

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation for Second Amendment and Additional Spending Authority 55-130E – Wazzle Pinnacle Gradebook Software Application

Introduction

Responsible: Procurement & Warehousing Services (PWS)

This request is to approve the Second Amendment with additional spending authority to renew the Agreement between Wazzle, LLC and The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), for one (1) year, starting July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

The School Board approved the Agreement on June 23, 2015 (item EE-5) with a term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018, with two (2) additional one (1) year renewal periods. The Board approved the First Amendment to exercise the first renewal period on June 12, 2018 (item EE-12).

Approval of this item will facilitate continued use of the Pinnacle Gradebook Software, which is heavily utilized by teachers, parents, and students to track grades, attendance, and schedules.

Goods/Services Description

Responsible: Information and Technology (I&T)

The District has used the Wazzle, LLC Pinnacle Gradebook Software since 1999. Teachers, parents, and students use Pinnacle to track grades, attendance, and schedules. Pinnacle is integrated with the District's student information system (TERMS) and with Canvas to ensure synchronization of student attendance and grading information. Teachers are able to electronically send grades recorded in Canvas, back to Pinnacle without having to manually enter them a second time. The District also uses Pinnacle to produce elementary interim report cards for students in K-5.

Pinnacle is also utilized by many school districts across the country including Miami-Dade County Schools, The School District of Volusia County, Leon County School District, Polk County Public Schools, and Virginia Beach City Public Schools (amongst others).

I&T also discussed the use of the gradebook that is available in Canvas with the manufacturer (Instructure) of this application. Instructure's current roadmap for Canvas does include any enhancements to the gradebook functionality that currently exists. In addition, they were not interested in moving to add the additional functionality that the District would require to move away from using Pinnacle, which has been highly customized for Broward. Since most current Student Information Systems (SIS) contain a gradebook, when a new student information system can be identified, funded, and implemented, the District will evaluate the replacement of Pinnacle. However, since it is not feasible that SBBC will be on a new SIS prior to 2020/2021 school year and because of the extensive integration of Pinnacle within the technology ecosystem, this product will require direct negotiation with the vendor next year for the 2020/2021 school year.

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Procurement Method
Responsible: PWS and I&T

This item was originally approved in 2015 as a direct negotiation. Pursuant to the Department of Education, Rule 6A-1.012, 11(b), Florida Administrative Code as authorized by Section 1010.04(4)(a), Florida Statutes, and School Board Policy 3320, Section II, H, the requirement for requesting competitive solicitation for commodities or contractual services from three or more sources is hereby waived as for the SBBC's purchase of software.

I&T and PWS have collaborated on a Request for Information (RFI) to assess the marketplace and learn about software solutions surrounding Student Information Systems (SIS), as the current SIS is at the end-of-life and a replacement will be needed within the coming few years. It has been concluded that many of the SIS options include gradebook functionality. Although multiple vendors provide gradebook solutions, it would be ideal to have a single system, therefore, we are conducting additional research and assessment of the potential of a single system that would include both SIS and gradebook, it is in the best interest of SBBC to continue with Pinnacle, for continuity of applications.

Financial Impact
Responsible: PWS and I&T

The total spending authority requested is \$300,927, which is identical to last year because Wazzle agreed to hold their pricing. A Summary of the historical spending authority requested and approved is below.

Original Agreement	\$ 975,281
+ First Amendment (first renewal period)	\$ 300,927
+ Second Amendment (second renewal period)	\$ 300,927
<u>Total spend authority</u>	<u>\$1,577,135</u>

The approval of this recommendation does not mean the authorized amount will be spent.