



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM FORM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: June 19, 2012

TITLE: Award of Contract for Blended Learning Amphi Academy at Donaldson Elementary School Based on Responses to Request for Proposal (RFP) 11-0081

BACKGROUND:

The Administration is creating a Blended Learning Curriculum, grades four through six at the Amphi Academy Donaldson Elementary School to provide online core curriculum instruction in combination with classroom instruction. Students will work at home in an online environment and attend Donaldson two days weekly to work directly with teachers. Request for Proposal (RFP) 11-0081 was mailed to vendors providing online course curriculum to K-12 Education. The District's minimum requirements were: courses to be of high quality, rigorous & relevant, available in the requested subject matter, comprehensive in scope with the ability for modification by teachers and, alignment to Common Core State Standards. Monica Nelson, the District's Chief Academic Officer and her team, Patti Greenleaf, Stacey Gist and Roseanne Lopez with Chris Rapp and John Watson from Evergreen Group, consultants evaluated the six vendor responses based on the above requirements. Please see their scores below.

Pearson (217.5), VSCHOOLIZ (202.5), Odysseyware (168.5), Compass Learning (168.5), K12 Virtual Schools (163.5), Mercury Online Academy (128.5)

Pearson and VSCHOOLZ, the two highest scoring vendors were invited to participate in a Webinar to showcase their curriculum package and their Learning Management System, (LMS). Both vendors were evaluated based on their curriculum's alignment to common core standards and to the District's definition of Blended Learning, the functionality and ease of use of their Learning Management System, the bandwidth available and cost. At the close of the Webinar both vendors were asked to submit a Best & Final Offer. Please see the scores below.

Pearson (49), VSCHOOLZ (46)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the Governing Board approve the award of contract to Pearson for a Blended Learning Curriculum, Grades Four through Six based on their response to RFP 11-0081.

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Date: June 13, 2012

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