

Zayo Communications Internet Access Contract Approval

June 28, 2016

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the necessary contracts to purchase internet access from Zayo Communications.

BOARD GOAL:

VI. Growth, Change & Fiscal Responsibility...demonstrate effective and efficient management of District resources.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The district has been using the Lonestar Education and Research Network (LEARN) for internet access since 2010. In order to meet increasing bandwidth demands, the district's internet access speeds need to be increased. LEARN cannot provide the necessary bandwidth in a cost effective manner, so it is necessary for the district to obtain internet access through another internet service provider (ISP).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The attached contracts will approve Zayo Communications as the district's primary ISP while providing the district with a 10Gbps internet connection. Zayo Communications was chosen as the district's primary ISP after responding to the Form 470 the district filed with the Federal eRate program. LEARN and Charter Communications were the other respondents. The district will maintain the internet access it already has through LEARN, as a redundant connection, in case of failure or high utilization of the Zayo connection.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Cost will be borne by local funds. The increased cost for internet access through Zayo will be \$9,000 per month before eRate discounts. The final cost to the district will be \$3,600 per month after eRate discounts.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Passage will allow the district to provide robust, high-speed internet access for staff and students and positively impact the learning environment.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

None

OTHER COMMENTS:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Zayo be approved as the district's primary internet service provider.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Ernie Stripling, Technology Information Officer
Chris Langford, Wide Area Network Manager
Kathy Arrington, Purchasing Agent

ATTACHMENT:

Zayo Communications internet access contracts
ISP Ranking and Tabulation

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____