

Board Report  
Technology Department  
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We are excited for the new partnership we have with E-Funds for Schools, our new online payment vendor. Christy Hess, Courtney Finlayson, and I completed administrator training in the system on April 2, and we officially brought the system online for parents on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The system has lower overall transaction fees for parents and the district, allows us to take payments directly into different accounts (building/district) based on the fee, and will allow us to easily add store items on our own such as club dues, field trip fees, fundraising, course fees, and more. The company also has options for us to accept debit/credit in the offices and concessions (this will be introduced probably next fall.)

In late March, the Kansas legislature cut the statewide IXL Math program which they had been funding for the past 4 or 5 years. This is a program on which many of our staff rely...we have worked to include this subscription into our summer capital outlay technology improvements.

I attended the Kansas Skyward Users Group conference along with district office staff and Courtney. This conference is a great way for us to increase our knowledge of Skyward through presentations and roundtables and gives us an opportunity to work with other schools across the state to share how we all do different tasks in the software.

In tonight's meeting agenda, you will find our annual technology improvements request. We have stayed under our annual budget, but it was one of the tougher years to do so. At least 3 vendors reached out at the beginning of the bid process to say that we should expect higher prices due to memory and processors being in high demand for AI data centers and that we could even have longer waits for equipment deliveries due to parts availability.

All the buildings are in full testing mode! KITE assessments are currently underway, and FastBridge & AimsWeb testing will follow next month. Students and staff are working hard as they navigate this important time of the school year.

From the Middle School:

Mrs. Ervin's class once again had a wonderful time participating in the Around the World Project this year! Students researched global topics, learning all about different cultures, foods, and environments from around the world. They proudly presented their findings through a variety of creative formats, including videos, PowerPoint presentations, and fun, unique brochures.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Tech Rotation has patiently been waiting to start the Code.org-Minecraft Edition. Learning the basic of computer science by programming Alex or Steve to move through the simulated piece of a Minecraft world.

Mrs. Haller's FACS students have been hard at work learning essential sewing skills by watching tutorial videos. They are building their understanding of different sewing methods and techniques as they work to complete their projects.