Technology Report for February 2026 School Board Meeting
Highlighting January 2026 Activities

Department:	Technology
HR|Business Services Committee:	02.09.2026
Regular Board Meeting:	02.24.2026
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Manager's Minutes:
- Our new core network switch has functioned well through its first full month of use.
- Tech staff have stepped up to complete our team's most important tasks with three positions vacant as of early January.
- We continue to replace aging Smartboards and projectors in our secondary schools several classrooms at a time. We're prioritizing rooms where this technology has completely failed or is producing a terrible image quality that hinders learning for students in the classroom. We presently lack a funding source to address this need at a larger scale.

What We're Working On:
- Filing E-Rate (federal funding) bid requests for our inter-building network services
- Three new display panels were installed and connected in classrooms at East High School
- Four display panels were ordered for Lincoln Park Middle School, to be installed in rooms with the most problematic current display solutions in place
- Collaborating with curriculum staff to prep a presentation on AI for the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting
- Implementing a long-term solution providing guest Wi-Fi services across the district to meet needs of community events and other programming outside of school hours

Staffing Report:
- We have an accepted offer for our Network Architect position. Nick Krauss will begin work with us in March, coming from Hill City (MN) Schools, where he's currently the Technology Director and single-person technology department. Nick brings a strong technical background that includes two networking certifications. Our search for this position spanned a six month period from the time of initially posting our vacancy through Nick's planned start date.
- We continue working through the hiring process for our IT Security Analyst and Network Engineer 1 positions.