



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 9

DATE OF MEETING: October 4, 2010

REQUESTED BY: Pender County Schools

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Authorizing Various Purchase Orders for Technology Upgrades at Topsail Elementary School: \$42,125.04

BACKGROUND: Of the \$56 million school bond referendum approved by voters on May 3, 2005, \$750,000 was allocated for renovations to convert the former Topsail Middle School to the new Topsail Elementary School. There is currently a \$112,164.35 balance in this project.

At this time, the schools are requesting approval of the following purchase orders to upgrade existing computers and technology at Topsail Elementary School:

Product	Vendor	Amount
Netbooks	Dell	9,789.67
Desktop Computers	Dell	13,688.08
Document Cameras	Camcor	1,469.58
Mimio's	Learning Labs	3,328.27
Laserjet Printers	HP	3,221.62
Macbook Laptops	Apple	8,244.39
Smartboard (classroom system)	Camcor	2,383.43
	TOTAL	\$42,125.04

The County and Schools have entered into the appropriate agreements to permit the County to pay the bills associated with this construction in order to recapture the sales taxes paid and realize a substantial savings.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution to authorize purchase orders as indicated above.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.

RB

Initial

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that the following purchase orders are authorized for technology upgrades at Topsail Elementary School:

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The County Manager/Chairman shall have the authority to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

Account #: 63-406459

New Topsail Elementary School

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Tate ___ Blanchard ___ Brown ___ Rivenbark ___ Williams ___

 Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman 10/04/10
Date

 ATTEST 10/04/10
Date

Allison Sholar, Superintendent
Pender County Schools
925 Pender County Schools
Burgaw NC, 28425

September 7, 2010

RE: Bids for Topsail Elementary School

We have requested and received bids for equipment to complete our wireless system at Topsail Elementary School. The wiring by our electricians has been completed. The purchase of this equipment will greatly enhance the learning environment at this school.

We are requesting that the school board approve the bids pending the approval of funds from the recent school bond by the Pender County Commissioners. I will notify you when it will be presented to them for approval.

1. Bids for Netbooks

Dell--9,789.67 CDW--\$10,327.51 Toshiba--\$9,147.45

We also reviewed the bids and recommend the Dell product, even though they are slightly higher, because they provide a better warranty and support service. They also have a rubber matt covering that provides better protection that does not damage as easy as other products.

2. Bids for desktop computers

Dell--\$13,688.08 HP--~~\$15,677.25~~
13,626.00 Lenova--~~\$17,699.85~~
19,514.85

We recommend Dell be awarded this bid as the low bidder. These computers will be used by the teachers.

3. Bids for Document Cameras

Camcor--\$1,469.58 School Outfitters--\$2,198.07 CDW--\$1,993.08

These bids are for document cameras which scan and the image is projected on a white board. We recommend Camcor be awarded the bid.

4. Bids for Mimio's

Learning Labs--\$3,328.27 CDW--\$4,223.94 All Whiteboards--\$4,125.00

We recommend that Learning Labs Be awarded the bid for the mimio's. This device allows the teacher to use a whiteboard as a Smart Board.

5. Bid for 10 HP 2035n Laserjet Printer - \$3,221.62

We recommend using HP Network printers, this allows more than one computer to connect and print as well as 2 classrooms can print to the same printer. This brings down the cost of having to have a printer in each classroom.

6. Bid for 1 Macbook laptop, 12 iPad and iPad cases--\$8,244.39

Apple is a single source provider for this product and only education institutions can purchase from them. This product will provide an excellent teaching tool to our students. These units are mobile and can be used by multiple students

7. Bid for Smartboard, Wireless Bluetooth, Airliner, USB Audio System

Camcor-\$2,383.43

Promethean-\$2,683.00

School Outfitters-\$2,928.00

Smartboard 21st Century, is a complete classroom system. The system includes whiteboard, sound system, wireless connection that is completely interactive and integrated with student's curriculum.

The total for all bids is \$42,125.04

Sincerely,
David Smith

