

To: Board of Education

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RE: Disposal of Excess Property – Assistive Technology Items

Date: March 9, 2017

Background:

USD 497, through the Special Education Department, is required to provide very specialized equipment to support students with disabilities in the educational environment. Items such as gait trainers, wheelchairs, walkers with and without wheels, and positioning chairs are examples of needed items. Over time, specialized items are taken out of student circulation when an item no longer meets safety standards due to breakage or is outdated and cannot be repaired at a reasonable cost. Board of Education policy requires board approval for the disposal of excess or surplus property.

Rationale:

Special Education staff proposes the donation of used special education therapy equipment, which is deemed unusable in the educational environment, to MidAmerican Alliance for Access. This agency works to refurbish durable medical/therapy equipment for resell at a low cost to individuals with disabilities. A donation is at no cost to the district and is viewed as an alternative to throwing equipment away.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends board approval of the donation of unusable specialized equipment that is no longer deemed safe or appropriate for use in the educational environment to MidAmerican Alliance for Access.

Motion:

"I move the Board of Education approve the donation of old therapy equipment items which are no longer usable in the education environment to MidAmerican Alliance for Access."