



South Carolina K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2023

Attendees:

Keith Osman, ADMIN
Karen Rumfelt, ADMIN
Robert Nichols, ADMIN
Victoria Gooch, ADMIN
Petra Turner, ADMIN
Susannah Simpson, ADMIN
Mackenzie Jackson, ADMIN
Matt Kinard, ADMIN
Mike Shelton, ADMIN

Jason Epting, ADMIN
Brian Pratt, SDE
Ellen Weaver, SDE
Patricia Sinclair, State Library
Nola Armstrong, SCTBA
Salandra Bowman, SCETV
Dana Yow, EOC
Jason Jones, AT&T
Tina Leitzsey, Newberry County SD

Noting a quorum of Committee members, Keith Osman called the meeting to order. Mr. Osman noted that discussion of the updated Committee bylaws would be struck from the agenda to allow for further discussion. He asked if there were any other additions to the agenda displayed. Brian Pratt, SDE, provided a quick introduction for Superintendent Ellen Weaver. Superintendent Weaver said she has enjoyed researching the initiatives of the K12 Committee and is grateful for the Department of Education's partnership and involvement with both the K12 Committee and the Office of Regulatory Staff. She mentioned the Department of Education's key priorities which include providing technology support to rural school districts, namely Allendale and Williamsburg Counties. The budget from the General Assembly provided significant funding for the LETRS program, which provides support to K3 teachers as they teach the science of reading. Superintendent Weaver thanked the Committee again for its partnership. Mr. Osman thanked Superintendent Weaver for joining us today and mentioned again the successful collaboration of the Committee. Superintendent Weaver left the meeting, and Mr. Osman asked if there were any other updates before moving into the scheduled agenda items.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 27, 2023 Committee meeting were provided to Committee members. Mr. Osman solicited the Committee members for comments, edits, and questions regarding the minutes.

Hearing none, Salandra Bowman motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Nola Armstrong seconded the motion.

- The April 27, 2023 S.C. K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee Minutes were unanimously approved.

E-Rate Update

Victoria Gooch provided an update on various E-Rate related issues to the Committee.

1. Four out of eight USAC funding applications for Funding Year 2023-2024 have been completed and approved. Victoria has worked closely with the Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) Auditor to resolve review questions.
2. Special schools, charter schools, and school districts have all applied for Category 2 funding, Victoria has been working to provide third-party validation letters and assisting with questions.
3. The Annual Proviso Report (91.22) was submitted to the General Assembly, and Victoria thanked the Committee for all their support
4. Around 400 orders have been received for bandwidth increases, to go into effect July 1, in concurrence with the updated Bandwidth Allocation Policy
5. Victoria opened the floor for any questions for the E-Rate team, but there were none

Karen Rumfelt: Progress Report Update

1. Karen Rumfelt thanked the Committee for their submissions for the Annual Progress Report and noted that we would be sending out a first draft of the Report in the near future

Robert Nichols: Budget Updates

1. Robert Nichols sent out Budget Proposal forms on May 9, but has only received one back
2. Robert mentioned Budget forms are still needed from EOC, Department of Education, SC State Library, and Admin. Dana Yow, EOC, mentioned that EOC has no budget requests this year and can be taken off of the list. Robert will resend the Budget forms to Brian Pratt at Department of Education.

Karen Rumfelt: Principals' Meeting Date

1. Karen informed the Committee that we would be reaching out to Superintendent Weaver's office to start the process of selecting a date for the August Principals' Meeting

Keith Osman updates:

1. Opened the floor to questions regarding the updates provided

Adjournment

Hearing no other new or old business, Mr. Osman motioned that the meeting be adjourned with an additional thanks to both the Committee and Superintendent Weaver for attending.

- All Committee members approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.