

To: Board of Education

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Re: Approval of IT Consultant Contracted Services 18-19

Date: June 25, 2018

Background:

Over the past several years – and in stride with real-world technology shifts – the District has undergone a shift in how technology is viewed and utilized. We have moved from saving work locally to individual devices to saving ‘in the cloud’, which allows mobility of devices and locations. Supporting such technology requires long-range logistical and budget planning.

Lawrence Public Schools’ Technology Services Department is *currently* managing numerous long-range IT projects with district-wide implications:

- continuing rollouts and support of 1:1 devices at the middle and high schools
- network infrastructure updates, including replacement of access points at secondary schools
- installation and/or maintenance of technology in schools undergoing Bond construction
- hardware refreshes of teacher and classroom devices
- switchover of student information and management system to PowerSchool
- consolidating software and programs to fewer platforms, which provides an efficient and uncomplicated experience for end users i.e., students and teachers

Rationale:

With over 12,000 students and 2,000 staff members, continued successful implementation and management of these and future projects is vital for our staff and students’ classroom experience – current and future.

Technology Services seeks Board approval to engage the contracted services of Vignery Integrity Consulting for the 18-19 school year to manage the above-mentioned projects, as well as build an intentional plan for future technology shifts. This will improve the performance and security of current technology, and decrease cost of ownership over time.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends Board approval to contract IT services with Vignery Integrity Consulting for 2018-19 at a cost not to exceed \$48,950.00 from the 2018-2019 Administrative Technology budget (0125800000-53500).

Motion:

"I move that the Board of Education approve expenditures for IT contracted services with Vignery Integrity Consulting for the 2018-19 school year in an amount not to exceed \$48,950.00."