July 30, 2026

AUTHORIZE A NEW AGREEMENT WITH ARBITERSPORTS, LLC FOR ONLINE PAYMENT AND SPORTS DATABASE SERVICES

THE SUPERINTENDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize a new agreement with ArbiterSports, LLC to provide Online Payment and Sports Database Services to the Office of Sports Administration at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Financial Section of this report. Vendor was selected on a non-competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-6. This request was presented to the Sole/Single Source Committee on May 5, 2026 and approved by the Chief Procurement Officer. Prior to approval as a Single Source, the item was published on the Procurement website on May 5, 2026, found here cps.edu/procurement. This process complies with the independent consultant's recommendations for a single source procurement and the Board's Single/Sole Source Committee Charter. A written agreement for Vendor's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Vendor and no payment shall be made to Vendor prior to the execution of their written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification Number : Sss-130
Contract Administrator : Garvis, John R. / 773-553-2280

VENDOR:

1) Vendor # 26516
ARBITERSPORTS, LLC
9815 S Monroe Ste 204
Sandy, UT 84070-8820
Spencer Evans
781 3254751
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
Smith, Thomas E
773-534-0700

TERM:
The term of this agreement shall commence on August 1, 2026 and shall end July 31, 2028. This agreement shall have two (2) options to renew for periods of one (1) year each.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:
The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:
Vendor will provide the payment software system that handles payment processing for sports officials/referees for all Chicago Public League (CPL) sporting events sponsored by the CPS Office of Sports Administration (OSA). This includes software technical support, data reporting and collection of sports officials/referees tax-related documents, including W-9s and disbursement of 1099s. Vendor will also provide access to sub-accounts for all participating high school and elementary schools for their

sports official payments (outside of CPL sporting events).

Vendor will also provide the following:

District Athletics website, which is OSA's full service district sports website cpsathletics.com. This site is the central hub for all information pertaining to interscholastic sports in the district, including calendars, articles, photos, archive, document library, and other links of interest.

District Access and League Scheduler, a module which allows for Central Office staff to create CPL sport schedules and parse them out to individual school sites for the school communities to reference. This allows OSA to manage contest logistics, officials assignments, scores, league standings, and playoff information in one platform.

ArbiterGame for 82 individual High Schools, allowing an athletic director/liaison to organize information regarding their sport team's contest contracts, and a directory of school sites/venues. This module allows schools to additionally create non-conference schedules, agree to game contracts, and serves as an interconnected communication mechanism with other schools in the League.

DELIVERABLES:
Vendor will provide access to online systems for the Board to create a master account for the purpose of initial seasonal deposits, and access to sub-accounts for all participating schools for the purpose of administering payment through the online system; annual in-person training, access to webinars and unlimited phone support for all participating CPS high schools and the Office of Sports Administration; and reporting data as fashioned by the Office of Sports Administration upon final approval of agreement. Vendor will also provide the District Athletics website, District Access and League Scheduler, and ArbiterGame module as described in the Scope of Services.

OUTCOMES:
Vendor's services will result in an efficient and streamlined process for administering payments to sports officials of high school and elementary athletics, 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.

Additionally, implementing an athletic contest scheduling/ management platform allows multiple stakeholders to update one schedule to avoid scheduling conflicts. The Office of Sports Administration will have the ability to efficiently retrieve, store and distribute information to parents, other schools by Athletic Directors with minimal support.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:
None

AUTHORIZATION:
Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize the Chief of the Office of College and Career Success to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION:
Pursuant to the Remedial Policy for Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) participation in Goods and Services contracts. The MBE and WBE Policy, 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 13737 - Sports Administration and Facilities Management - City Wide,

FY27 - $1,970,833
FY28 - $2,150,000
FY29 - $179,167

Not to exceed $4,300,000 for the two (2) year term. Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval.

Approved Category Code for this Board Report:
208.00000 Software - Miscellaneous
Category Codes may be modified by the Chief Procurement Officer as needed to support the Scope of Services.

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 Section 404.2; Ethics provision, in accordance with the Board's Ethics Code as amended, and a Contingent Liability provision.

Approved for Consideration:
Patricia Hernandez
PATRICIA HERNANDEZ
Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:

MACQUELINE KING, Ed.D
Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

Approved:
Elizabeth K Barton
ELIZABETH K. BARTON
General Counsel