

**WILLIAM PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MARCH 21, 2022

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – Monique Boykins, President
- II. Salute to the Flag
- III. Roll Call - A. Jeff Cuff, Board Secretary
- IV. Special Presentation - None
- V. Motions for Action – See Attached
- VI. Review of Proposed Agenda for Business Meeting
- VII. Adjournment

I-2. Wide-Area Network Service Agreement

The E-Rate program requires E-Rate contracts to be competitively bid and signed prior to submitting the E-Rate funding application. The District's current wide-area network agreement expires on June 30, 2022 and a new contract must be awarded now for service to begin July 1, 2022, to comply with the E-Rate schedule. The Administration conducted an E-Rate-compliant competitive bidding process by releasing an RFP and posting the E-rate competitive bidding form for this service.

Bids were received for 28 days, with the deadline of March 15, 2022. The most cost-effective bidder is recommended for the contract award. Typically, these service agreements are entered into with a five-year initial term to ensure stability and continuity of service, and to receive more competitive prices than a single year agreement.

MOTION: The Board of School Directors approves the contract for broadband wide-area network leased lit fiber service in the annual amount of \$114,876.00 with Crown Castle Fiber LLC for a five-year initial term, effective July 1, 2022, with five years of voluntary extension options. The Administration will apply for E-Rate funding on the annual contract costs. The District qualifies for a 90% discount reimbursement, which is approximately \$103,388.40 annually. The net cost to the District is estimated to be \$11,487.60 per year.