

Executive Summary

Topic: Server Purchase for Buildings – Citrix PVS servers

Committee Date: September 25, 2013

Summary

When we implemented our last major upgrade, we were asked to cut some funding out of the project. We did so and as a result, we re-purposed some existing servers. These servers are stationed in each building to facilitate the streaming of computer operating systems to our teachers and students. That strategy worked well until this past summer, when we started having hard drive and motherboard failures. We foresaw those failures and had extra drives and servers hardware to serve as replacements. Unfortunately, we have used up our stock of replacements on maintenance equipment, and have run through all three of our spare servers during the week of September 16th. Two of the spare servers are below the suggested specifications, but have been able to keep us limping along. Many of the servers in the other buildings are showing similar signs of failure. Failure of these particular servers in our buildings is a major concern, resulting in computers either not starting up, the start-up process taking several minutes, and/or frequent freeze ups.

We have requested quotes from GovConnection based on COSTARS state contract pricing to replace the servers in question. We currently have 7 servers of 8 that are in desperate need. The attached quote represents some attractive pricing.

Ordering by the 26th of September allowed us to lock in these prices. We had these overnighted, so that we can start the replacement in late September or early October rather than waiting until after the board meeting in October. Doing so could have saved a few weeks of heartache and stress on our teachers and students. The funding will come out of the Technology Capital Reserve account.

Recommended Motion

That the Board of School Directors approves the quote from GovConnection for \$17,664.50 for servers off of the COSTARS state contract pricing program.