



BELLVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting of the BISD Board of Trustees

August 20, 2020

Subject:	BISD Educational Broadband System
Presenter:	Dr. Nicole Poenitzsch, Superintendent
Board Policy:	FB (Legal) Equal Educational Opportunity
BISD Goal:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Develop and attain local standards for high levels of integrated learning and performance. [LEARNING]2. Foster a connected, collaborative, and strategic approach to continuous improvement for the district. [LEADERSHIP]

Summary:	<p>BISD owns an Educational Broadband System that was issued to the district by the FCC. The intent was to provide districts with the capabilities to provide internet access within their geographic boundaries for educational purposes. In April 2020, the FCC updated laws regarding EBS to allow district's to sell this license to corporations. Additionally, the FCC established that if district's who hold licenses do not have activities on their spectrums for 180 consecutive days prior to a determined deadline (mid January) they will lose their ability to hold the license and ownership will return to the FCC.</p> <p>BISD has engaged in a partnership with an attorney with EBS expertise to provide us with an approximate value of the license and assist in negotiating the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build out and use of our EBS by the determined deadline;• lease of our EBS; or• Sell of our EBS.
Attachments:	• None
Recommendation:	The recommendation is for the Board to: No Action is Recommended. Through discussion we need to determine our desired outcome for our EBS.

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