

To: Board of Education

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Re: Disposal of Excess Items

Date: February 23, 2017

Background:

Over the years, USD 497 has accumulated various items that are no longer needed, and, with bond construction, it has become necessary to sort through old and excess items that are now of no use to the district. The district would like to clear out these items.

Rationale:

Board Policy DFM requires that excess equipment and materials purchased by the district or its schools must be disposed of at the discretion of the Board of Education. In previous years, the board has used an online auctioning group, called Purple Wave, to sell marketable items. This approach maintains the traditional auction experience for buyers and sellers, but affords the convenience that comes with the Internet. Marketable items include, but are not limited to, furniture and fixtures, vehicles, portables, equipment, shelving, plumbing and electrical supplies, etc.

Over the last several years, items that are less saleable (typically student desks and chairs) have been donated to Orphan Grain Train, Inc. This is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Since 1992, its volunteers have gathered donated items of clothing, medical supplies, food and furniture and shipped them to over 60 different countries.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends board approval of the sale of excess items via Purple Wave and the donation of old and no longer useful or marketable pieces of furniture to Orphan Grain Train, Inc. If there are items that aren't marketable to be sold or the organization doesn't want, they will be recycled. Any funds received will be deposited into the Capital Outlay fund.

Motion:

"I move the Board of Education approve the sale of marketable items via Purple Wave and donation of less saleable items to Orphan Grain Train, Inc., with the plan that any items not sold or donated will be recycled."