

# MSBO Technology Committee Meeting

May 20, 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: Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools, Jim Rarus, Wayne RESA, Steven Mezzadri, Northville Public Schools, Mark Brown, North Branch Area Schools, Bob Breedlove, Reed City Area Public Schools, Tammy Maginity, Pennfield Schools, Randy Gross, Dowagiac Schools, Peter Klein, Clinton County RESA, Scott Vugteveen, Kentwood Public Schools, Joe Watson, Owosso Public Schools, Lisa Cyrus, Kim Crenshaw, Redford Union Schools, Ken Jacobs, Lincoln Park Public Schools, Jeff Trudell, Wyandotte Public Schools, Dan Grimm, Van Buren ISD, Lukas Enciso, Van Buren ISD, Jerome Agrusa, Taylor School District, Holt Public Schools, Tammy Budnick, Rogers City Area Schools, Matt, Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Nate Moore, Grand Ledge Public Schools, Mark Deschaine, Grand Ledge Public Schools, Kevin O'Brien, Gratiot-Isabella RESD, Sherry McVay, Dewitt Public Schools, Leonard Slebodnik, Chippewa Hills School District, Justin Weston, Benzie County Central Schools, Don Ball, Old Redford Academy, Joe Polasek, MDE, Mark Smith, MACUL, Pietro Semifero, MDE, Erik Drake, REMC \$ave, Jay Bosworth, Pinconning Area Schools, Jon Harpst Jr., Ingham ISD, Kali Stevens, East Lansing Public Schools, Steven Tenniswood, St. Clair County ISD, Jim Mitchell, Ben Rimes, Coloma Public Schools, Tony Nuismer, Mattawan Consolidated Schools, and Debbie Kopkau, MSBO.

## 2. Approved minutes from April 15, 2021. Deschaine makes motion to approve. Seconded by Sharpsteen. M/C.

## 3. Semifero – Assessment

Testing windows are longer to give folks time to finish up. They are ending the Friday after Memorial Day. High school testing wraps up 5/21/2021. Benchmark assessments are legally required this year and several years into the future.

## 4. Erik Drake – REMCSave.org

- Device purchasing, we have sold 120,000 devices which is up from last year.
- Supply chain and delivery timeframe. All the back orders from last year have been shipped. There could be a couple of districts left but glad to get that cleared out.

- Met with Intel and they are doing better with processors. We still have issues with touch screens, packaging, shipping, and customs. It is going to take a while.
- HP is saying 6 months for delivery. We are working with them to shorten that.
- Dell and Presidio is at 30 days and this has been good but as demand increases there could be a change.
- CDW has stock of Lenovo devices which may be another source.
- We are keeping on top of the resellers to help make devices available but not to create any new products.
- Copy bid expires May 31. They are having supply issues. Paper is under allocation, so the timelines are longer for delivery. The cost is going up. The new contract starts June 1 and the cost of paper is going up 12%. Contact local REMC directors for more information.
- All other contracts expire June 30 and new contracts start July 1. You may want to review before June 30.
- Tierney and Trox are merging. They will operate with separate salespeople and will maintain the course of business through December 31, 2021.

5. Polasek – E-rate - [polaseki3@michigan.gov](mailto:polaseki3@michigan.gov)

- FY 2021 Update
  - 58% of FRNs have received FCDLs awarding \$20,961,681.24 in discount (so far)
- EBB Basics- It's Lifeline on Steroids!
  - It's not for you, but you should be telling all your families (especially your NSLP eligible folks)
    - ❖ Off-sets the cost of broadband service to a home
    - ❖ More info at <https://getemergencybroadband.org/>
      - Families must enroll in the program **WITH THEIR PROVIDER**
      - Up to a \$50/month discount on your broadband service and associated equipment rentals
      - Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands
      - A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)
    - ❖ Enrollment is OPEN for interested parties
  - Outreach Toolkit: <https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit-outreach-toolkit>
- ECF Basics (as we know them)
  - The Report and Order: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-21-58A1.pdf>
  - Who is eligible to apply?
    - ❖ If you're eligible for E-Rate, you're eligible for the ECF
  - What locations are eligible for service?

- ❖ Off-campus locations where homework is done or remote learning is happening
- What services are eligible?
  - ❖ Fixed (DSL, cable or vendor-owned fiber service) and Wireless (hotspots)
  - ❖ Self-provisioned networks and Datacasting **ineligible UNLESS...** "no commercially available services exist"
- What devices are eligible?
  - ❖ Laptops, tablets, and hotspots
    - Maximum reimbursements on device types:
    - Hotspot device- \$250
    - Laptop/tablet- \$400 (waiver available for users with disabilities)
    - Desktop computers, cybersecurity solutions, and mobile phones are NOT eligible
- What is our window for eligible purchases?
  - ❖ July 1st, 2021 through June 30, 2022
- When will the application go live?
  - ❖ The date has not been named
- How will applicants apply?
  - ❖ The FCC has stated that USAC will use the existing Form 471, BEAR (Form 472), and SPI Billing templates (Form 473)
  - ❖ There is no required bid period, but applicants must follow state and local procurement laws
- Where does CIPA fit in?
- CIPA will to apply laptops and computers purchased with ECF dollars and/or any device using ECF-purchased internet service
- What does my audit burden look like?
  - ❖ Same as E-Rate. All related documentation must be kept for a minimum of 10 years (or Forever/until the End of Time)
- Anything else?
  - ❖ Don't double dip with your federal funds!
- **ECF Webinar- May 26th at 10:30a** (check your email for the calendar invite)
  - Webinar will be recorded for those who cannot attend

On the ECF Webinar:

What do we know? What questions still remain? Joe Polasek leads a breakdown of the Emergency Connectivity Fund program and attempts to answer your burning questions. Will USAC have a form and process ready for prime time by the start of this meeting? TUNE IN TO FIND OUT!

**Feel free to forward this to anyone you feel could benefit from the information, including business officials at your local districts or ISDs. Information presented will be our best understanding of the available information, but we will do our best to take your questions as well.**

MDE EdTech is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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6. Smith – MACUL

Next year's conference March 16-19 – Grand Rapids

7. Kopkau – MSBO

MSBO Annual Conference still going on through June 30, 2021. Remember to work with your business manager on the ESSER funds. More information will be provided them at the MSBO Business Manager/CPA Workshop which is June 9-30, 2021.

Watson motions to end the meeting. Breedlove seconds. M/C Meeting ended at 2:12 pm

Next meeting – June 17 at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kopkau, MSBO