

Glenbrook District 225 Technology Committee Minutes – February 28, 2011

Members Present: Bretag, Hammer, Jakes, Regalbutto, Riggle, Shein, Thimm, Wegley

Members Absent: Pryma

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Review of 2010-2011 Projects

Dr. Riggle provided an overall review of district projects for 2010-2011 that were approved by the board in April 2010. Marcus Thimm provided a technical overview of network and technical services projects and Ryan Bretag and David Jakes gave a brief overview of applications and training efforts and their impact on instruction.

Concern was shared by Dr. Riggle over the implementation and performance of the new Student Information System and a detailed description of difficulties and current efforts to improve the system was shared.

Review of 2010-2011 District Technology Budget

Mr. Thimm shared with the committee that all efforts made by the district have remained within the established budget and he further stated that he did not foresee the need to spend more than had been allocated. Dr. Riggle then presented a preliminary budget to be included in the next technology plan. He stated that it needed to be discussed further. The proposed budget for 2011-2012 represents an 8% reduction without loss of desired services.

Review of Technology Plan Identified Needs

The committee was provided with a brief review of the original three-year tech plan focusing on areas or needs that were not fully met. The primary areas of concern not fully met were student access to devices and professional development for staff. These will continue to be areas targeted for further efforts in the next technology plan.

Timeline for New 3-Year Plan

The new three-year plan was discussed briefly with a target date of March 14 for first review by the board. It was noted that this date could be flexible in consideration with other items being brought forward. Emphasis was made on the need to purchase computers for certificated staff members under a new lease agreement. The current lease agreement ends in August, 2011. The committee felt there was no need to meet prior to the proposed plan coming to the board in March.

Future Meeting

No future meeting was set.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.