



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 18-Jun-12

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Debbie Breckner

Superintendent: Dan Huber-Kantola

Type of Item: Informational Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

I respectfully request that the Board of Directors approve the attached contract the District to lease new UPS (Uninterruptable Power Supply) units for the District.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

As noted in other requests this month, the District has leased equipment in order to be able to have a technology infrastructure that is reliable, effective and operational. Currently, our UPS units are old and are failing. We replace those at the schools as we can; however the UPS units that provide support to the servers and switches are failing miserably because they are old. To purchase them outright would cost \$11,837.66, which is money the department does not have in its budget. This lease is proposed with part of the reduction from the lease for computers, and also from a reduction in the District's Software agreement with Microsoft, resulting in no bottom line increase in the technology budget.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Allows the District to continue providing service in the event of a power outage for a defined amount of time. Also allows the District to protect its valuable servers and switches from electrical damage from brown-outs and outages.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

None

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

Waiting to purchase these until 2013. This was not chosen because of the degree of need for them; along with the concern about keeping the network operational in poor weather or electrical circumstances. Given that all of the projects planned within the Technology Services Department were able to be possibly funded without requiring any additional resources from the General Fund, the decision was made to move forward with the request.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No