






NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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TO: Robyn Burke, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Chief School Administrator 

THROUGH: Dr. Bobby Bolen, Chief Operating Officer 

FROM: Reginald Santos, Director of Information Technology 

DATE: September 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Purchases of Over \$10K -
Software Subscription Renewal

Memo No: SB24-028
(Informational Item)

2020-2025 NSBSD STRATEGIC PLAN

4.0 Financial & Operational Stewardship: Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support the long-term stability of the district.

NSBSD Policy Manual:

BP 3300 Expenditures/Expending Authority: The Superintendent or designee may purchase supplies, materials, and equipment in accordance with the law. The Superintendent or designee shall not authorize any proposed expenditure that exceeds the major budget classification allowance against which the expenditure is the proper charge unless an amount sufficient to cover the purchase is available in the budget for transfer.

BP 3310, Purchasing Procedures: The School Board desires to ensure that maximum value is received for money spent by the district and that records are kept in accordance with the law. The Superintendent or designee may issue and sign purchase orders.

BP 3311, Bids: All purchases in the amount of \$20,000 or more shall be based, when possible, on three competitive bids. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to ensure that formal advertised bids are solicited for purchases over \$50,000.

BP 3312, Contracts: The Superintendent or designee may enter into contracts and memoranda of agreement on behalf of the district. All contracts and memorandums of agreement with a dollar value of \$10,000 or greater must be approved by the School Board.

BP 3440, Inventories: The Superintendent or designee shall provide for the proper control and conservation of district property.

Issue Summary:

The software subscription renewals are listed below:

Background:

Below is a brief description of each software subscription up for renewal for our school district. These tools and services have proven vital to our daily operations, enhancing our educational offerings and ensuring the safety and efficiency of our institution.

1. OETC - Microsoft 365 A3 License: Term 10/6/23 – 10/5/24

Brief Description: Microsoft 365 A3 for faculty is a comprehensive package designed specifically for the education sector. It includes core Office apps (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.) and powerful collaborative tools like Teams and OneNote. Enhanced security and compliance tools are also included.

Value to our School District:

- **Collaboration:** Tools such as Teams facilitate real-time collaboration among students, teachers, and administrators.
- **Diverse Learning Needs:** OneNote offers unique capabilities for teachers to provide feedback, create interactive lessons, and cater to diverse learning needs.
- **Ubiquity:** The suite allows our community to work from any device, anywhere, which became especially valuable during remote learning periods.
- **Safety and Compliance:** Enhanced security features ensure that our students and staff's data remain safe and compliant with regulatory standards.

2. GCSIT - Veeam Availability Suite VUL Licenses: Term 10/18/2023 - 10/17/2024

Brief Description: The Veeam Availability Suite is designed to provide data protection through backup, recovery, and replication solutions for virtual, physical, and cloud-based workloads.

Value to our School District:

- **Data Protection:** Ensures that our district's critical data, including student records, faculty information, and administrative data, is safeguarded against unforeseen circumstances like hardware failures or cyber threats.
- **Rapid Recovery:** In case of any data loss, the suite ensures a swift recovery, minimizing downtime and ensuring educational and administrative operations continuity.
- **Flexibility:** Supports our varied IT infrastructure, be it on-premises or in the cloud.
- **Cost-Efficiency:** Reduces the total cost of ownership as it consolidates backup, recovery, and replication tasks.

Funding Sources and Contract Amount:

Function	Account Code	Available Budget
SUPPLIES/MATERIALS/MEDIA	100.200.355.450	\$101,209.22

Software	Renewal Amount	Available Budget
Microsoft 365 A3	\$31,980.71	\$69,228.51
Veeam Availability Suite VUL	\$26,295.00	\$42,933.51

Grant Funds:

No grant funds are associated with the funding of the attached renewal quotes.

Compliance with BP 3311:

These are a sole-source procurement due to the Total Cost of Ownership and Unique Capability or Compatibility justification. Even though alternative products exist, the total cost of transitioning to a new product (training, integration, maintenance, etc.) justifies staying with the existing provider. Pure Storage Array has a piece of specialized equipment, and they are the only supplier that manufactures a compatible replacement part.

Proposed Motion:

No motion is required. This is an informational Item as the purchases of supplies, materials, and equipment are within the discretion of the Chief School Administrator or designee.

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