

Chromebook Cabinets Purchase for Year 3

January 23, 2018

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the quotes received from Dell Computer and Pathway Communications, LTD. for the cabinets to house the Chromebook devices to be purchased for year three (3) of the rollout.

BOARD GOAL:

VI. Growth, Change & Fiscal Responsibility...be environmentally responsible and aggressively pursue energy efficiency and conservation principles in building design...demonstrate effective and efficient management of District resources...provide leadership and /or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal and regulatory requirements.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On January 12, 2016, the three-year plan for the Chromebook rollout was presented to the board. 2018 marks the third year of the rollout which includes first grade classrooms and secondary ELA. The cost per cabinet is \$545.00. This is the same cost of the cabinets purchased in 2017. A total of 330 cabinets are needed. The installation of each cabinet is \$105.00, with a one-time freight fee of \$20.00. The rollout plan of the cabinets for 2018 will include installation and configuring of the cabinets at each campus location. The purchase from Dell will be made via the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contract. The installation to be provided by Pathway Communications, Ltd, will be made via the TIPS Purchasing Cooperative. All contracts awarded by DIR have been competitively bid to meet state purchasing requirements and negotiated to comply with state law. This purchase is being brought for approval in accordance with board policy CH (local).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Cost will be borne by assigned fund balance in the amount of \$214,520.00.

| | Cabinets | Managed Install |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Dell | \$179,850.00 | \$82,041.30 |
| Pathway Communications | \$191,400.00 | \$34,670.00 |
| CDW | Not able to quote | |

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Passage will allow the purchase order to be placed in a timely manner to ensure delivery for the third-year rollout.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the purchase and installation of the Chromebook cabinets for year three totaling \$214,520.00 which will be divided between Dell for the purchase of the cabinets in the amount of \$179,850.00 and Pathway Communications for installation in the amount of \$34,670.00 be approved.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Debbie Monschke, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services
Ernie Stripling, Technology Information Officer
Dwight Goodwin, Director of Information Technology
Cindy Willis, Director of Purchasing

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____