



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: September 22, 2022

TOPIC: Renewal of Bookflix by Scholastic Inc. Contract for the 2022-23 School Year

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Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Purpose/Background:

The District's subscription to Bookflix, produced by Scholastic Inc. is up for renewal. Bookflix is a service that provides students in grades PreK-3 the ability to follow along and read books independently online or during whole group instruction within a classroom setting. With Bookflix, students are provided access to hundreds of fiction and nonfiction texts that are animated as well as displaying the text in front of them. This tool has been widely used by all teachers and students for many years, seamlessly fitting into every reading curriculum in the primary grades.

The District's Legal Counsel reviewed the terms and service provided by Scholastic, Inc. and found them acceptable, but did prepare an Amendment covering auto renewal, governing law, etc. The terms and service do cover SOPPA and the District is using Bookflix and the website in such a way that publishers are not collecting individual data on students. To cover our bases the District can sign an Exhibit E based upon the Scholastic IL-NDPA originally generated by McClean County School District 5, if the committee approves the recommendation. Counsel did point out that this could still proceed to the Finance Committee.

Fiscal Impact:

\$1,172. The District paid \$1,149 during the 2021-2022 School year for Scholastic's Bookflix service.

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to renew the subscription for Bookflix by Scholastic Inc. in the amount of \$1,172 for the 2022-23 school year.