

**THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**



# **AGENDA**

**Board of Education  
Meeting**

**March 24, 2022**

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**C. CLOSED SESSION**

C-1. Personnel

- a. Deliberate the duties of the superintendent of schools, chief officers, assistant superintendents, principals, employees, chief audit executive including the audit dashboard, and board members; evaluations of the superintendent and chief audit executive, consideration of compensation, and contractual provisions.
- b. Consider and approve proposed appointments, reassignments, proposed terminations, terminations/suspensions, contract lengths, proposed nonrenewals, renewals, and resignations/retirements of personnel including teachers, assistant principals, principals, including resignation agreements and full and final release for chief officers, assistant superintendents, executive officers, and other administrators, and, if necessary, approve waiver and release and compromise agreements.
- c. Hear complaints against and deliberate the appointment, evaluation, and duties of public officers or employees and resolution of same.

C-2. Legal Matters

- a. Matters on which the district's attorney's duty to the district under the Code of Professional Responsibility clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Law, including specifically any matter listed on this agenda and meeting notice.
- b. Pending or contemplated litigation matters and status report.
- c. Update on federal law enforcement activity on February 27, 2020.
- d. Legal discussion and advice concerning House Bill 1842 (84th Leg., 2015), Senate Bill 1882 (85th Leg., 2017), and the district's options.

e. Legal discussion concerning *Houston ISD v. Texas Education Agency, et al.*, In the 459th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas, Cause No. D-1-GN-19-003695.

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**ADJOURN**

Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
Board of Education Meeting of March 24, 2022

Office of Business Operations  
Wanda Paul, Chief Operating Officer

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO AMEND AND INCREASE THE DESIGN CONTRACT AND AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE, AND AMEND ALL RELATED CONTRACTS FOR THE NEW BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL**

The Houston Independent School District (HISD) 2012 bond election approved the construction of a new Bellaire High School (HS). On April 11, 2013, the HISD Board of Education approved the award of a professional architectural and engineering (A/E) services contract for this project to PBK Architects.

In April 2017, the HISD Board of Education awarded additional funds for the Bellaire HS project to develop an offsite baseball/softball complex, as well as other improvements to the project. In January 2018, an additional services addendum was awarded to PBK Architects for incorporation of this work into the project.

Since that award, the A/E team has been asked to prepare multiple designs of an offsite baseball/softball complex for several sites, and the scope of work for this complex has increased significantly in response to several unanticipated regulatory requirements by the City of Bellaire. The A/E has also provided additional support to HISD during an extended and complex regulatory process. These changes, increased scope of work, and extended regulatory process required additional professional services from the A/E team.

Authorization is requested to amend and increase the design contract in the amount of \$161,911 for the cost of these additional services. Approval of this item will authorize the superintendent of schools or a designee to negotiate, execute, and amend all necessary contracts to implement the work.

**COST/FUNDING SOURCE(S):** The total cost for this project is not expected to exceed \$161,911.

Fund Source	Fund	Cost Center	Functional Area	General Ledger	Internal Order/ Work Breakdown Structure	Amount
Capital Project Funds	6990000300	1014002000	PS81990000000000	6629230000	1.002.0001.03	\$161,911

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS: None

ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS/IMPACT: This agenda item supports all four district goals and is aligned to Core Initiative 4: Data-Driven Accountability.

THIS ITEM DOES NOT REQUIRE CONSULTATION.

THIS ITEM DOES NOT ESTABLISH, MODIFY, OR DELETE BOARD POLICY.

RECOMMENDED: That the Board of Education approves amending and increasing the design contract and authorizes the superintendent of schools or a designee to negotiate, execute, and amend all necessary related contracts for Bellaire HS, effective March 25, 2022.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Construction Services Department is asking the Board of Education to approve amending and increasing the design contract for additional architectural/engineering services and to authorize the superintendent of schools or a designee to negotiate, execute, and amend all necessary related contracts for the new Bellaire High School (HS) baseball/softball facility.

