

# MSBO Technology Committee Meeting

March 11, 2021

1:00 – 2:00 pm

**Chair: Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools**

**Co-chair: Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD**

## 1. Welcome & Introductions

Members present:

Attendees: Erik Drake, REMC \$ave, Eric Lamont, Kevin Kickbusch, Kevin Galbraith, Ingham ISD, Andrew Case, Oakland Schools, Brad Hess, Jackson County ISD, Chad Marshall, Christian Palasty, East Lansing Public Schools, Hisan Richardson, Detroit Public Schools Community District, Lorilyn Coggins, Education Management & Networks, Jackie Laymac, Carrolton Public Schools, Jeff Bennett, Charlotte Public Schools, Jeff Smucker, Hudsonville Public Schools, Joe Polasek, MDE, Julie Omer, Owosso Public Schools, Kathy Stankewicz, Forest Park Schools, Larry Hanks, Edwardsburg Public Schools, Laura Carpenter, CS Partners/MEP Services, Leslie Young, Davison Community Schools, Mark Deschaine, Grand Ledge Public Schools, Mary Beth Rogers, Clarkston Community Schools, Matt Bell, Matt McMahon, Gratiot-Isabella RESD, Melanie Muchortow, Port Huron Area Schools, Michael Conway, Michael Sutor, Alcona Community Schools, Mona VanBlargan, Nancy Corner, REMC \$ave, Nancy Couto, Armada Area Schools, Pietro Semifero, MDE, Randy Gross, Rick Munier, Robert Breedlove, Reed City Area Schools, Ron Houtman, Kent ISD., Russ Gerbers, Byron Center Public Schools, Ryan Boochard, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Ryan Spencer, Wesley Sounden, Traverse City Area Schools, Steve LeBlanc, Livonia Public Schools, Steven Tenniswood, Tony Harmer, Tony Nuismer, Mattawan Consolidated Schools, Ron Hein, Niles Community Schools, Christine Bauer, Ottawa Area ISD, Susan Bordewyk-Case, Forest Hills Public Schools, Cindy Lindner, Rochester Community Schools, Steve Miles, South Haven Public Schools, Patti Shayne, Troy School District, Tammie Schadd, Richmond Community Schools, Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools, Mark Smith, MACUL, Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD and Debbie Kopkau, MSBO.

2. Approved minutes from February 11, 2021. Omer makes motion to approve. Seconded by Case. M/C.
3. Dwan – gave us a great overview of the money that will be distributed to districts and the requirements of districts to receive that money. Pay attention to this link on ESSER - [Federal Funds - MSBO](#)
4. Drake – Device purchasing bids are open. The statewide advisory is meeting March 24 to do hands-on device evaluation to go to the board.

Final approval in April. The actual purchase open will be April 14, 2021 thru April 30, 2021.

Software bids were awarded March 9 and will open next week to include Microsoft, Adobe, and Discovery, internet content filtering. You will have your pricing before July 1. Over thousands of software items for you. Check out the Website for more information – [www.remcsave.org](http://www.remcsave.org).

REMC is sponsoring at MACUL and MSBO. Not sure about exhibiting with MSBO, yet.

5. Semifero

- Continue to talk with MDE and legislators about testing.
- At this point we are in the same requirement as we were last year.
- Be ready to have all equipment updated and ready to go for next month testing.
- Testing with personal devices? It will work but not recommended unless you have done that in the past.
- We may not be able to enforce the 95% students need to be tested.

6. Polasek – E-rate - [polasekj3@michigan.gov](mailto:polasekj3@michigan.gov) – email report

- Funding Year 20 and 21 Updates and Quick Reminders
- State Educational Network Procurement Update
- Federal Legislation Supporting Connectivity and E-Rate
- State Level Broadband Action Updates
- FY 2020 Update- 98.6% of FRNs have received FCDLs
  - Only 28 to go!
- FY 2021 Update- 860 Total funding requests seeking \$12,762,318.38
  - USAC: 80% of Form 471s submitted are for Category One service/transport (nationally)
- Reminders
  - Gift Rule waiver through end of FY 2020 (6/30/21)
  - FCC Order on automatic extensions for FRNs receiving an RFCDL
  - Don't use banned providers (Huawei or ZTE)
- State Educational Network Procurement Update
  - Transport and IA RFP received bids, reviewed, and has a solution for SEN 2.0 and IA
    - Details to follow soon, but enhancements and changes off of this procurement will not be fully in place until July, 2022
- Federal Legislation Supporting Connectivity
  - American Rescue Plan Act includes \$7.1 billion for E-Rate
    - FCC will have to decide what the program looks like an is likely to request comment before the program is crafted
    - High level: discounts on purchases of vendor equipment and services to serve students off campus
      - District and ISD WANs are NOT an option to serve students in the home (my reading)
  - Emergency Broadband Benefit
    - Schools are NOT eligible for the EBB subsidy (my reading)
    - Schools (or ISD or MDE) will likely need to verify NSLP or other poverty indicators to a family to receive the EBB subsidy (FERPA fears)
  - Remote Learning Petition
    - FCC still constructing a program after comments from the field
      - MDE did comment asking for cost-allocation of off-campus use to be waived completely and forever (supporting SECA comments)
  - State-level Broadband Work
  - Connecting MI Communities Grant and
    - CMIC funding for Round 1.5 and Round 2 should be announced in the coming months
  - Connecting MI Task Force

- Listening Tour completed, comments are compiled and we will meet to discuss next steps
- MiConnect (METL and MAISA)
  - \$300k from Mott Foundation for statewide data collection on connectivity to the home
  - Working with partners to avoid duplication of data collection efforts before commencing the collection
- Justification to Re-Start the State Matching Fund grant for self-provisioned fiber builds

7. Smith – MACUL

- Two certification classes.
  - March 19 – Overview of School Finance for Technology
  - March 20 - Security Disaster & Recovery
- Using Hopin for the platform at the MACUL Virtual Conference – March 17 – 20
- Hopin invites will be coming out on Friday. Anyone who is registered will receive an attendee email updating the conference details and how to get into Hopin.
- The conference event platform opens at 1:55 PM next Wednesday with Workshops at 4 PM (requires a separate fee), Expo Hall opens at 5:45 pm and the opening keynote is at 6:30 pm.

8. Kopkau – MSBO update

- Over 300 registered.
- Over 173 sessions.
- Take advantage of the scholarships.
- SCECHs are available up until June 30, 2021.

9. Roundtable

Bordewyk - Case motions to end the meeting. Couto seconds. M/C Meeting ended at 2:15 pm

Next meeting – April 15 at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kopkau, MSBO