

# **Request Modification of Existing District Internet contract**

January 22, 2008

## **SUMMARY:**

- This item requests approval of modifying existing Internet service with Charter Business for handling district growth while addressing Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) Erate compliance. The new Internet contract will move DISD from 30 MB's to 100MB's and enhances service for upcoming online TAKS testing.

## **PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

- This Board approved an Internet contract in January 2007. That contract was an increase from 12 MB's of bandwidth to 30 MB's.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- Denton ISD currently has a contract with Charter to provide DISD with 30 MB's in Internet bandwidth. Due to more and more instructional based applications being served through the Internet into DISD, it is imperative we continue to stay ahead of the demand so slow service is not an issue with our district.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

We have filed a form 470 with the SLD in December 2007 requesting Internet service. This request was posted on the SLD website and viewable to anyone to respond. This 470 serves as an RFP and is accepted by the SLD. The Erate contract period follows DISD's fiscal year. (July 1 to June 30) This requested service will not be installed until July 1, 2008. DISD's discount is 58% and will be reimbursed to DISD as a service discount. This service will not start until July 1, 2008.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- Additional Internet costs will be borne by existing 411 budget. Total cost of new contract is \$70,000 per year. DISD 58% discount from Erate will be \$40,600 having DISD actually pay \$29,400. DISD paid \$17,710 for 30 MB's of Internet service. This will increase our cost by \$11,690.

## **BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

- Passage will allow this district to continue the excellent service being provided by Charter Business while increasing our Internet capacity over 200% and providing extra bandwidth for our students and teachers.

## **PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:**

- Reporting procedures will follow SLD guidelines for receiving Erate discounts for the district.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:**

- None

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

- No alternative actions are proposed ...

## **OTHER COMMENTS:**

- None

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends approval of the contract.

## **STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

- Ernie Stripling, TIO
- Michael Bernstein, Director of Network Services

## **ATTACHMENT:**

- Charter Business contract (3 contracts to be signed)
- SLD 2008 form 470 for DISD

## **APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_