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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING**

**December 14, 2020**

**7:00 p.m.**

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**AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*SECTION A – ACTION ITEMS*

**4. UPDATE TO POLICY 1002 – MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION *Enclosure 1***

**Background Information:** The district contracts with Miller Johnson, our legal firm, for policy services. Miller Johnson has provided an update to our Policy 1002 (Meetings of the Board of Education). The updates are necessary in order for the district to be in compliance with changes to Michigan’s Open Meetings Act. The updates provide flexibility, in terms of the Board conducting public meetings electronically or individual Board members participating remotely for the outlined reasons.

The Policy Committee reviewed these changes on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The updated policy was brought to the December 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting, and no changes were requested.

**Recommended Action:** Approve Policy 1002 – Meetings of the Board of Education as presented.

**5. SLCS EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN RECONFIRMATION *Enclosure 2***

**Background Information:** At the September 21, 2020 Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the district’s Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. We are required to reconfirm, once per month thereafter, the instructional delivery method, along with reviewing the weekly two-way interaction rates.

Students in the hybrid in-person/remote pathway have been in remote learning since prior to Thanksgiving. The administrative team is recommending that in-person instruction resume for these students beginning Monday, January 11, 2021 following the previously established formats for the elementary and secondary levels. It is recognized that in-person instruction (for classrooms or for schools) will be transitioned back to remote as needed in response to COVID-related or unforeseen circumstances.

Our weekly two-way interaction rates are included in the report and are well above the required 75%.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the instruction delivery method as presented.

6. PURCHASE OF IXL – INTERACTIVE ONLINE MATH LEARNING PROGRAM FOR **Enclosure 3**  
GRADES JK-2

Background Information: IXL is an interactive online math learning program. The district will purchase 18-month licenses for students in Junior Kindergarten through second grade. The program will provide differentiated mathematics content to support student growth in mathematics. Teachers are able to tailor the content to meet individual student needs and will support both in-person and remote learning.

The purchase price includes licenses for 1,900 students and professional development for staff. The total cost is \$31,885.00, and the purchase will be fully funded through the federal CARES funds.

Deadlines for CARES spending necessitate bringing this purchase for action at this time.

Recommended Action: Approve the purchase of IXL for the use with students in grades JK-2 for a cost of approximately \$31,885.00.

7. PURCHASE OF SECOND STEP – SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING RESOURCES **Enclosure 4**

Background Information: Second Step is a social-emotional learning resource. The district will purchase two early learning bundles for use at the Early Childhood Center along with a K-5 learning bundle for each elementary school, and school licensing for each middle school. The resources will be utilized by district social workers as they support individual students, small groups and classes as needed.

The total cost is \$34,959.60, and the purchase will be fully funded through the federal CARES funds.

Deadlines for CARES spending necessitate bringing this purchase for action at this time.

Recommended Action: Approve the purchase of Second Step for the use with students at the Early Child Center and in grades JK-8 for a cost of approximately \$34,959.60.

- 8. PURCHASE OF NEARPOD – SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE FOR GRADES 6-12 TEACHERS & STUDENTS **Enclosure 5**

**Background Information:** Nearpod is an online tool that allows teachers to convert their lessons into an interactive format for students who are learning both in-person and remotely. Nearpod integrates with our current technology in the district and also includes over 8,500 lessons that are aligned to Michigan standards. Nearpod can be used to conduct formative assessments as well. Nearpod has flexibility built in for teachers which allows them to use the program to teach live, post student-paced lessons, and teach remotely. Nearpod also gives teachers detailed engagement reports so teachers are able to see how long students are engaged with the lessons and what work they have completed. These reports are given in real-time to the teachers so they can use this information to plan for the next day’s instruction.

The purchase price includes licenses for all secondary staff and students and includes the additional SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) lesson package and professional development for staff. The total cost is \$25,083.00 and the purchase will be fully funded through the federal CARES funds.

Deadlines for CARES spending necessitate bringing this purchase for action at this time.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the purchase of Nearpod for the use with students and teachers in grades 6–12 for a cost of approximately \$25,083.00.

**SECTION B - INFORMATION & INQUIRY**

- 9. 2020-21 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 PRESENTATION **Enclosure 6**
- 10. PUBLIC COMMENTS
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