



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: KEVIN PLAMBECK, DIRECTOR OF CAREER AND TECH. ED.

SUBJECT: APPLE LAPTOP PURCHASE

DATE: APRIL 19, 2016

TYPE: ACTION REQUIRED

On November 5, 2013, voters approved the School Facilities and Technology levy. One of the technology projects that are funded by this special levy is the purchase of “presentation systems” for teachers within the district. We are about to begin the implementation of these which will require the purchase of laptops from Apple Inc.

When the school district’s Technology Committee met last year, one of the recommendations was that all teaching staff receive their laptop prior to acquiring full presentation stations. Thus, this spring, all elementary teaching staff will receive their laptops. In the fall, secondary teaching staff (middle and high schools) will receive their laptops. Presentation stations, which will also include a projection device or display, an iPad or document camera, and speakers, will be purchased and distributed throughout the rest of the tech levy years.

We are seeking approval to purchase 280 laptops from Apple Inc. for a total equipment cost of \$497,568.41. The first purchase of laptops will occur this Spring of 2016. This will be 150 MacBook Pro’s that will be dispersed to elementary teachers this spring. The approximate total cost of those 150 laptops is \$266,554.51. The second purchase of laptops will occur during the Fall of 2016. Those will be dispersed to middle and high school teachers. The approximate cost of the second purchase is \$231,013.90.

Recommendation:

We recommend the board move to approve the purchase of laptops this spring and next fall.