

TSB Special Meeting  
@ Townshend Elementary School  
5-24-10  
7:00 p.m.-Draft

Present: David Dezendorf, Craig Hunt, Beth Cutts,(arrived at 7:06 p.m.) Kim Liebow, April Chase, Members of the Board, Deborah Leggott, Principal, Steven John, Superintendent (arrived at 7:06 p.m.) Kris Jerz, Kathy Hege, Nancy Aldrich, Cynthia Nau, Cynthia Davis, Joyce Berry, Barbara Bedortha, Megan Richardson, Judy Gould , Members of the Public, Judy Hawkins, Recorder

David called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session: David moved to enter Executive Session to discuss technology issues. The Townshend School Board entered Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. David invited Kathy Hege to attend the Executive Session.

Resolution: No resolution

David made a motion to leave Executive Session. The motion carried and the Townshend School Board left Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Members of the Public: See under Technology Security.

Technology security at Townshend Elementary School: David gave an explanation of the security at TES. There are two federal regulations concerning security: 1) Family education and rights. We have to protect the information that is stored in the private network. If private information gets out we could lose federal funding. A lengthy discussion ensued. 2) Children internet protection act. There are restrictions on internet access in public schools that receive federal funds. Staff has access 24 hours a day and students only during school hours. Townshend owned equipment is protected, not other peoples. The technology at TES is independent from the other technology in the district. April asked if our wireless is password protected. David said it is encrypted. Kim Liebow asked if teachers and principals' profiles are downloaded are they put on a CD. David said when it is resident to the network and when brought back into the network it will check to see any files that are not in their profile. CD's are downloaded at the end of the year for the kids to see what they have done thru the year. Kim had a concern that anyone in the building could have access to this information. David said it is password protected and this can't happen. Kris Jerz asked how difficult is it for consultants, etc.to have access to allow the staff to be educated. David said it wouldn't be difficult but there would need to be a policy change. It would not be a huge expense. Steven John said the Acceptable Use Policy is

placed on the individual that is using it. Deborah gave an overview of how the security issue arose. We have a sizeable grant for technology. Teachers started this discussion about purchasing laptops for both teachers and students. This is being driven by the fact that productivity amongst the staff has the possibility to change. WIFI access becomes another topic. The E-rate funded programs are encouraging us to open up our access and share it with the public. David has no problem with access as long as the student information is protected. Additional access can be made outside of the Firewall.

Technology purchases: The Library desktop lab was updated because Grace Cottage was getting rid of some equipment and we were able to update some of ours. Seven desktops were purchased some time back and the original 12 are at the end of their cycle. Due to 2011 budget no major technology purchases were targeted. We have to look at budget constraints. TES are getting overhead projectors and about 5 staff are taking technology courses over the summer. The question was raised as to what budget year the teacher laptops would be purchased. Deborah said she has checked it out with Frank and it is for this budget year (2010). Deborah reviewed the line items in the budget and said we had enough money to purchase them in this budget year. David said we can not afford to deficit spend. Seven laptops are wanted for the teachers this year and next year replacing 12 laptops for the students.

David distributed to the board a copy of the Townshend Technology Committee Charge. The charge outlines the membership, Chair, Powers and Duties, Hardware and Software, and budget.

The technology committee would be in an advisory role to the administration as the plan was budgeted.

April asked if we have explored all options and that Townshend Technology Committee has considered all options. Kim L. feels they have done this.

David made a motion to adopt the Townshend Technology Committee Charge. April seconded. Motion carried.

David made a motion to appoint Kim Liebow as the chair of the Technology Committee. Motion carried.

Kim made a motion that the Townshend School Board supports the administration's implementation of the 2010 budget within the approved line items. Motion carried.

Adjourn: April made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins  
Recorder

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