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### OVERVIEW:

In January 2018, an additional services addendum was awarded to PBK Architects, Inc., for development of an offsite baseball/softball facility for the new Bellaire HS, as well as other improvements to the project. Since that award, the Architectural/Engineering Consultant (A/E) has been asked to prepare multiple designs of an offsite baseball/softball facility for several sites, and the scope of work for this facility has increased significantly in response to a number of unanticipated regulatory requirements requested by the City of Bellaire and community concerns. The new facility is located on Avenue B in the City of Bellaire, near Bissonnet Street, on an approximately 5.83-acre site that was the former Gordon Elementary School (ES) campus. The new facility will include a regulation-size baseball practice field, a regulation-size softball practice field, batting cages, bleachers, restrooms, a storage building, safety netting, off-street parking, a bus loop, landscaping, and other site improvements.

Under the City of Bellaire regulatory guidelines, the old Gordon ES campus is zoned for residential development. When the original school was built and each time a significant modification or addition was made to the campus, the district applied to the City of Bellaire for a Special Use Permit (SUP). This SUP allowed the district to build an educational facility in an area zoned for residential development only. In order to build the new baseball/softball facility on the old Gordon ES site, the Houston Independent School District (HISD) had to apply for a new SUP from the City of Bellaire. During an extended SUP regulatory process that featured a number of unanticipated special requirements from the City of Bellaire, the A/E was asked to prepare multiple designs, provide additional support, and incorporate significant increases in the scope of work for this project.

### PROGRAM BACKGROUND:

In 2017, a decision was made to locate the new baseball/softball facility for Bellaire HS off-campus. Multiple sites were considered and the A/E team prepared studies for many of these sites. After careful analysis and consideration, the campus of former Gordon ES in the City of Bellaire was determined to be the most suitable site.

The A/E prepared more detailed layouts and plans for the new baseball/softball facility at the Gordon ES site and began the regulatory process required by the City of Bellaire. In May 2017, a proposed site layout and other information were submitted to the City of Bellaire Planning and Zoning Commission. The commission received considerable community feedback regarding HISD's proposed plans for the old Gordon ES campus. Based on that feedback and a few regulatory concerns, the commission requested multiple revisions and several resubmissions of the proposed plans for the new Bellaire HS baseball/softball facility. HISD received approval of the final proposed plans in June 2018.

Subsequently, in 2019, changes in the campus's programmatic needs and in HISD's athletics program required additional changes to the proposed plans for the new baseball/softball facility. The

A/E team was asked to make further revisions, and to re-initiate the regulatory process with the City of Bellaire. The requested modifications were met with considerable opposition from the adjacent property owners during commission hearings and Bellaire City Council meetings. In order to secure the commission’s and the City Council’s approval to construct the new facility on the old Gordon ES campus, the A/E was asked to make more revisions, make additional submissions, and attend a number of hearings and public meetings.

On November 2, 2020, HISD was able to successfully obtain the required SUP amendment from the City of Bellaire. Construction on the new Bellaire HS baseball/softball facility began in January 2021.

**COST / FUNDING SOURCES:**

The total cost shall not exceed \$161,911 and will be funded by 2012 Bond Funds.

**FUNDING SOURCES:**

Fund Source	Fund	Cost Center	Functional Area	General Ledger	Internal Order/Work Breakdown Structure	Amount
Capital Project Funds	6990000300	1014002000	PS81990000000000	6629230000	1.002.0001.03	\$161,911

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

N/A

**STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

N/A

**ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS:**

This agenda item supports all four district goals and is aligned to Core Initiative 4: Data-Driven Accountability.

**CONSULTATION:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Board of Education approves amending and increasing the design contract and authorizes the superintendent of schools or a designee to negotiate, execute, and amend all necessary related contracts for Bellaire HS.

**OTHER RESOURCES AND TOOLS:**

N/A

**MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY:**

One year after construction completion, the initial warranty will expire and HISD Facilities must continue to maintain the facilities.