

**PERU PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 124 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
PARKSIDE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM  
THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010, 3:45 P.M.**

Present: Cindy Gustat, Dr. C.G. Pillai and Jeff Sheppard

Others Present: Mark Cross, Sara McDonald, Sherri Pannier, Jeanine Kellen, Jane Charbonneau, Justin Sullivan and Debbie Pletsch

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cindy Gustat at 3:47 p.m.

- The Technology Committee reviewed a presentation on the District Technology Plan by District Technology Coordinator Sherri Pannier. Ms. Pannier also covered and discussed e-rate funding, and how this ties in with the district's tech plan.
- Ms. Pannier briefly reviewed the technology curriculum scope and sequence, as well as professional development needs related to technology. Some of our professional development plans will hinge on what technology purchases are made in each building for the 2010-11 school term.
- The Technology Committee then reviewed the three year technology hardware needs and purchase plan for the 2010-11 school term. The district has followed a three year plan to keep technology up to date. Ms. Pannier shared the requests and recommendations after meeting with the faculty and staff at each building. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the need to watch the FY11 budget very carefully, while also trying to stay true to the technology plan as much as possible. Teacher representatives shared their thoughts for how the technology such as Smartboards and Elmo projectors would be used to enhance instruction. Further discussion was held on how many computers were needed to keep the technology up to date at Washington School, since this is where the bulk of the cost for next year remains. It was agreed that the Parkside items would be financed from the construction bond as originally intended when the building was planned; this includes the Synergistics lab, a main file server and some student laptops.
- It was agreed that while the recommendations would be presented to the Board of Education for final approval, an "Option B" would also be presented once some more research is completed. This would give the Board of Education a less expensive option. The primary concern will be to make certain we do not end up spending additional funds to maintain aging computers down the road, when we can potentially replace them in a cost-effective way at this time. This will all be presented and discussed at the Board of Education meeting on April 21.

**Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

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Committee Chairperson

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Superintendent