

**Technology Committee Minutes**  
**10/25/17**

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm at the Unit Office Board Room

Motion by Beyers called the meeting to order at 5:30pm seconded by Kirkbride.

Members present: Dr. Beyers, John McLeod, Doug Kirkbride

Members absent: none

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors: Jason Bauer, Jessie Miller, Scott Savage,

The committee discussed the following:

1. ***Approval of the Minutes from 6/6/17*** - Motion by Beyers seconded by Kirkbride

2. FY18 Computer Assisted Budgetary Update

Presenter Scott Savage

The district technology budget is approximately 70% spent for the FY17-18 year. This is typical for the budget. Most of the budget is spent at the beginning of the year and the remaining funding is mainly used on smaller purchases, including consumables like toner cartridges and replacement projector lamps.

3. ERate Update

Category 1 and 2 E-rate were approved at the expected 80% discounts. Category 1 recurring service discounts will begin to appear on the next month's bills. Category 2 funding paperwork should be finalized by USAC in the next month. The next board meeting will include final approval on the category 2 project.

4. Technology Updates

A. ROE Institute

Jessie Miller updated the committee on the Googlepalooza event that was held in Vandalia. This was a teacher institute held for staff around the area. The feedback from staff was positive regarding the content of sessions.

B. 1:1 Chromebook Program Update

The new ASUS chromebooks are performing outstandingly well. The current plan is to go forward with the 3 year replacement plan from now on. Next year will be the pain year of replacing 3 grade levels of devices instead of the standard 2. However, the projected revenue coupled with redirection of technology budget funds are expected to cover the expense. Mr. Bauer spoke of the future possibility of chromebooks becoming a required device. Consideration of waiving fees entirely for low income students may become a possibility if the devices become more vital or absolutely required in the future. When that time may come is not currently known. It is believe the current method of collecting half and full technology fees based on income is the appropriate approach. If the low income fees would be cut entirely we could be looking at about \$14,000 additional annual deficit on chromebook expenses.

Jessie Miller also updated the committee on the Fall 2017 chromebook payment report. 97% of students at the Jr. high are participating in the 1:1 program. 89% of students at the High School are participating in 1:1. 39.59% of students purchased 3rd party insurance at the Jr. High and 6.9% of students purchased insurance at the High School.

C. Illinois Education and Technology Conference (IETC)

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Schutt will be attending IETC this year.

D. Digital Citizenship

Digital citizenship week was last week. Mrs. Miller visited classrooms leading mini lessons teaching students what they can and cannot share online.

E. District Level Committee Update

## Pana Community Unit School District #8

Mrs. Miller is holding monthly meetings with teachers and technology this year.

### 1. Technology

#### F. Security Camera Update

Mr. Savage has contacted the company that installed the existing CCTV cameras in the schools and is expecting back a quote next week for the additional cameras that have been requested at the elementary and Jr. High buildings.

### 5. Miscellaneous

Internet capacity is currently meeting the need for the District. The summer wifi, switch, and firewall upgrades were a success. All classrooms have 1:1 wifi coverage. The new firewall has very good comprehensive filtering capabilities.

Mrs. Miller is going to Taylorville next week with several staff members to tour their technology and robotics programs.

**6. Next Meeting Date** – The tentative date for the next full tech committee meeting was set for February at 5:30pm.

7. Meeting was adjourned on 10/25/2017 at 6:26pm. Motion made by Beyers and seconded by Kirkbride.

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