

Technology Department Report September 2025

Since the last Board Report, the Technology Department has been active in assisting projects such as:

- Stacy Fisher deployed/redeployed Chromebooks from the Elementary to the Jr/Sr High School. Placed all the Chromebooks from the JSH into the students 7th hour and all of the EL Chromebooks into the students Homeroom carts. She continued relabeling all the Chromebooks at the Elementary School and applied new asset tags (last month was for the Jr/Sr High). She also printed, cut out and laminated all the Clever badges for Kindergarten and 1st Grade.
- Liane Kamp SUBMITTED NO REPORT
- Patrick Tucker SUBMITTED NO REPORT
- Ben Fox has assisted the Business Office with an ORS (Office of Retirement Services) report, updated to include Roth 457 plans. He also helped our HVAC contractor to diagnose Freedom Acres building HVAC issues after the building suffered a power loss due to a blown transformer fuse.
- Robert Silvernail reported August was spent prepping for teachers and students to return.
- John considers the Internet Access change to the MISEN completed with some rather frustrating "support" from Spectrum causing the delays the last 6 months. A second fax line converted from our prior telecommunications carrier to Verizon Wireless was completed at Freedom Acres, with more complications than the Admin Building conversion. The East Campus fax line remains to be converted as of 09/04/25.

The Student Information System Change

The presentation to the Superintendents on August 18 created a desire to take back to the districts questions regarding financing and timelines. A follow up meeting was scheduled for September 3 (two weeks plus) to make a decision. Additional discounts were offered by PowerSchool, and the Superintendents have opted to take the recommendation and information to the respective Boards of Education for final approval. These meetings are planned for September as informational presentations, and second meetings for approval. Some second meetings may still occur in September, but others in October. The later into the year it takes to sign a contract, the shorter the timeline for deployment of the project becomes.

The Server/Technology Room

The existing Server/Technology Room is getting a facelift! Currently the three staff members who work out of the space are relocated in the Jordan Lake Conference Room for the month. During that time the existing room is being renovated with a new wall built to enclose the server racks, which should allow focused environmental controls, and significantly reduced noise in the remaining space. Also, new ergonomic office furnishings have been ordered and due to arrive on-site the week of September 22 to be installed soon thereafter. The process really started earlier this year when the two massive safes were removed from the area freeing up space and planting the seed for additional changes. There have been no significant work done in the room in the last 25 years.