

MSBO Technology Committee Meeting

November 12, 2020

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Chair: Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools

Co-chair: Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD

1. Welcome & Introductions

Members present:

Attendees: Dave Cairry, MAISA, Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools, Taylor Hoag, MAISA, Erik Drake and Nancy Corner, REMC, Ben Daugherty, St. Joseph ISD, Ben Eggenberger, Beal City Public Schools, Beth Soggs, Troy School District, Brandi Reynolds, Traverse Bay Area ISD, Cindy Lindner, Rochester Community Schools, Theron Nesbitt, Vassar Public Schools, Danny Laethern, Eastpointe Community Schools, David Tschozewski, Kenowa Hills Public Schools, Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, James Stauble, Fowlerville Community Schools, Jason Helsen, Muskegon Area ISD, Jay Bosworth, Pinconning Area Schools, Jim Rarus, Wayne RESA, Joe Polasek, MDE, Jim Milewski, Jon Harpst, Julie Omer, Owosso Public Schools, Karen Hairston, REMC, Kevin Hustek, Warren Woods Public Schools, Laura Baumeister, Watervliet Public Schools, Laura Ferworn, Greenville Public Schools, Laurie McDiarmid, Ionia County ISD, Mark Deschaine, Grand Ledge Public Schools, Mark Smith, MACUL, Mark Spackman, KRESA, Nancy Couto, Armada Schools, Robert Breedlove, Reed City Public Schools, Rodney VanLoo, West Ottawa Public Schools, Ron Hein, Niles Community Schools, Steve Miles, South Haven Public Schools, Susan Case, Forest Hills Public Schools, Tim Klan, Fowlerville Public Schools, and Debbie Kopkau, MSBO.

2. Approved minutes from October 8, 2020 – Omer makes motion to approve. Seconded by Bordewyk - Case. M/C.
3. Drake – Device purchasing – 152,000 sold this year with possible cancellations. There was about 163,000 last year. Selling more devices but were sent through other channels. Other computer contracts are in place through 2024. Same supply chain restraints are still in place.

Corner - Office Depot did not bid so they will not be available in 2021 but we do have many new vendors to replace the products. Please let your business manager know of this change. This is our first step in supplies, furniture, and expanded distance learning options. This is about 1,300 items. Final approval for contracts will be early December and then will roll out January 1, 2021.

Hairston – asked about extending the timeframe on contracts. Six months seems to be long enough. She believes we are at the optimum stop and vendors do not want to go much later on this.

4. Polasek – E-Rate funding Update

FY 2020 Update

FY 2020: Over 90% of MI applications have received their Funding Commitment Decision Letter

- 2,184 (91.5%) of MI FRNs have received FCDLs. Remember, this includes the 2nd Window filings, as well.
 - 2nd Window Filings: 77 FRNs (22 on the last day to file)
 - Total Discount Request: \$1,263,106.77
 - Funded: 2,160
- \$42,671,506.30
- Cancelled: 49
- Denied: 14
- Pending: 164

Trainings and Webinars

- USAC Trainings: USAC.org/e-rate/, select WEBINARS under the LEARN sub-heading
 - Previous trainings will show all the various session of the recent USAC Applicant trainings
 - Smaller short and targeted webinars, so pick the ones most suited for your needs
- SEDTA E-Rate Trainings (Remainder of Session 1)
 - **November 12 – 2:00 pm ET** – C1 Procurement and the Form 470
 - **November 12 – 3:45 pm ET** – C2 Procurement and the Form 470
 - **December 3 – 2:00 pm ET** – Bid Evaluation and Vendor Selection/Interaction
 - **December 3 – 3:45 pm ET** – Contracts
- SEDTA E-Rate Trainings (Remainder of Session 2)
 - **January 7 – 2:00 pm ET** – Form 471 Category 2
 - **January 7 – 3:45 pm** – Form 471 Category 1
 - **February 11 – 2:00 pm ET** – Changes: RAL, Service Substitutions, SPIN Changes
 - **February 11 – 3:45 pm** – Questions and Review, PIA interaction, Audits
 - **April 1 – 2:00 pm ET** – Post Commitment, Document Retention, Appeals
 - **April 1 – 3:45 pm** – Forms 486 & 472
- Cost of \$99 per session OR \$150 for both (includes access to recorded webinar and presentation materials)

Other Items of Note

EPC Administrative Window is **OPEN!** Close date is not set, but please...don't leave this until the last minute. This is your opportunity to update all things regarding your entities!

- Name (PLEASE KEEP THE NAMING CONVENTION CLOSE TO YOUR EEM NAMING)
- Contacts and contact information

- ENROLLMENTS
 - Remember- C2 budgets are different starting this E-Rate Funding year
 - Library discounts are based off of local district school discounts
 - State of MI will NOT be producing a Valid File for USAC ahead of this Funding Year
 - C2 Budget changes
 - New Five-Year budgets starting 2021 and running through 2025
 - Districtwide budgets (no more building-by-building)
 - Two ways to calculate
 - 11 or more buildings?
 - Minimum budget per building (\$25,000) OR
 - District enrollment by \$167 (more than 149 kids gives you more than \$25,000)
 - 10 or fewer buildings
 - Minimum budget per building (\$25,000) OR
 - District enrollment by \$167 (more than 149 kids gives you more than \$25,000)
 - HYBRID APPROACH
 - Some buildings by enrollment, some by minimum budget amount
 - How do we handle ISD (USAC language) “independent schools”?
 - Example- CTE Center
 - Count Part Time kids as FTE for enrollment purposes in those cases
 - FCC Suspends “Gift Rule” through the end of 2020 calendar year (12/31/2020)
 - Still hoping that is extended through the end of the E-Rate Funding Year (6/30/2021)

Special Construction Matching Fund Update

- 2020 awardees have received their letters of Conditional Award so now we await
 - This group of awardees will be the last awards from this allocation (no more money)
 - Legislative interest in reviving the matching fund with a separate allocation is growing, but nothing is official
5. Cairy, Reynolds, Rarus, and Hairston – The MiConnect project, awarded to MAISA, represents the eligible activities under PA 0123 sec. 602 to (1) increase the number of devices available to students for use at home and at school, (2) expand internet access and connectivity, and (3) support cybersecurity efforts and practices in the implementation of extended Wi-Fi and network access.

Three arms of money:

- Device Purchasing Funding - \$7.45 million. \$25 per device rebate.
- Connective Funding – \$17.45 million - Funding allows for regional connective, ensures all funds are spent and streamlined administrative process, economic need,

using percentages of economic disadvantage, geographical locale and other COVID relief funding.

- Cybersecurity Efforts - \$100,000 - Partnered with REMC and METL Cyber security Task Force. \$100,000 will be used to create some modules for training through EduPaths. Planning a CyberSecurity Summit for December 10-11, for all attendees and free to anyone in Michigan.

If we used other federal funds for the devices and connectivity funds. You can only claim the amount once. You cannot submit for more money than what you paid for it.

Kopkau asked for volunteers to help with creating sessions from the MSBO Annual Conference.

Sharpsteen

Couto motions to end meeting at 2:01 pm seconded by Omer. M/C

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kopkau, MSBO