

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees  
El Paso Independent School District  
March 12, 2002  
4:15 p.m.  
Education Center-Boeing

Present: Mr. Dan Wever, President  
Dr. Gene Finke, Vice President  
Miss Leonor Garcia, Secretary  
Mr. Sal Mena, Jr.  
Dr. Charles Roark  
Mr. Joe Rosales  
Mr. Richard Telles  
Mr. Anthony Safi, School District Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Mr. Wever. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and review items related to Year 4 E-Rate funding that will require approval at the regular Board meeting on March 12, 2002.

Award of Servers for E-Rate Program to be Purchased by IBM Global Services (Item #1)

A. Video Solution and Installation Services

Mr. James Damm, District's E-Rate Consultant, provided background information on the award of Statements of Work (SOWs) 5, Server Upgrade Project, and 6, Web and File Servers, which were approved at the January 22, 2002, Board meeting. The Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) advised that the District was to purchase 90 servers per category as stated in the original SOWs for a total of 270 servers in the 52 qualifying schools. Two categories will use the Novell 6.0 operating system and the third category will use a Windows 2000 operating system. Mr. Damm reviewed the recommendation for the purchase of additional servers and the recommended award to Dell (direct).

Concerns were expressed by the Board about the award not being made to a local vendor. It was reported that two local vendors were committed to installing the servers—DTSI (Diversified Technical Services Inc.) and DCI (Desert Communications Inc.). Service of the servers will be the responsibility of the District once the manufacturer's warranty expired.

It was also noted that although a contingency recommendation to DCI for IBM products was made should the SLD not approve a change to Dell products, the District received word that the SLD will approve the change.

B. Change in Scope of Statements of Work 5, Server Upgrade, and 6, Web and File Server

Mr. Damm reviewed the recommendation for a change in the scope of Statement of Work 5 to increase the number of 52 servers approved by Board on January 22, 2002, to the full 90 servers per category for a total of 270 servers. This creates a price increase of approximately \$2.6 million, with the District providing \$263,000.00. No budget amendment will be recommended due to the availability of funds without an amendment.

C. Proposed Changes in Statement of Work 2, Fiber Network

Mr. Damm advised that the final agreement on the WAN (wide area network) Fiber Network was to BNI, with Time Warner as subcontractor. He reported that no additional costs would be involved.

Following some discussion, it was determined that an operating agreement would be developed between the District and either Time Warner or BNI for when IBM Global Services is no longer "in the picture." The agreement will be brought back to a subsequent meeting for the Board's consideration.

D. Award of Statement of Work 8, E-Mail

Due to negotiations not being final on the E-Mail Statement of Work, the administration was recommending that this item be withdrawn from the agenda at the Board meeting on March 12, 2002.

Meeting Closed (Item #2)

The meeting was recessed at 4:55 p.m. to a closed meeting by Mr. Wever under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code as follows:

- A. Consultation with School District Attorney Regarding Legal Issues Concerning Year 4 E-Rate Statement of Work 5, Server Upgrade, and 6, Web and File Server

The closed meeting started at 4:57 p.m. The closed meeting ended at 5:27 p.m.

Meeting Opened

The meeting was reassembled in Open Session at 5:27 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Date Approved: May 28, 2002