CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

159 Thorndike Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141



September 19, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT AWARD:

Student Information System for Cambridge Public Schools

RECOMMENDATION:

That the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for a student information system; funds to be provided from the General Fund budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with.

Contractor

Period of Contract

Amount

Follett/X2 Development Corp

7/01/17 - 6/30/1875 Sargent William B Terry Drive, Suite 220

\$70,940.00

Hingham, MA 02043

DESCRIPTION:

This contract is for the Aspen student information system that includes teacher, administrator, student and parent interfaces; teacher gradebook; master scheduler builder; library management system; and full interactive reporting.

SUPPORTING DATA:

RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chapter III, Section 12..."motions calling for the appropriation or expenditure of money shall require the affirmative vote of four members."

BUDGET REFERENCES:

ACCOUNT:

55804

Computer Software

FUND:

15000

General Fund

ORG:

892780

Computer Operations

PROJ:

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth N. Salim, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Follett Contract

Number	Description	Cost
1	ASPEN Annual Licensing & Maintenance	\$57,352
1	Destiny Library Automation Implementation	\$13,588
	GRAND TOTAL	\$70,940

ASPEN Licensing

ASPEN (X2) is the core student information system employed by the school department to manage all student data including but not limited to; enrollment, schedules, demographics, grades, assessments, reporting, program enrollment, discipline, learning management and student and parent portal services etc... . ASPEN (X2) has been used for this purpose since the summer of 2013. The fees being charged are the annual licensing and maintenance fee for the current system.

Destiny Library Automation

After extensive research, Destiny, a module of Follet's Aspen X2 System, was chosen as the best solution to meet district's library automation needs.

Follett Destiny is a comprehensive library management system designed to manage not only inventory and circulation management, but also student engagement. It is the only product that has been integrated at the source with Follett's Aspen X2 student information system and IMS, allowing the library media center to function as an extension of the curriculum. Follett's single sign on model, and internal data synchronization provides a seamless software entity where teachers and students assign and access resources through a common portal. In addition, referrals and assignments in one portion of the system have direct impact on the others, including Destiny. This extends to catalog searches, ebook borrowing, digital research/database resources, and resource acquisition. No other library management product on the market comes close to this depth of integration.