

**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 BOARD OF EDUCATION
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
PARKSIDE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016, 7:00 A.M.**

Present: Cindy Gustat and Mark Lamboley

Absent: Jeff Sheppard

Others Present: Sherri Pannier and Mark Cross

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cindy Gustat at 7:00 a.m.

- District Technology Coordinator Sherri Pannier reviewed several miscellaneous items, including plans with scope and sequence and digital literacy. Ms. Pannier also explained that her and Mr. Cross are researching acceptable use policies for both students and employees. Changes with social media and technology have made updates necessary. Mr. Cross said after a policy is developed, it will be presented to the Board of Education at a later date for approval.
- The committee reviewed a detailed proposal for hardware and infrastructure needs for the 2016-17 school term. Much of this had been planned in the spring of 2015 when decision were projected for the current year. The current proposal includes a total maximum budget of \$100,262, which includes 43 teacher laptops and docking stations to replace old desktops, as well as 240 Chromebooks and 4 charging carts.
- For the first time, larger routine wear and tear replacement items for aging equipment is also included in the projected technology budget. This includes 7 projectors and a 48 port switch for an estimated total of approximately \$8,000 in replacement costs.
- If the replacement items are not included in the estimate as has been presented in past years, the maximum FY17 budget would be \$92,289. With the items included, then the maximum FY17 technology budget for these purposes is \$100,262.
- The district's migration to Chromebooks has been very successful, and the proposal would provide a 1:1 environment for students in grades 5 through 8 beginning with the 2016-17 school term. This continues a trend to the utilization of Chromebooks throughout the district for students in the middle elementary grades on up. It also completes the conversion from desktops to laptops for staff use. This approach has allowed for much greater cost effectiveness in that the same number of devices can be purchased for a lesser cost.
- After reviewing the proposal, the committee determined that it would make a recommendation for the full Board of Education to approve the purchases as presented. This recommendation will be presented to the Board at its April 20, 2016 meeting.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 7:52 a.m.

Committee Chairperson

Superintendent