

**HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Date: December 16, 2024

Agenda Item: L.9

Board Goal: Community Relations

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Telephone Infrastructure for new construction at Hays High School, Johnson High School, Lehman High School, and Ramage Elementary School – Affiliated Communications

Administrator Responsible/Position: Alan Duerr, Chief Technology Officer

**A. Purpose of Agenda Item:**

Action needed                       Information only                       Receive input

**B. Authority for This Action:**

Local Policy                       Law or Rule                       N/A

**C. Goal or Need Addressed:** The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the purchase of Mitel telecom equipment and licensing to fulfill infrastructure needs for Ramage ES, Lehman HS, Hays HS, and Johnson HS. This equipment is provided outside of the construction budget and will be taken from FF&E.

**D. Summary:**

- Previous board action relating to this item** – July 2023 telecom equipment, licensing, and maintenance for Cullen ES.
- Future action anticipated** – N/A
- Background information** – Affiliated Communications provides our Mitel telecom equipment, PBX switches, licensing, and maintenance for all of our campuses. Affiliated Communications is on the State of Texas DIR Contract and all purchase pricing will meet or exceed DIR pricing.

**E. Comments Received:**

Cabinet       DLT       FBOC       Teacher Org. Reps.       Other: Technology

**Administrative Recommendation:** Administration recommends approval of telecom infrastructure from Affiliated Communications.

**Advantages/benefits of this proposal** – This proposal will provide telecom service to Ramage ES, Lehman HS, Hays HS, and Johnson HS.

**Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement:** The students and staff need dependable telecom communication equipment at these campuses.

**Effect of this action on other parts of the system:** This telecom equipment will integrate seamlessly with all of our other telecom equipment owned by Hays CISD.

**Consequences of not approving this recommendation:** No telephone or voice service will be available on the affected campuses.

**F. Fiscal Impact and Cost: Total Amount: \$132,835**

Budget – General Fund       2023 Bond       Grant/Special Funds       Other –  
 Budget Amendment Needed

Prior Year Spending: \$138,964

**Bid/Contract Information:** DIR-CPO-5390 Mitel Business Systems, Inc. Exp: 08/23/2029

**Reasons for rejecting alternatives:** Vendor quality, experience, and affordability

**Future/Ongoing** – Hays CISD will continue to provide telecom service to all our campuses.

**G. Monitoring and Reporting Timeline:**

**Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action** – Alan Duerr

**Evaluation method and timeline** – Evaluation of services are monitored on an ongoing basis through monthly check-ins with special education leadership, professional evaluation, and walk-throughs

**Next report to the board** – The next report to the board will be when Hays CISD renews its maintenance contracts for the Mitel telecom infrastructure.

**H. Suggested Motion:**

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve purchase of telephone infrastructure for new construction at Hays High School, Johnson High School, Lehman High School, and Ramage Elementary School from Affiliated Communications for an amount not to exceed \$132,835, as presented.