

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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TOPIC: Google Voice - Virtual Telephone Services

A. PERTINENT FACTS:

1. Due to unprecedented times related to COVID-19, Technology Services needs to expand IT services to staff that are working remotely. Our on premise Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP Phone System) has limitations and to overcome those limitations we need to implement a virtual phone system. The virtual phone system will allow some staff to:
 - a. Make calls without having to use their personal telephone number.
 - b. Use an app on their cell phone to make and receive calls.
 - c. Text families either from a computer or cell phone
2. The District Purchasing Manager will review this purchase prior to award to ensure adherence to District / statutory procurement requirements. The term will be six months to one year.
3. The purchase is over \$175,000 and board approval is required.
4. This purchase has been reviewed by Executive Director, Idrissa Davis.
5. Funding will be provided by the Office of Business and Financial Affairs through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER).
6. This purchase meets the District Strategic Plan focus area of Program Evaluation and Resource Allocation. It also supports the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.
7. This item is submitted by Jackie Turner, Chief Operations Officer; Hans Ott, Executive Director, Office of Digital & Alternative Education and Idrissa Davis, Executive Director, Technology Services.

B. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education authorize the Purchasing Manager to award to the best value vendor for the purchasing of Google Voice Services in the amount not to exceed \$475,000.

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TOPIC: Hotspot Internet Access for Students

A. PERTINENT FACTS:

1. In the fall of 2018 Technology Services applied and received a grant from T-Mobile for 2,500 hotspots for students who did not have internet access at home. Due to unprecedented times caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we purchased an additional 620 hotspots. In order to ensure our students that don't have internet access at home have the connectivity to start the school year. We need approval for the following:
 - a. Purchasing additional hotspots with an unlimited (not throttling) data plan.
 - b. Moving all current hotspots to an unlimited (no throttling) data plan (the current hotspots have a 2GB per month throttling plan).
2. The solution will be bought through our vendor T-Mobile, and the purchase will be made off of the State of Minnesota Contract #137773. The term will be for one year.
3. The purchase is over \$175,000 and board approval is required.
4. This purchase has been reviewed by Executive Director, Idrissa Davis.
5. Funding will be provided by the Office of Business and Financial Affairs through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER).
6. This purchase meets the District Strategic Plan focus area of Program Evaluation and Resource Allocation. It also supports the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.
7. This item is submitted by Jackie Turner, Chief Operations Officer; Hans Ott, Executive Director, Office of Digital & Alternative Education and Idrissa Davis, Executive Director, Technology Services.

B. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education authorize administration to approve the proposal from T-Mobile for the purchasing of additional hotspots and increasing the data plans for hotspot lines in the amount not to exceed \$750,000.

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TOPIC: Staff Computers

A. PERTINENT FACTS:

1. When school Districts in the state of Minnesota closed in late March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to borrow devices from Title 1, PLTT and some schools in order to ensure that some staff could work remote. We need to backfill those devices that were borrowed and we have some staff that still needs mobile devices so that they can work remotely.
2. The solution will be bought through our vendors Apple and DELL, and the purchase will be made off of the State of Minnesota contract #541190 for Apple and Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC contract #45ABZ) for DELL.
3. The purchase is over \$175,000 and board approval is required.
4. This purchase has been reviewed by Executive Director, Idrissa Davis.
5. Funding will be provided by the Office of Business and Financial Affairs through the Governor's Emergency Educational Relief Fund (GEER).
6. This purchase meets the District Strategic Plan focus area of Program Evaluation and Resource Allocation. It also supports the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.
7. This item is submitted by Jackie Turner, Chief Operations Officer; Hans Ott, Executive Director, Office of Digital & Alternative Education and Idrissa Davis, Executive Director, Technology Services.

B. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education authorize administration to approve the proposal from Apple and DELL for the purchasing of additional computers for staff in the amount not to exceed \$450,000.

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TOPIC: Distance Learning 2.0 Take Home Instructional Materials K-12

A: PERTINENT FACTS:

1. During the Covid 19 outbreak, students will be starting the 2020-2021 school year in Distance Learning. Teachers have told us that it is hard for students to learn when they don't have access to a common set of take-home instructional materials.
2. We wish to provide all students K-12 with a common set of take-home instructional materials kit for use in Distance Learning 2.0. This will help ensure equity of access to a guaranteed set of educational supplies at each student's home.
3. Funded by Federal CARES Act. The District Purchasing Manager will review this purchase prior to award to ensure adherence to District / statutory procurement requirements.
4. This item is submitted by Craig Anderson, Executive Director: Office of Teaching and Learning; Kate Wilcox-Harris, Chief Academic Officer; Marie Schrul, Chief Financial Officer.

B: RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education authorize the Purchasing Manager to award to the best value vendor the purchase of take-home instructional material kits to be made available to all of the students in the St. Paul Public Schools in the amount not to exceed \$1.5M utilizing Federal CARES Act funding.