

EANES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: **January 28, 2009**

Board Action #: **004/09**

Subject: **Agreement For Provision of Legal Services**

Action

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board authorize the Superintendent to engage Thompson & Horton, LLP as an additional firm to provide legal services to the District during the 2008-2009 school year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On an annual basis each September, coinciding with the District's fiscal calendar, the District has implemented a practice of presenting the list of law firms providing outside legal services to Eanes ISD. At the Board meeting of September 2008, the following firms were retained to provide outside legal services to the District:

- Bracewell & Giuliani, L.L.P.
- McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P.
- Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P.
- Feldman & Rogers, L.L.P., and
- Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Schulze & Aldridge, P.C.

Since that time, however, certain attorneys formerly associated with Bracewell & Giuliani, L.L.P. have departed from that firm and have formed a new law firm: Thompson & Horton, LLP. The firm of Bracewell & Giuliani, L.L.P. is not being replaced by this proposed action. Thompson & Horton, LLP is being added as a new, additional firm to provide legal services to the District.

A proposed engagement letter was provided to the District by Thompson & Horton, LLP so that the District may continue to use the services of particular attorneys, as needed, for the balance of the school year. Thompson & Horton, LLP will also be included in the list of law firms to be brought to the Board for approval in September 2009.