

MSBO Technology Committee Meeting

May 11, 2023

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Zoom

Chair: Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools

Co-chair: Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD

Vice Chair: Kevin Hustek, Warren Woods Public Schools

1. Welcome & Introductions

Members present:

Rick Webb – Kenowa Hills Public Schools, Debbie Kopkau - MSBO, Tim Tahaney- MDE, Robert Holiday – Ingham ISD, Susan Case – Forest Hills Public Schools, Erik Drake and Mike Richardson – REMC Šaves, Peter Klein - Clinton County RESA, Tim Blackmer – Ionia Public Schools, Jeff Trudell - Wyandotte Public Schools, Chris Cerrudo - Harbor Springs Public Schools, Andrew Steinman - Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Nate Moore - Kearsley Community Schools, Christian Palasty and Kali Stevens – East Lansing Public Schools, Cindy Lindner – Rochester Community Schools, Jon Harpst Jr. – Ingham ISD, Lukas Enciso – Van Buren ISD, Michael Partridge – Ingham ISD, Michael Sutor – Alcona Community Schools, Nancy Couto – Armada Area Schools, Jeff Bennett, Charlotte Public Schools, Chris McCoy, Brother Rice Catholic High Schools, Steve Anderson, Marcellus Community Schools, Laurie’s iPhone, and Sarah Clouse, Oscoda Area Schools

2. Approved minutes from April 13, 2023 – Susan Case motions to accept the minutes; Nancy Couto- 2nd . M/C
3. Tim Tahaney – MDE/M-Step. Reminder that we are in the final stages of testing. It will close next Friday, May 19, 2023. The dates are in the spotlight. In the M-Step testing used the calculator either the regular calculator or scientific calculator. Sometimes the scientific calculator was not loading. End of testing, DRC has some videos to help finish up the testing and checking on students - [Finding Student Testing Status - Google Drive](#). Recommends that you follow the Spotlight email on the MDE-TechC listserv to help with the college boards testing. Here is the current one - [Spotlight on Student Assessment and Accessibility \(michigan.gov\)](#).
4. Update and SPOT Bid Program –Erik Drake and Mike Richardson

The device window for purchasing is open through September 30.

Copy paper bid contract is complete with 10-17% of savings. Please look on remcsave.org.

5. Joseph Polasek -MDE/E-Rate

E-Rate is Going Great!

- a. Over 60% of MI FRNs have received FCDLs.

ECF Update

- b. Total Funding for MI so far: over \$162 million
 - i. Funding of Wave 3 Applications is ongoing, but slow going.
- c. USAC to applicants: Return funds that will not be needed.
 - i. Conversely, stakeholder groups are pushing for invoicing deadline extensions.

News to Know

- d. Updates to applicant Form 498 (banking information) will require inclusion of UEI from SAM.gov
 - i. Need help with obtaining/renewing your UEI?
 - 1. Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) can help!
 - a. For more information: [About Us – PTACs of Michigan](#)
- e. Invoicing System moves to EPC in May/June
 - i. Take-aways from USAC conversation:
 - 1. The Full Rights user will need to be very involved in the invoicing process.
 - 2. Applicants are going to be more in the dark on SPI billing.
 - a. SECA has issues and USAC will “take those questions back.”

State-level Broadband News

- f. Initial grant review for ROBIN grant applicants has been completed.
 - i. The challenge period should start sometime in June for approved projects.
- g. Statewide Educational Network Director, Matt Stark, to retire in June.
 - i. The search for a new Director is on-going.

Don't forget to share information about the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) with district families and the community at large!

- h. Toolkit: <https://www.fcc.gov/acp-consumer-outreach-toolkit>
- i. Enrollment Dashboard: [Affordable Connectivity Program | ACP | Enrollment Dashboard \(educationsuperhighway.org\)](#)

www.EveryoneOn.org is another great tool for district families looking for options around broadband, device purchasing, and digital literacy training near them.

6. MSBO Annual Conference Update – Debbie Kopkau
Kopkau reported 1852 people registered. Had 384 exhibit booths. This was the largest one ever. Webb wanted to commend the MSBO Staff for all their work on the MSBO Annual Conference.

Next meeting is June 8 at 1 pm.

Case motions to adjourn. 2nd Moore. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kopkau - MSBO