

**MEMO TO: BOARD MEMBERS  
DR. JOHN SIMPSON**

**FROM: BRUCE ELLERMAN**

**DATE: MAY 13, 2019**

**RE: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM BIDS**

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One of the safety/security related projects included in the Prop E bond issue was the acquisition of a district emergency communication system. This system would install “repeaters” (wireless signal boosters) and provide a number of portable (hand-held) communication devices at each district building. These devices would be used for communicating with key administrators and staff members in the event of a district emergency. Multiple channels would allow communications to go district-wide to everyone having a device or be more limited to only a given building’s staff or even pre-defined groups at a given building. Administrative devices would further have the ability to patch into the PA/intercom system of a building for announcements and directions.

For bond issue planning and budget purposes, we had originally estimated the cost of such a system to be \$70,000. Unfortunately, the low bid for a system with the desired number of communication devices, coverage and functionality came in at \$92,366.56. We are confident, however, that savings in other bond issue line items will cover the difference, particularly since it appears we will be selling bonds at a slight premium to the base par amount (i.e. we anticipate actual bond proceeds to be slightly more than the \$22 million of Prop E bonds face value). Furthermore and in the alternative, we also have available/unencumbered funds in the facilities operating budget that could cover the overage if necessary.

A summary of the proposals received by the district as prepared by Bill K, Director of Technology, is attached for your reference.

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**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION....** That the Board of Education approve the Emergency Communication System Bid award to Warner Communications in the amount of \$92,366.56 as outlined in the accompanying information.