

7.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.01 Renewal for Refuse/Recycling Service Final Proposal

School District 59 is currently in the second year of our contract with Republic Services for general refuse and recycling services with an option for one more year of renewal based upon the District's satisfaction with the vendor's performance. According to the bid specifications, refuse is picked up daily, Tuesday through Saturday, and recycling is picked up weekly. Republic also provides recycling and refuse containers for each building.

This year Republic has proposed a 6.16% rate increase due to an increase in operating expenses, which resulted in an increased monthly charge of \$283.46 with the total charge being \$4,603.48 per month compared to the previous rate of \$4,320.02 per month.

Before a price change can be implemented upon renewal of the contract, the vendor must document the need for such changes. Increases are not to exceed the CPI-U (Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers) Annualized Rate for December of the current school year (7.0%).

The District Administration, having found the bid requirements for price changes to be met and being satisfied with the level of performance and service provided, recommends the contract with Republic Services for refuse and recycling be renewed for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and extending through June 30, 2023.

7.02 Taxi Cab Services

School District 59 issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to eight (8) taxicab service companies for the purposes of establishing their contracted rates for the 2022/23 school year. Taxi services are used in cases where the district is mandated to provide transportation for a homeless or special education student, and the student's location cannot be routed in conjunction with other standard school bus services.

The federal McKinney-Vento Act establishes requirements related to homeless students and specifically requires school districts to provide transportation to a student's school of origin, even if the school of origin is located in another district. Students are allowed to remain in their school of origin for the duration of their homelessness. There is no specific time limit on homelessness. During the 2021/22 school year, District 59 transported approximately 20 homeless students on a daily basis.

In cases where single special education students need to be transported to an outside placement, the District will use taxicab services. In addition to taxicab services, the District also employs Grand Prairie's Division One vehicles (vans) or works to share services with other local districts when possible. During the 2021/22 school year, the District transported approximately 20 students on a regular basis to outplacement programs by taxi.

Over the past few years, one single carrier has been unable to provide reliable services for all students, so the RFP expressly stated that cab services will not be limited to one company. Rather, the purpose of the RFP was to establish rates that District 59 will be charged when using taxi services. The intent is

to assign a route to the cab company best suited to meet the needs of the District and the student, both from a cost and quality of service perspective.

The taxicab contractor must provide, at its sole cost and expense, the appropriate number of vehicles with equipment in strict compliance with State and Federal standards and must employ qualified and properly licensed drivers. The term of the contract is for one year beginning August 12, 2022, through August 12, 2023.

Three (3) proposals were received for taxicab service rates for the 2022/23 school year. The District has stipulated not all services will be awarded to one company. Below are the approved rates as quoted for the following taxicab companies.

	CitiCare	303	Zum
Min. Trip Charge	\$26.00	\$48.00	\$70.00
Base Rate	\$0.00	\$48.00	\$70.00
Per Mile	\$2.60	\$2.99	\$2.95

Here are the expenses of cabs over the last several years:

		2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Account Number	Description	Fiscal Years Activity	Fiscal Years Activity	Fiscal Years Activity	Fiscal Years Activity
40E006 2550 3315 30	SPED - Placements	\$ 94,196.70	\$ 32,216.75	\$ 163,368.50	\$ 123,552.82
40E099 2550 3315 30	Reg Ed - Homeless	\$ 40,729.80	\$ 13,266.15	\$ 46,025.55	\$ 51,546.20
		\$ 134,926.50	\$ 45,482.90	\$ 209,394.05	\$ 175,099.02

7.03 Illustrative Math for the Junior High

In May of 2021, the Board of Education approved a one year pilot of Illustrative Math at the Junior High level. During the 2021-22 school year, a math implementation team was created to support the implementation plan of Illustrative Math in grades K-8. The math implementation team and the implementation plan included the following forms of feedback to engage in determining next steps at the junior high schools which resulted in positive feedback around the use of Illustrative Math as our universal core resource at the junior high level:

- Junior high Math Implementation Team meetings
- Teacher self assessment survey
- Walk-through data
- Principal-led/teacher leader conversations at the building level
- Formal and informal consultation with the instruction department math leadership team
- Coaching conversations
- iReady data review

We recommend a full adoption and continued purchase of Illustrative Math for the 2022-2023 school year as the junior high core math resource and through the remainder of the 3 year math implementation plan.