

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA BACKUP**

Regular Meeting of May 14, 2024

ITEM: **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND XOBEE NETWORKS, INC. FOR VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL (VOIP) SERVICES**

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TYPE OF ITEM: **CONSENT**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board of Trustees to approve the Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Xobee Networks, Inc. for Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone service.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The District previously utilized an on-premise server with an AT&T circuit to provide Voice over IP (VoIP) phone service District-wide. The server has reached the end of life and died in February 2024. The District engaged with Xobee Networks engineers to repair the server. As an interim solution, the District currently has each site's main number forwarded to Xobee Networks, Inc.'s cloud-hosted service. The server was unrecoverable and a permanent solution is needed to continue to provide phone service for the District.

DETAILS: The Xobee Networks agreement is attached. The District evaluated quotes from multiple vendors and Xobee Networks, Inc., was the most cost-effective solution. Utilizing a cloud-hosted solution, the District will no longer need to maintain, upgrade or replace server hardware.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The total amount of the contract is \$86,900.00 for a 5-year term (State Facility Grant).

STRATEGIC GOALS ADDRESSED:



Objective #3: *Communicate and Lead Together.*

Goal: *All stakeholders will collaborate and communicate about decisions that guide the sites and district.*

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Xobee Networks, Inc., for Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone service.