

K-12 SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date	June 27, 2019
Meeting Location	Division of Technology 4430 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210
Facilitator	Andrew Epting
Note Taker	Gay Hoyer
Attendees	Andrew Epting (Admin), Karen Rumpfelt (Admin), Robert Nichols (Admin), Steven Lake (Admin) Melanie Barton (EOC), Denise Lyons (SCSL), Patricia Sinclair (SCSL), Brian Pratt (SDE), Tracey Hunt (SCETV), Bobbi Kennedy (SCETV), Stephanie Frazier (SCETV), Tyola Moody (SCETV) Jason Eckenstein (AT&T), Lynn Fralick (SEGRA), Valarie Byrd-Fort (USC), Tom Cranmer (Rich.SD #2), Tom Nawrocki (Chas Co. Schools), Greg Gilstrap (Anderson SD #1)

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1	Approval of Minutes	Presenter:	Andrew Epting
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- Andrew asked for a motion to approve the K-12 minutes from the April meeting. Minutes were approved without corrections or changes.

Agenda Item 2	Charleston School District Waiver	Presenter:	Andrew Epting
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- The Charleston County School District submitted a waiver request to use SDE School Technology Funding for other technology related uses. They are requesting to utilize \$101,827 of the district's remaining allocated funds to expand their distance learning program, capitalizing on their completed 1:1 mobile device rollout.
- Tom Nawrocki with Charleston County Schools was in attendance to answer any questions the Committee might have concerning the request. After some discussion the request was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 3	Budget	Presenter:	Robert Nichols
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- Robert Nichols has received all request from budget items and the partners were on hand to present their request. Approximately \$723,570 in discretionary funds will be available to Committee partners this year.

Committee partner requests are as follows:

A. Non-Discretionary Budget Requests

- Admin requested a total of \$11,548,256
 - Network Connectivity Cost: \$7,697,576
 - E-Rate Field Training and Outreach: \$9,600
 - Security Monitoring (Cisco Umbrella): \$1,061,500
 - C2 E-Rate State Match Program: \$2,779,580

B. Discretionary Budget Requests

- Admin requested \$250,000 for Infrastructure Upgrades Schools & Libraries
 - SCSL requested \$91,020 for World Almanac for Kids
 - SDE requested \$239,000 for School District Web Hosting and Support
 - SCETV requested \$143,550 KnowItAll and Learning Why Content Upgrades
- The Committee voted and all request were approved as submitted.

Agenda Item 4	EOC – Aid to District Technology Report	Presenter:	Melanie Barton
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- Melanie Barton was on hand to present the findings on Aid to Districts Technology Report. The report is provided by the EOC to the K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee pursuant to Proviso 1S.76. of the 2018 - 2019 General Appropriation Act. There will not be a report next year since the General Assembly did

not fund the line item in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 - 2020. A copy of the report was on hand for Committee participants.

2. The report documented how \$12.0 million in Education Improvement Act (EIA) funds, appropriated by the General Assembly to school districts for technology, were expended in FY 2018 - 2019. Proviso 1A.76. governs the expenditure of these funds, previously known as the K-12 Technology Initiative, to improve external and internal technology infrastructure and to increase one-to-one computing initiatives in schools. The report also includes information on efforts made by school districts to obtain reimbursements through the Federal E-rate program. The data provided are self-reported by all 82 school districts, including the SC Public Charter School District and the Charter Institute at Erskine.
3. EOC surveyed school districts between March 01, 2019 and April 12, 2019. All 82 school districts responded including the SC Public School Charter District, Charter Institute at Erskine, South Carolina School for Deaf and Blind, and the Department of Juvenile Justice.
4. In FY 2018 - 2019, the General Assembly appropriated \$12.0 million in EIA revenues. Of this amount, \$350,000 was retained by SCDE pursuant to Proviso 1.73 of the 2018 - 2019 General Appropriations Act to “provide technology assistance to school districts”. Approximately \$11,612,705 was allocated to the 82 school districts and the Charter Institute at Erskine and \$29,938 to the SC School for Deaf and Blind, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and Palmetto Unified School District.
5. In FY 2018 - 2019 school districts reported having 15.6 million in funds for technology - \$11.6 million in EIA funds allocated during the current fiscal year and \$4.0 million in unexpected funds from the program carried forward from the prior fiscal year.
6. Of these funds, school districts reported that they will expend \$13.1 million and will carry forward \$2.4 million. Of the funds to be expended in FY 2018 - 2019, districts reported that they will spend \$11.5 million accordingly:
 - 56% on expanding and developing 1:1 computing initiative.
 - 28% on improving internal connections
 - 13% on other non-approved expenditures as reported by 8 school districts that did not receive waivers for the K-12 Committee
 - 3% spent on improving external connections
7. As of May 1, 2019, no school districts had requested waivers for the K-12 committee. However, eight school districts responded to the survey indicating that they had received waivers. These eight districts reported spending \$1.7 million or 12.6% of all expenditures for other technology related issues.

Agenda Item 5	Committee Open Discussion	Presenter:	Keith Osman
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1. Mike Shelton is working on the Annual Progress Report for this year’s Principals Meeting.
2. Principals Meeting will be held on August 6th at 2pm - Wade Hampton Building Conference Room 476.

Next Meeting	July 25, 2019 (cancelled)
Location	Division of Technology, 4430 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210