MEETING SUMMARY

The Procurement and Contracts Committee met on June 9 to discuss numerous updates on many services including speech therapy, supplemental nursing, audiology therapy, healthcare insurance administration, the PowerSchool group, ENA wireless access points and switches, temporary IT staffing services, hotspot-wireless internet services for T-Mobile, and renewal of the APECS contract.

SPEECH THERAPY SERVICES

District staff presented a recommendation to approve the contract to Power of Words Therapy Services, LLC to provide speech therapy screening services for up to 6500 Pre-K students for a one year term. The speech therapy screening services are mandated by the federal government to be provided to students. The agreement includes two additional one year optional renewal periods at the same rate as year one.

PRE-K NURSING

Recommendations were made for the Board to approve the contract to Sunbelt Staffing, LLC for nursing screening services for up to 6500 Pre-K students for a one-year term. The nursing services are mandated by the federal government to be provided to students. The agreement includes two additional one year optional renewal periods at the same rates as year one.

CONTRACT DISCUSSIONS

Recommendations to approve the contracts to provide supplemental nursing services, LPN and RN, for Exceptional Children & Health Services for a three-year term beginning the 2021-22 school year. The full list of vendors and award amounts can be found here.

AUDIOLOGY THERAPY

Recommendations were made for the Board to approve the contracts for audiology therapy services for Exceptional Children & Health Services to provide physical, occupational, speech, language. The full list of vendors and award amounts can be found here.

HEALTHCARE INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION

Recommendations were made for the Board to approve the Cigna Healthcare proposed Administrative Services Only (ASO) rates for the administration of the self-insured medical and dental plans for the 2022 plan year. It is also recommended the Shelby County Board of Education approve the Cigna Healthcare proposed renewal rates for the vision plan, stop loss, and the fully insured retiree Medicare plans for the 2022 plan year. The CIGNA offer reflects the conclusion of the RFP process which began in 2020 and includes an offer to renew for four additional years.
EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

PowerSchool Group, LLC provides K-12 education technology solutions. The company offers platforms that assist schools and districts to manage various day-to-day reporting services. The District utilizes the PowerSchool Student Information System, Unified Enrollment, and Unified Talent as prominent solutions.

WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS AND SWITCHES

The Board was presented a recommendation to approve Education Networks of America’s licenses for wireless access points and switches to maintain its cloud subscription for fiscal year 2021-2022. The renewal covers 9,600 Extreme IQ licenses and includes manufacturer support for all wireless access points and switches.

UPDATES FOR HOTSPOT-WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICES

Recommendations were presented to approve a second contract amendment with T-Mobile USA, Inc. to include the initial 6,000 WiFi devices in the original 24-month agreement for wireless internet services for student devices at a rate of $15.16 each instead of $15.17 indicated in the first amendment. On June 30, 2020, the Shelby County Board of Education approved services with T-Mobile for 6,000 devices, per the State of Tennessee Agreement for Cellular Devices-Contract #64341, RSWC #811.

APECS RENEWAL

A contract from Education Solutions Development was presented to the Board to recommend approval for continuous maintenance, support, and day-to-day business operations for APECS to continue for a term of three years. APECS is a business information and accounting system built specifically for K-12 school districts. Primary capabilities include management of functions for HR, payroll and timesheets, finance, employee benefits, purchasing and procurement. It also allows employees to check paystubs, personal health insurance information and vacation/sick time.

For more information and to review the details of the committee reports, click here.

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