

Licking Area Computer Association

Minutes of the LACA Governing Board meeting held October 12, 2000 convening at 8:00 a.m. at the LACA offices.

The following members answered present to the roll call: Kathy Lowery, Jay Gault, Dan Montgomery, Charles Montgomery, Hank Gavarkavich, Tom Slater, Nelson McCray, Bill Mann, and Sandra Mercer. Rick Jones representing Mark North arrived at 8:30. The following Board Members were unable to attend; Dick Murray, Don Green, Lou Staffilino, Randy Stortz, Don Sullivan. Tim Barrett, Shirley Dupps, and Rod Griffin were also present for the meeting.

01-010 It was moved by Charles Montgomery and seconded by Nelson McCray to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2000 minutes. A vote of approval was taken.

Rod Griffin presented the LACA improvement plan and explained that after board approval the plan would be submitted to Dave Rhodes of the MCOECN for review before submission to the ODE.

01-011 It was moved by Nelson McCray and seconded by Dan Montgomery to approve the LACA improvement plan. A vote of approval was taken.

Financial reports for the months of July, August and September were distributed to each member. Shirley Dupps presented the financial status of LACA.

01-012 It was moved by Dan Montgomery and seconded by Tom Slater to accept the financial reports for July, August and September, 2000. A vote of approval was taken.

Sandy Mercer presented the additional Special Cost Center Codes in the LACA chart of accounts to track project revenues and expenditures.

Sandy Mercer updated the board on ONEnet activities. The discussion regarded ATM switches and the fact that the funds available from ONEnet (\$6000/building) will not cover the cost of the required equipment. Consensus of the group indicated that districts would probably not put ATM switches in buildings other than the IVDL high schools.

Sandy also discussed fiber lines to buildings and how these services could qualify toward E-rate. Districts interested in pursuing fiber are to contact LACA staff for involvement.

Sandy updated the board on E-rate activities and reviewed the benefits and concerns of DA Sites becoming service providers. It was agreed by all present that LACA should continue to operate in the same manner and process E-rate documents for internet access as a consortium. E-rate Year 4 authorization forms were completed by present board members.

01-013 It was moved by Dan Montgomery and seconded by Nelson McCray to table the E-rate Year 3-5 proposal. A vote of approval was taken.

01-014 It was moved by Dan Montgomery and seconded by Charles Montgomery to approve blocking the Websense categories recommended by LACATech. (All categories with more than 50% vote to block by member district technology coordinators.) A vote of approval was taken.

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01-015 It was moved by Tom Slater and seconded by Dan Montgomery to approve the Hannah Online invoice of \$3500. A vote of approval was taken.

01-016 It was moved by Dan Montgomery and seconded by Tom Slater to authorize participation in group purchasing of DRA software. A vote of approval was taken.

Hank Gavarkavich, Kathy Lowery and Charles Montgomery left the meeting.

Sandy Mercer presented an update on the LACA projects:

Interactive Video Distance Learning (IVDL), next team meeting set for October 20, Grant submission date is November 3.

NovaNet, introductory meeting for district liaisons is October 12, training dates will be determined at that meeting.

Data for Student Learning (DSL), Sandy presented DSL to West Muskingum and they were very impressed. A LACA staff member will make presentations to each participating district as soon as practicable when the system and district data is ready. Sandy requested the superintendents' direct involvement in the DSL implementation at the district level.

An overview of how these projects tie together was also presented.

There was no update from the Fiscal Advisory committee.

The Non-Fiscal Advisory committee update included the status of elementary grade cards pilot.

Unfinished business included discussions of the following items:

It was agreed that LACA should prepare a policy that addresses LACA's role to a district in the event of a work stoppage by classified personnel.

District Report Card Labels, LACA requires ODE form to be completed by Superintendents before LACA can submit required data.

E-mail listserv form was presented and explained.

New business included the following topics:

It was agreed by all present to deny PAR-Excellence's request for a reduction in the LACA SIS fee.

It was agreed by all present to deny Licking Valley's request to be privy to Governing Board correspondence.

A discussion regarding the lack of attendance at all LACA meetings ensued. Many ideas were discussed including the removal of quorum requirements from the LACA constitution. This will be pursued and included as the first agenda item at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be December 14, 2000 at 8:00 am at the LACA offices.

Reported by Rod Griffin