



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 15-Sep-08

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?

We are requesting permission to enter into a lease/use agreement with Hunter Communications for a small 14' by 14' section of land at Evergreen Elementary School for the purpose of installing and maintaining telecommunications equipment onsite. This equipment will allow Hunter to increase the bandwidth that the Illinois Valley schools have available to access district technology services. All of the equipment would be placed inside an 8' x 6' structure, built, fenced, and secured by Hunter, to prevent vandalism. Should it ever become necessary to end our relationship with Hunter, or remove the equipment, Hunter will be responsible for returning the site to the condition it was prior to the equipment being installed.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

Currently, technology services are provided to all district schools through T-1 lines, with the exception of a fiberoptic connection from the district office to Madrona Elementary school. Recently, the district put out a request for proposals (RFP) to have T-1 lines replaced throughout the district with fiberoptic connections. Illinois Valley schools have the slowest and least consistent connectivity due largely in part because of the geography of connecting to the rest of the district network. Hunter Communications, the successful bidder on the project, proposed installing a microwave connection (similar to the wireless internet connection we use at HVHS) in order to increase the bandwidth available to the IV area schools. Evergreen has a space between two portable classrooms that would be ideal for the location of the equipment because of the uninterrupted site of Eight Dollar Mountain. Evergreen's principal was consulted about the location of the equipment and has said that the property is unusable for student use. In return for the use of the property, Hunter will discount a portion of the cost of services for the portion of connectivity not reimbursed through e-R

List the advantages of your proposal:

- The connection for the three IV area schools is on one of our sites; making it easier for Technology Services staff to provide information to Hunter should an issue occur.
- The district will receive a discount on technology services.
- We will be able to connect the IV area schools to the rest of the district at a much greater speed than they are currently connecting now; reducing great amounts of staff frustration.
- The equipment will be encapsulated within the structure.
- This specific location provides a clear view of the additional equipment on Eight Dollar Mountain that is necessary to provide enhanced technology services.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

- The site may be vandalized, despite planning to the contrary.
- Some may find the fenced area a nuisance.

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

Locate the equipment somewhere else in Cave Junction - Not chosen due to the need for an unobstructed view, and disinterest from IV area internet providers who were approached.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No