

# Agreement with Verizon for E-Rate Eligible Telecommunications Service

February 28, 2012

## SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of continuing our district Verizon voice telephone system as per the bid process.

## BOARD GOAL: VI a. Growth & Change...In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Review and adjust policies and procedures as appropriate to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community.

## PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- Original contract with Verizon was approved on February 16, 2009.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- In order for our E-Rate funding to continue we have to follow the rules of acquisition of services and in this case our telecommunication service. Our 3 year contract with Verizon expires July 1, 2012 and the district filed a form 470 (E-Rate documentation) in January 2012 to announce our desire to extend our telecommunication service. This 470 acts as an RFP to the prospective vendors. In this case Verizon has won the bid and was chosen by a group of our staff and consultant.

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- The new contract with Verizon will save the district money.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- All phone bills are budgeted in the appropriate cycle. The E-Rate funding requests run a fiscal year behind. The E-Rate cycle is started for requests in February each year and funded by paper sometime in the first semester with the physical checks coming a little later.

## BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Passage of this agreement will allow Denton ISD to continue the telephone service at a reduced amount.

## PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- As stated above, this procedure is being documented for future E-Rate consideration.

## PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

## ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed.

## OTHER COMMENTS:

- none

## SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- The Superintendent recommends approval of this agreement.

## STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Ernie Stripling, TIO
- Michael Bernstein, Director of Network Services
- Alyce Hamman, Purchasing/Buyer

## ATTACHMENT:

- Old/New Cost Comparison
- Verizon Response.PDF (provided in electronic form as file too large to print)

## APPROVAL:

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

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

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

