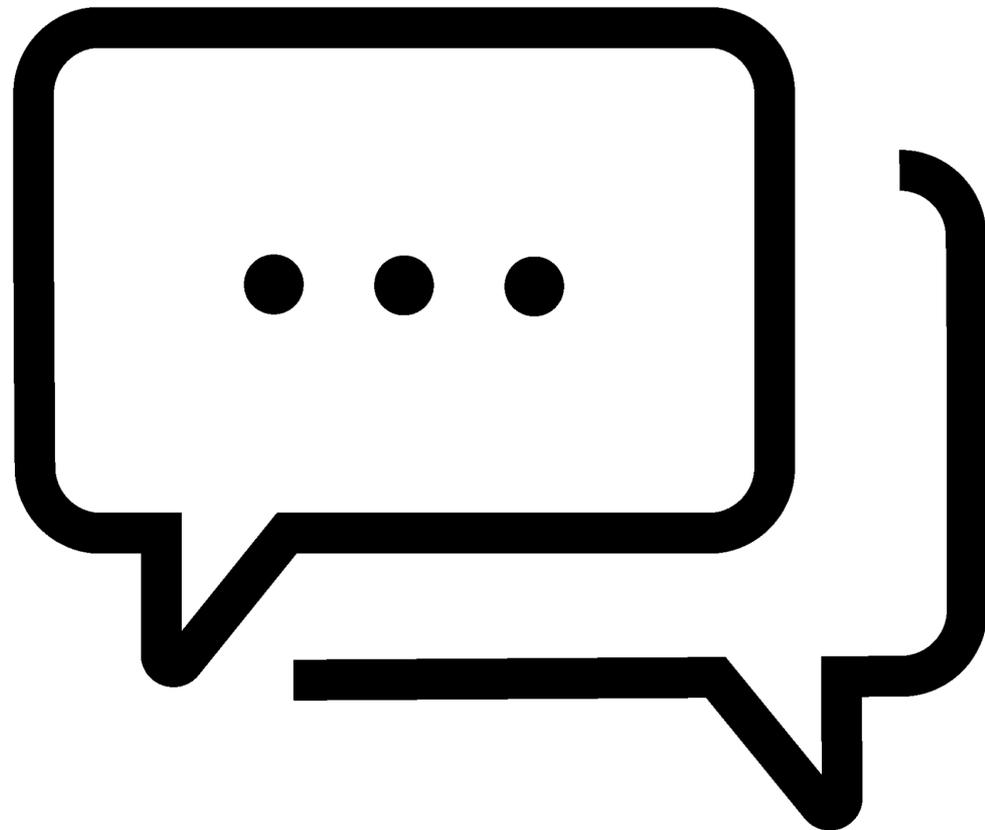
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Recommendation from RFP# 2308-275-316 for Armed Security Officer Services.

Vets Securing America will provide armed security officer for the 2023-2024 school year for 165 days, ending on May 22, 2024 for payment not to exceed \$850,964.



Belton Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item

August 31, 2023

Item: Consider, Discuss, and Take Appropriate Action Regarding a Resolution to Claim a Good Cause Exception Regarding Texas House Bill 3

Contact Person: Michael Morgan

Presented for: Action Report Only

Supporting Documents: None Attached Provided Later

District Goal or Objective Addressed:

Goal 2: Ensure exceptional learning experiences for each and every student.

Background Information:

On June 14, 2023, Texas House Bill 3 was signed into law. As a result, Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code requires that the board of trustees of each school district shall determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each district campus to include an armed district peace officer, school resource officer (SRO), or commissioned peace officer. If a District is unable to find adequate staff as defined above, a good cause exception must be claimed and an alternate standard must be adopted by the Board of Trustees. Staffing resources are not available to meet the standard of adding SROs at each campus, therefore we will be adopting an alternate standard.

The Resolution to Claim a Good Cause Exception will allow the District to contract for armed security officers, who along with our nine SROs, will fulfill the requirement of the law.

Fiscal Implications:

Cost of adding 19 armed security officers based on pricing submitted through the request for proposal process.

Administrative Recommendation(s):

Approve the resolution to claim a Good Cause Exception regarding Texas House Bill 3 as presented.

Resolution to Claim a Good Cause Exception Regarding Texas House Bill 3

WHEREAS, Belton ISD is a public school district located in the State of Texas who is subject to the laws of the Texas Education Code;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code requires that the board of trustees of each school district shall determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each district campus;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(c) of the Texas Education Code provides that if the board of trustees of a school district cannot fund or secure available personnel to place armed officers on each campus, the board may claim a good cause exception and develop an alternative standard with which to comply;

WHEREAS, Belton ISD is unable to secure adequate and qualified personnel to place an armed district peace officer, school resource officer, or commissioned peace officer on each District campus during regular school hours;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Belton Independent School District hereby determines that, due to unavailability of adequate personnel, the District is unable to place an armed peace officer, school resource officer, or commissioned peace officer on each district campus during regular school hours.;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, having claimed a good cause exception, will develop and document an alternative standard with which the district can comply, in accordance with Sections 37.0814(d) and (e) of the Texas Education Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the alternative standard shall include :

- (2) a school district employee or a person with whom the district contracts who:
 - (A) has completed school safety training provided by a qualified handgun instructor certified in school safety under Section 411.1901, and Government Code; and
 - (B) carries a handgun on school premises in accordance with written regulations or written authorization of the district under section 46.03(a) (1) (A), Penal Code.

Adopted this _____ (*date*) day of _____ (*month*), _____ (*year*), by the Board of Trustees.

Board President's signature: _____

Secretary's signature: _____