

2.8 APPROVAL OF DISTRICT PHONE SERVICE

A. SUBJECT

The Board is asked to approve the following agreements for phone service for the District.

B. INFORMATION

The District's phone services are up for renewal. Currently we have two telecom providers. Comcast provides service for our VOIP system that services the classrooms and all district offices. Peerless Network provides our POTS lines which are installed in the elevators as required by law. During the renewal process we investigated additional phone providers to determine if we could secure better service at a lower cost. The chart below provides the results of this investigation.

POTS LINES SERVICE

Company	Price per month
Peerless Network - Current Provider	\$949.76
Constellation Telecom	\$720.00

We are recommending switching to Constellation Telecom at a savings of \$229.76 per month or \$2,757.12 per year. The City of Woodstock recently moved their POTS lines to Constellation Telecom and reported no issues with service and excellent customer support.

VOIP PHONE SERVICE

Comcast is our current provider and we are paying \$1,528.20 per month. Comcast is no longer offering this service and recommended that we switch to their newly purchased networking company - MASERGY.

Company	Price per month
Comcast - Masergy	\$2,257.50
AireSpring Telecom	\$1,986.34

We are recommending moving to AireSpring Telecom to provide our VOIP telephone networking system. AireSpring will provide a similar service to what we have currently with Comcast. Additionally, we will be able to better manage our E911 notification system and not rely on outside technicians to make sure our classrooms have the E911 coverage they need.

C. RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent recommends approval of the contracts for the District POTS lines with Constellation Telecom and the District VOIP network with AireSpring.

D. SUGGESTED MOTION

This item will be part of the Consent Agenda.