

Board of Education Information

To: Board of Education

From: Matt Rich

Date: April 23, 2026

Re: Network Switches Upgrade

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the proposal from Net56 to replace our network switches at a cost of \$190,062.64 as presented.

Background Information:

Our internet infrastructure is key to our overall operations. Like many items within our district capital, we work to maximize the core technologies until they fully reach end of life. In the case of our network switches, wireless controller, and access points, we have truly done this as all are at end of life based on their manufacturers support mechanisms. This proposal was vetted through the Federal E-Rate process and will replace the switches, controller, and access points. The proposal was the lowest bidder in the E-Rate process. As such, the district will be able to use approximately \$40,000 in E-Rate funding for the project, lowering the out of budget cost for this work to approximately \$150,000. We anticipate some additional costs for replacing the dark fiber lines between the buildings but have not finalized that cost at this time.