Board of Education Technology Meeting

Monday, October 22, 2012
Board Room, District Administrative Offices

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Present: Donna Cain, Lisa Lullo, Dr. Scott Helton, Bruce Martin, Aaron Lenaghan, Matt Thompson and Ann Kimpton

Meeting called to order at 5:02pm in the District 88 Board room.

1. Long Term Replacement of Servers

We have a SAN (storage area network) recommendation of purchase to increase efficiency of our district servers going before the Board on October 29th.   The SAN purchase price is $45,868.00. We have allocated $100,000.00 for replacing servers over the next three years. We anticipate a reduction in overall cost which will allow us to maximize additional server space at a reduced cost resulting in an overall price savings for server virtualization for long term planning.

Smart net renewal warranties, software update and support for our Cisco network infrastructure are on public bid. We anticipate having a recommendation of review to go before the Board on October 29th.

2. Laptop Refurbishment

We have 94 Gateway MPC E-295c staff and student laptops that are in their 5th year of service. Our current budget has allocated $150,000.00 towards the purchase of new laptops and tablets for staff and students.

<u>Laptop Refurbishment - continued</u>
Currently, initial price point quotes for laptops are at:

$1,100.00

Initial price point quotes for tablets are at:

$1,375.00

These quotes include a multi-year warranty, operating system and service agreements.

Our timeline is to have models of both tablets and laptops for staff to try out prior public bid. Also, we will be implementing a technology usage survey for our students to assist with determining long term student need.

3. Planning for Additional Network Space

Our goal is to increase speed and bandwidth while maintaining or lowering current cost. Our current connection speed for Internet and Wan through reduced E-rate cost is:

50 megabits at $2,284.00 per month (Internet)

250 megabits at $5,320.00 per month (WAN)

Total reduced E-rate monthly service is $8,604.00

The future goal is to have up to 250 megabits for an expanding Internet connection and up to a 1 gigabits connection for our WAN through a reduced E-rate cost. We anticipate additional speed for data and bandwidth to broaden online streaming for e-learning and online curriculum opportunities.

4. Learning Management Systems

Demonstration given of Share88 application repository for overview and   showcasing of new district public websites (both a mock-up of district and department pages).   Our goals for the learner management systems are to create an online environment that is consistent and centralized while maintaining a safe and secure online environment for staff and students. We currently have implemented a beta field test of this online collaboration tool at zero cost and do not anticipate additional expenditures as we grow our online collaboration tool.

5. Other

General discussion was on the following topics:

- Posting presentations given at Board of Education meetings on our district webpage
- Investigating the capacity to link recorded or live events on our website
- Creating and maintaining electronic informational scholarship links for students (based on student interest areas and scholarship categories)
- Sharing out of Instructional Technology Coaching initiatives at Willowbrook and Addison Trail including:
  - Lunch and Learns for learning new online management systems (Haiku, Edmodo and Wordpress).
  - Period by period meetings for Smartboard software integration across the writing curriculum.
  - Reallocating rooms for coaching to showcase and model instructional technology initiatives while expanding on professional development.
- Feedback regarding any teachers who are experiencing drops in network connectivity with reminder to communicate the network drop to the technology department and administration.
- Updating Addison's community access cable channel (Channel 16) with current AT and District 88 information

Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm / October 22nd, 2012

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

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