MSBO Technology Committee Meeting

October 8, 2026

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Zoom

Chair: Kevin Hustek, Warren Woods Public Schools

Vice-Chair: Mark Deschaine, Grand Ledge Public Schools

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – 35 people in attendance.
2. **Approved minutes from May 14, 2026** – minutes accepted as written
3. **REMC report** – Mike Richardson, REMC SAVE
   - Fall 2026 Contract update - https://www.eduvision.tv/l?mmOtAmtS
   - New Paper contract started Oct 1
   - New Networking and Physical Security contracts started Oct 1, including MiSEN E- Rate partnership providing a statewide 470
   - MiSEN erate webinars available
     i. **Tuesday, November 3, 2026 | 11:00 a.m. ET & Wednesday, November 4, 2026 | 3:00 p.m. ET**
     ii. https://forms.gle/E4WJMDxCKkKU5aZW8
   - Also a session at MAEDS, come see us!
   - Currently doing bid evaluation of Technology & Learning Environments, new contract to start Jan 1.
   - Starting work on the next Computer bid, as well as Software & Digital Services. Please reach out if you have any product or vendor suggestions.
   - Computer bid uses a tech director committee from around the state for bid specs and product evaluation, to more accurately capture and support district needs.

4. **Statewide Testing** – Teddy Simmons and John Price, MDE
   Presentation - 20261008 MSBO Technology Updates.pdf

5. **MACUL Updates** – Tammy Maginity, MACUL
   https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EdeQoCMcfWawRUlNTOUgfXRPQSWaT_dTOd8TCMnfjNU/edit?usp=sharing
   - UP MACUL – Friday, May 14 at Seaboard Center in Marquette

6. **MAEDS Update –** Brandon Richmond, Montcalm Area ISD
   - MAEDS Conference – Session Grid - https://drive.google.com/file/d/12khiGdfaotmcebkqMuDbdaYoyrVwvXlP/view
   - Pre-Conference registration link - https://forms.gle/oKy2NF6A6WL2XFhc9

7. **MiCloud** – Michael Coats and Garry Snyder - MiCloud Update - Fall 2026.pptx
   - MiCloud now offers (fully funded for this year and next!) M365 and Google Workspace backups.

- We have a $150,000 Innovation & Modernization Fund to help districts do innovative and creative projects, like implementing Vanderbilt University's Amplify GenAI tool for district staff, Application & virtual desktop streaming for students, implementing additional security tools, or whatever other innovative ideas to solve district challenges. The application is on the website link above and need to be submitted by the end of this month, though.
- Migration and hosting is 100% covered for this year and next for all new migrations. This covers everything – the data, storage, and security, as well as the server hosting costs. Zero-cost to the district. We also do a cost assessment before getting started to have provide an idea what costs may look like post-grant.
- Reach out to Garry Snyder (garry.snyder@micloud.org) for any questions, ideas, or project interest.

8. **MiSecure** – Eric Feldhusen, MAISA
   https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B_2_vEa35tfSCcPlhgVaG3X1mNVvZK-8Oy6y4FO8cto/edit?usp=sharing

9. MSBO Exchange and MSBO Annual Conference – April 20-22-2027 at DeVos Place
   - Debbie reviewed the MSBO Exchange and how to get connected
   - Discussed the focus groups to form sessions for the MSBO Annual Conference. In the next couple of weeks, an email will be sent inviting those that want to be part of formulating the session at the conference. If you didn't let us know but would like to take part, please email dkopkau@msbo.org.

Next meeting is November 12, at 1 pm.

Kevin Hustek adjourns the meeting at 1:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kopkau, MSBO