TO:       Board of Trustees
FROM:    Gari Browning
DATE:     April 8, 2009
SUBJECT: Approve Purchase Order 8872 to Intervision

The Information Technology (IT) Department needs to purchase networking equipment to support the new Student Services Building (SSB). Equipment to be installed in the new building includes Wireless LAN networking hardware and software. Some replacement equipment for the network is also required to connect the new building since much of the technology currently used on the network has or is reaching the end of its useful life. This older technology would not be able to support the speed and bandwidth being installed in the SSB.

The IT Department requested proposals from several firms capable of meeting the requirements. The Department and its consultants conducted extensive analysis of equipment specifications and determined that Trapeze Networks products fit the exact performance, interoperability, cost and implementation requirements of the existing network on campus. Much of the existing infrastructure on the Fremont campus is also Trapeze products making replacement much easier and reducing compatibility and service issues.

The products needed are included in the Technology Bidding and Purchasing Program of the Pennsylvania Education Purchasing Program for Microcomputers, PEPPM contract 2009. Intervision Systems Technology is the firm designated as the installing dealer for Trapeze Networks products under this agreement, which is available for use by public colleges and universities in California.

Board Policy requires Board approval for all purchases in excess of the limits specified in Public Contract Code Section 20651 (currently $76,700.00.) Public Contract Code Section 20652 allows the District to purchase materials and equipment through other public agencies’ contracts, provided that “…the board has determined it to be in the best interests of the district…”

Funds for this acquisition have been approved and are budgeted in Measure A Bond Fund 42, Group II Equipment - SSB.

RECOMMENDATION:

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees determine that it is in the best interests of the District to utilize the PEPPM contract specified above and approve Purchase Order number 8872 with Trapeze Networks c/o Intervision in the amount of $84,425.42 for the purchase of Trapeze Networks networking equipment related to the new Student Services Building.