

Technology Committee Minutes
January 11, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Pana Unit Office Board Room

Chairman Schafer called the meeting to order.

Members present: Schafer, Koontz

Members absent: Mizeur

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors: Scott Savage, David Dively

The committee discussed the following:

1. ***Approval of the Minutes from November 2, 2010.*** Motion by Koontz; Second by Schafer.
2. ***Budget Update*** - Mr. Dively gave a brief update on the Budget. At the present time, the district has expended 52% of the Technology Budget. Currently over in some areas such as purchased services and equipment, but within budget overall.
3. ***E-Rate Update*** -Mr. Dively reported that the district has not received any E-Rate discounts for FY2011. Mr. Savage reported that he has checked with USAC and the necessary documentation has been filed. He currently is checking on the discounts with Consolidated to determine why they have not been applied.
4. ***Projects Update*** – Mr. Savage provided a report on the status of current and future projects. He stated that the network project was a success with the wireless portion operating correctly and the access points deployed. He noted the online training provided to the staff at the January Institute as an example of the improvement to network performance. Mr. Savage also provided information on future technology needs including 50 desktop computers for Washington and Lincoln School, 20 replacement printers, RAM upgrades for approximately 300 desktops, the replacement of security cameras, and support renewal fees for the Aristotle Datavault servers. Mr. Dively reported that 25 computers have been purchased for the high school with Perkins funds. The computers to be replaced can be utilized at the elementary schools, reducing the number of new computers to be purchased.
5. ***Student Administration Software*** – Mr. Dively shared information collected from the superintendent's listserv regarding the student information software that districts are using. The three programs with the most positive comments were Skyward, Lumens WebSIS, and Teacher Ease/Common Goal. Mr. Dively and Mr. Savage plan to identify 3 potential vendors and then work with stakeholders in the district to select a new program. The program would be piloted in late spring and implemented in the fall of 2011. A recommendation should be ready by the next Technology meeting.
6. ***Other Technology Considerations.*** Dr. Lett discussed with the Committee the possibility of creating an instructional technology position to provide support for teachers to integrate technology into the classroom and to develop curriculum that utilizes wireless and one to one computing technology. Dr. Lett explained that he had participated in a meeting in the Carlinville District where they have a position to provide this type of support and he believes that this would be a logical step to take

full advantage of the network's new capabilities. The Committee discussed this position and agreed with some of the potential benefits, but expressed concern about how the position would be supported and implemented. No action was taken, but they agreed to continue to consider the possibility.

7. Next Meeting Date: Scheduled for March 1, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the Unit Office Board Room.

A motion was made by Koontz and seconded by Schafer to adjourn the meeting of January 11, 2011 at 5:15 p.m.

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