

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Jewell called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm in the School District Conference Room. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Members Present: Ms. Jewell, Mr. Hoepfner, and Ms. Glasen
Present via telephone: Mr. Bradford
Members Excused: Ms. Altermott
Quorum: Established

Staff Present: Superintendent Alex Russin, Technology Director Keith Zamudio and Secretary Nora Dudley

Visitors: None

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Mr. Hoepfner moved to approve the March 21, 2018 special meeting agenda as presented in the Board Packet. Ms. Glasen seconded.

Discussion: Ms. Glasen made a motion to amend the agenda to include a Conflict of Interest Declaration following Audience Comments Regarding Agenda Items. Mr. Hoepfner seconded.

Motion: Passed 4-0 (roll call vote)

Main Motion, as amended: Passed 4-0 (roll call vote)

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Mr. Zamudio apologized for the delay and timing of this meeting. He explained that Dan Kettwich of Advanced Data Services (ASD) has been working with us on our E-rate application and has helped to identify areas to strengthen our application. Mr. Zamudio further shared that one such strength is the creation of a consortium with the library. Our goal is to fold into the consortium the medical center, which receives internet subsidies through a different federal funding source than E-rate. If successful, the consortium (school, library, medical) will be the first of its kind, not only in Alaska, but in the country.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Discussion: Ms. Glasen wanted the record to reflect her employment with Cordova Telephone Cooperative (CTC), the company being proposed to provide internet services to the school district. She further stated that she had no participation during the process of reviewing the proposals or negotiating the contract and has no direct or specific knowledge of the district's technology infrastructure. She finished by stating she would have no financial gain in awarding the contract to CTC. The Board discussed Ms. Glasen's declaration and determined there were no conflicts or concerns with her being able to vote on the proposed contract. Ms. Jewell also wanted the record to reflect that her husband is an employee of CTC and there was no financial gain to be made for her if the contract is approved. The Board concurred.

NEW: UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hoepfner moved to approve the Internet Service Provider Contract for 2018-2019 School Year as presented in the packet/ Ms. Glasen seconded.

Discussion: Mr. Hoepfner asked Mr. Zamudio several questions about the consortium model and how the costs and services in the contract would be shared. Mr. Zamudio explained that this year the District has been monitoring its needs and uses related to bandwidth to best understand how to be able to share the increased bandwidth under the new contract with the library. Mr. Russin added that the details of bandwidth and cost-sharing will be determined at a later time and that the library will use a bulk of the resource in the summer since the needs are greater at that time.

Mr. Hoepfner also asked what the current cost to connect both school buildings is. Mr. Zamudio said that this year's rate is approximately \$4,000/month and the year before was approximately \$3,000/month, which is on top of the monthly internet service cost with AT&T. Mr. Russin added that the current unsubsidized contract with AT&T is approximately \$174,000/year and the new proposed contract with CTC is approximately \$155,000/year.

Motion: Passed 4-0 (roll call vote)

BOARD COMMENTS:

- **Mr. Hoepfner:** Congratulated Mr. Zamudio for his hard work with the E-rate process and saving the District money.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Hoepfner moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Glasen seconded.

Discussion: None

Motion: Passed 4-0 (roll call vote)

Meeting Adjourned at 12:38 pm

ATTEST

President

Clerk

Date

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