



South Carolina K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee Meeting Minutes

July 27, 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
Dalton Almond, ADMIN

Nathan Hogue, ADMIN
Brian Pratt, SDE
Valerie Byrd, SDE
Leesa Aiken, State Library
Nola Armstrong, SCTBA
Salandra Bowman, SCETV
Matthew Laverly, EOC
Gabrielle Fulton, EOC
Jason Jones, AT&T
Terrance Ford, AT&T
Mark Leslie, Richland One SD

Noting a quorum of Committee members, Keith Osman called the meeting to order. Mr. Osman welcomed Terrance Ford, President of AT&T, and Nathan Hogue, Interim CIO to the Department of Administration to the Committee. Mr. Hogue introduced himself to the Committee, noting that he has enjoyed working together over the years. He offered himself as a resource to the Committee, mentioning that he could always be reached by phone or email.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 22, 2023 Committee meeting were provided to Committee members. Mr. Osman solicited the Committee members for comments, edits, and questions regarding the minutes.

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

- The June 22, 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. Five (5) out of the Eight (8) State E-Rate applications for Funding Year 2023-2024 have been approved. The remaining three (3) are currently under review.
2. Victoria continues to help consortium members with their E-Rate applications, providing third-party validation letters and assisting with questions.
3. Two-thirds of the Consortium Members applications have received funding.
4. Victoria is currently working with OTIS procurement, legal, and senior leadership on an E-Rate Network Services Solicitation. The current contract expires June 2024. A new contract will be awarded prior to the filing of FY2024-2025 E-Rate applications.
5. An email was sent yesterday afternoon to all Principals requesting presentation slides for the August 30 Principals' Meeting. Victoria set a deadline of Friday, August 11 to have all presentation material submitted.

Karen Rumfelt: Progress Report Update

1. The first draft of the Progress Report was sent out to the Writing Committee. The deadline for submitting edits was yesterday, July 26, but Karen asked the Committee to submit any other edits they may have to Mike Shelton

Robert Nichols: Budget Updates

1. Robert Nichols presented the proposed 2023-2024 K12 Budget
2. The appropriated dollar amount remains the same this year - \$12,271,826
3. Non-Discretionary
 - b. Department of Administration
 - i. Network Connectivity budget increase of around 4% due to the addition of schools and charter schools, as well as the changes to the Bandwidth Policy
 - ii. E-Rate Field Training and Outreach remains the same this year
 - iii. DNS Internet Security License Renewal (Cisco Umbrella) had an increase of approximately 2% due to a higher sales tax in Richland County than was initially calculated in the new term
 - iv. Decrease of approximately 22% on Infrastructure Upgrades in schools and libraries due to nearing the end of the 5-year Category 2 cycle, which means much of the eligible Category 2 Funds have already been spent
 - c. SCDE
 - i. School District Technical Assistance (Proviso 1.57) amount remains the same for Funding Year 2023-2024 as the previous year
4. Discretionary
 - a. Department of Administration had no additional requests
 - b. State Library
 - i. Requested \$547,684 to assist with programs such as: Mailbox Plus, African American History – Infobase, Ferguson's Career Center, Newsbank, Pebble Go – Animals, and Tumblebooks

- c. SCDE had no additional requests
- d. SCETV
 - i. Using some funds for KnowItAll.org Maintenance and Upgrades
 - ii. Standard Alignment and Content Development
 1. Matthew Laverly (EOC) asked for clarification on the Standard Alignment portion
 2. Salandra Bowman (SCETV) explained that revised standards (academic, not technology) require new API in order to realign the existing content with the new standards; funds will be used for both production of the content as well as API integration
5. Keith Osman thanked everyone for their contribution to the budget and noted that it was a good allocation of funds

Karen Rumfelt: Principals' Meeting Reminder

1. Karen reminded the Committee of the closed Principals' Meeting on Wednesday, August 30 at 10am, located at Broad River Road, State Data Center

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 the Committee for their attendance and contributions.

- All Committee members approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.