

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”

New Business Item 6b • November 11, 2024

Request to Purchase: Staff Laptops for Union Elementary, ZMS, ZWMS

Category:

<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing	<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment	
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance, Budgeting, Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Board Policy
<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities, Transportation, Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Relations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other

Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:

Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report	<input type="checkbox"/>

Facts of this Matter:

As part of our teaching staff laptop replacement cycle, UE, ZMS, and ZWMS are due for replacement during the 2024-2025 school year. The current computers in these buildings are no longer under warranty, will be 5 to 6 years old at the end of the semester, and are struggling to keep up with processing demands. Our technicians and Associate Director of Technology, Carolyn Goetz, did a thorough evaluation of the needs of staff, tested several models for our replacement of schools this Fall and selected the HP G11 model. HP is a vendor who sells direct to schools with special pricing utilizing Omnia Partners (a national cooperative purchasing group). The investigative process to seek a laptop solution using the cooperative purchasing group dropped the price from \$1025.40 to \$758.00 along with adding 2 years of extra warranty.

Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

These tools for our teachers are essential for instruction, feedback, assessment, and safety. Utilizing a cycle for replacement has helped the district provide updated machines to educators within the parameters of our budget.

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

The only negative to this project is the cost of the new devices. However, this is a budgeted expenditure utilizing the Technology Purchase Plans for each school with the remainder of the funds coming from the District Technology Purchase Plan.

Opinion/Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the Leadership Team to purchase new HP staff Laptops for UE, ZMS and ZWMS.

Financial Implications, if any:

The cost to replace up to 209 devices across three buildings will be \$158,395.00 dollars. In choosing the device, our team evaluated cost vs performance with our new teaching models, coordination of implementation, and scalability and efficiency within our growing environment.

Suggested Wording for a Motion, if any:

I move to approve the purchase of HP G11 laptops to replace teacher machines at Union Elementary, Zionsville Middle School and Zionsville West Middle School as presented.