



Board of Education

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Board Report

25-0626-PR3

Agenda Date: 6/26/2025

AUTHORIZE THE FIRST (FINAL) RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH ARBITERSPORTS, LLC FOR ONLINE PAYMENT SERVICES

THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize the first (final) renewal agreement with ArbiterSports, LLC to provide online payment services for the purpose of compensating sports officials assigned through the Office of Sports Administration and all participating high schools, at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Financial Section of this report. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to ArbiterSports, LLC during the option period prior to execution of the written document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

Contract Administrator: Garvis, John R. / 773-553-2280

VENDOR:

- 1) Vendor #36516
ARBITERSPORTS, LLC
9815 S MONROE STE 204
SANDY, UT 84070-8820

Spencer Evans
781-325-4751

Ownership: Serent Capital II, L.P. - 68.1%;
No other shareholder owns more than 10%

USER INFORMATION:

Project
Manager: 13737 - Sports Administration and Facilities Management - City Wide
2651 W Washington Blvd
Chicago, IL 60612

Bumpers, Adam C
773-534-0700

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:

The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 22-0727-PR4) in the amount of \$3,072,000 is for a term commencing August 1, 2022 and ending July 31, 2025, with the Board having one (1) option to renew for a one (1) year term. The Agreement was subsequently amended (authorized by Board Report 22-1026-PR4) to increase the maximum compensation amount to \$5,239,239 to expand services to elementary schools and high schools, and to amend the vendor list to remove JP Morgan Chase Bank National Association and Cache Valley Bank from the original Agreement.

OPTION PERIOD:

The term of this agreement is being renewed for one (1) year commencing August 1, 2025 and ending July 31, 2026.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:

There are no option periods remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Vendor will continue to provide access to an online payment service for the purpose of compensating all sports officials assigned through the Office of Sports Administration. Schools will be given access to sub-accounts to administer payments to all verified sports officials for athletic competitions authorized by the Office of Sports Administration and approved locally by the Athletic Director of the respective school. This service will also provide auditing and reporting tools to ensure the appropriate use of Board funds for the specified sport and level official fee payment.

DELIVERABLES:

Vendor will continue to provide the following:

Access to online systems for the Board to create a master account for the purpose of initial seasonal deposits.

Access to sub-accounts for all participating schools for the purpose of administering payment through the online system.

Technical support by way of the following: Annual in-person training, access to webinars and unlimited phone support for all participating CPS high schools and the Office of Sports Administration.

Reporting data as fashioned by the Office of Sports Administration upon final approval of agreement.

Vendor will continue to collect all sports officials tax related documents (collection of W-9s and disbursement of 1099s).

OUTCOMES:

Vendor's services will continue to result in an efficient and streamlined process for administering payments to sports officials of high school and elementary athletics. Additional benefits will be a more controlled management of district funds as it relates to the compensation of sports officials and oversight for any unused funds to be appropriately refunded back to the Office of Sports Administration.

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written option document. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the option document. Authorize the Executive Director of Sports Administration to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

Pursuant to the Remedial Policy for Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) participation in Goods and Services contracts, the contract is an excluded transaction pursuant to the Goods and Services Policy, for the aspirational goals of 30% MBE and 7% WBE. This agreement is for proprietary Information Technology Software license and/or patented Technological Equipment.

LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL:

Fund 115, Unit 13735 - Sports Administration and Facilities Management,

FY26 - \$1,850,000

FY27 - \$150,000

Not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the one (1) year term. Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

The agreement shall contain general conditions including but not limited to the following: Inspector General provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1; Conflicts provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3; Indebtedness provision, in accordance with the Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 pursuant to Board Report 96-0626-PO3; Ethics provision, in accordance with the Board's Ethics Code as amended; and, Contingent Liability provision.

Approved for Consideration:



PATRICIA HERNANDEZ
Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



MACQUILINE KING, Ed.D
Interim Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



RUCHI VERMA
General Counsel