



## **South Carolina K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee Meeting Minutes**

July 28, 2022

Attendees:

Keith Osman, ADMIN  
Karen Rumfelt, ADMIN  
Robert Nichols, ADMIN  
Victoria Gooch, ADMIN  
Petra Turner, ADMIN  
Matt Kinard, ADMIN  
Jason Epting, ADMIN  
Emily Prosser, ADMIN  
Mackenzie Jackson, ADMIN  
Mike Shelton, ADMIN

Jane Sosebee, AT&T  
Brian Pratt, SDE  
Lynn Fralick, SEGRA  
Patricia Sinclair, State Library  
Chris Yates, State Library  
Dana Yow, EOC  
Valarie Byrd, SDE  
Jason Jones, AT&T  
Corby Looney, AT&T

Noting a quorum of Committee members, Keith Osman called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the May 26, 2022 Committee meeting were provided to Committee members. Mr. Osman solicited the Committee members for comments, edits, and questions regarding the minutes.

Hearing none, Jane Sosebee motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Dana Yow seconded the motion.

- The May 26, 2022 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. Currently working through four quality assurance audits, and at the end of the BCAP audit.
2. Two pending applications for the 2022-2023 funding year.
3. There is a new contract for internet. The new contract will bring a 20% savings for the year, resulting in \$1.5 million saved annually. The contract can be extended up to five years with an estimated savings of \$7.5 million for the length of the contract.

4. Currently preparing documentation for funding year 2023-2024, which will be sent out in September.

**Keith Osman updates:**

1. Cisco Umbrella is a security package that the committee provides the school districts that prevents internet users from visiting malicious sites and protects the database. The Cisco Umbrella contract will be up for renewal in September. The proposal is for a three-year renewal, paid annually, with a 4% increase from the previous contract.
  - Jane Sosebee abstains from any vote on Cisco Umbrella
  - There were no objections, and the proposal will be submitted at the Principals' meeting.

**Robert Nichols budget updates:**

1. The base appropriation amount is the same as previous years.
2. Decrease in internet pricing will allow for increasing bandwidth in some school districts.
3. Hope to get back to E-Rate training with schools and libraries.
4. Continue to assist schools with the Category 2 infrastructure upgrades, and there will be an increase in assistance from last year due to the decrease in internet pricing.
5. DOE gets a proviso that requires Admin to give \$350,000 for technical assistance.
6. Admin is not going to do any kind of discretionary request.
7. The State Library and SCETV both have discretionary requests.
  - Chris Yates with the State Library described their request: they are requesting two database products through Capstone called PebbleGo, one for Science for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and the other for a biography database for grades 3-5.
  - There will be a follow-up with ETV for a brief justification before the Principals' meeting. Robert will send the submitted justification to the committee members.
8. The overall budget is balanced and will be presented at the Principals' meeting in August.

**Karen Rumfelt/Victoria Gooch progress report updates:**

1. Admin would like to thank every partner for assisting with the 2022 annual Progress Report. The document is currently being circulated through the Communication's group for final approval.
2. Victoria will be sending an email to the participants of the Principals' meeting requesting a slide deck to be used for presentation during the Principals' meeting in August. The deadline is August 11<sup>th</sup> for all slides to be submitted.

### **Principals' Meeting Agenda Proposal:**

- The proposed Principals' Meeting agenda was shown on screen for all committee members to review.
- Hearing no changes or objections for the agenda, Keith approved the agenda for the Principals' Meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Hearing no other new or old business, Mr. Osman motioned that the meeting be adjourned.

- All Committee members approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.