Licking Area Computer Association

Minutes of the LACA Governing Board Meeting held December 12, 2013, convening at 9:14 am. Nelson McCray called the meeting to order. The following members answered present to the roll call: Jill Johnson, Trevor Thomas, Joyce Malainy, Tim Owen (representing Jay Gault), Kevin Snyder (representing Steve Wigton), Darian Kovach (representing Philip Wager), Bill Seder, Larry Smith (representing Scott Hartley, Chris Briggs, Bill Harbron, Bob Jennell), Mark Neal, Jeff Brown, Nelson McCray and Jon Bowers.

14-022   It was moved by Kevin Snyder and seconded by Joyce Malainy to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2013 meeting. A vote of approval was taken.

The December Appropriation Modifications, November financial reports and FY13 5-year cash projection were presented.

14-023   It was moved by Tim Owen and seconded by Chris Briggs to approve the financial items. A vote of approval was taken.

Jon Bowers presented an updated organizational chart to reflect the recent staffing addition of Justin Post and the planned addition of a fiscal support staff

14-024   It was moved by Jeff Brown and seconded by Jill Johnson to approve the amended LACA Organizational Chart to include the new Fiscal Coordinator and Justin Post, our Network Coordinator. A vote of approval was taken.

Meeting Presentations/Discussion

Jon Bowers presented an early draft of the FY15 budget. The two largest factors impacting costs for the coming year are growing consumption of internet usage and the possibility of increasing student software costs. As schools prepare for on-line assessments, many are implementing wireless networks, dramatically increasing their internet consumption. LACA is currently planning to increase internet by 50% per year over the next 4 years. The MCOECN is also planning a project to develop and host the DASL suite of products, which could drive up licensing costs. The budget that was presented reflected these potential increases.

All LACA schools have been awarded their K-12 Network Funding requests; 50 % should already be received and the remaining 50% will flow in March or April. Thirty of thirty-six e-rate funding requests for LACA schools have been awarded.

LACA has met with Medina and determined timelines for converting each service area to LACA. The internet service contract cannot be moved until the '15 – 16 school year. With the unplanned closing of Excel Academy, LACA was able to retrieve the equipment from the school and is assisting with the student records that remained. Jon Bowers is working with the assigned legal team to resolve outstanding issues.

The remaining LACA Governing Board meeting dates for FY14 meeting dates are January 9, March 13 and May 8, 2014.

14-025   It was moved by Jeff Brown and seconded by Rick Jones to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. A vote of approval was taken.

Reported by,

Jonathan Bowers
LACA Executive Director