

**Technology Committee Minutes**  
**March 20, 2012**

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Pana Unit Office Board Room

Chairman Schafer called the meeting to order.

Members present: Schafer, Beyers, McLeod

Members absent:

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors: Scott Savage, David Dively, Jessica Miller

The committee discussed the following:

1. **Approval of the Minutes from January 19, 2012** - Motion by Beyers; Second by McLeod
2. **Google Apps for Education** - Mrs. Miller presented information to the Committee on Google Apps for Education including benefits for use and points to consider in implementation. Google Apps provides collaborative applications for staff that included email, calendars, and Google documents. Mr. Savage explained that the current email system would migrate to the Gmail provided through Google Apps. Email is only one of the apps available. Implementation will allow the sharing of documents between students and staff. Students will receive an email account. This is the first step toward implementation of 1 to 1 computing. The plan is to implement Google Apps for Education in the fall. This will require professional development for the staff on Gmail and Google documents.
3. **FY2013 Technology Plan/Budget** – Mr. Savage and Mrs. Miller reviewed the FY2013 Tech Plan and budget including major purchases for next year. The plan includes opening the student portal of Lumens WebSIS. This would be done for high school students first and could serve as a learning management system. Mr. Savage indicated that the focus of the plan is to put hardware/technology into the hands of students and take the first steps to 1 to 1 computing. Mr. Savage provided information on the renewals for the maintenance and support contracts for the D-Link network switches, the Sophos anti-virus software, and the Aristotle network monitoring software. To continue support without interruption it is necessary to submit a purchase order for all of these items now with billing delayed until July 1, 2012 so that the costs would be part of the FY13 budget.
4. **Ncomputing Demonstration** – Mr. Savage provided a demonstration of Ncomputing. Ncomputing is a form of virtualized desktop system in which student desktop computers are replaced by Ncomputing devices which connects several students to the same computer/server. There are several benefits to this approach of computing including lower cost per workstation, ease of installation, and potentially reduced electrical costs. Mr. Savage plans to pilot this approach in the FY13 school year by installing 120 workstations.

5. ***Next Meeting Date*** – The next meeting of the Technology Committee will be on June 12, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the Unit Office Board Room.

A motion was made by Beyers and seconded by McLeod to adjourn the meeting of March 20, 2012 at 7:02 p.m.

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