

Finance Committee Meeting April 4, 2019

Attendance: Joe Phelan, Steve Jenkins, Elizabeth Raum, Tom Burnell, Mark Fleischhauer, Steve Jensen

JAMF Software

Steve Jensen was present to give us a basic rundown of JAMF software which he is hoping to add this year's technology budget. The initial cost is \$16,550 (software and training) and qualifies for BOCES state aid. This software program, which is specifically for apple devices, updates all software and applications automatically. Currently, we are manually updating each individual device in both buildings with software and application updates – which has become an impractical use of time and is not providing teachers with optimum performance. JPMF software will do the updates automatically and maintain a current inventory of our apple devices (hardware and software).

Improvements Requiring Board Approval

There are three leases that require Board approval before Dutchess BOCES agrees to purchase for our use (BOCES owns and insures whilst we lease). These leases are vital for our students and teachers to have the optimum experience with connectivity, security, and storage.

1. Adirondack Cabling: upgrade of internal fiber system for both buildings (ours is at the end of its lifespan). This upgrade is E-rate-able so we will receive a 50% rebate.
2. CSI: more switches and gigs improving our equipment and infrastructure. This upgrade is E-rate-able so we will receive a 50% rebate.
3. CSI: HPE Nimble Hybrid Array which is a virtual server (replacing storage system). Not E-rate-able.

Dark Fiber Network and An Aerial Solution

Another key improvement for our buildings' connectivity is installing a dark fiber network. BestWeb can provide an aerial solution with a one-time installation price of \$62,240.00 and an annual maintenance fee of \$3,432.00 (repairs and damages covered). This project will be funded by the SMART School Bond Act, which requires the District to pay for the project up front. We will use excess funds in the Capital Fund, and NYS will reimburse us for the program after the project is completed so that the District is made whole, at which point we will return the funds into the Capital Fund. In addition, we also should be receiving eRate funding for this project.

4TH Draft Budget Review

Changes include an additional non-resident tuition (expense), an increase in state aid, and Tom caught a typo in the building aid column which actually added to revenue. We are now \$47,961 below the tax levy limit.

Items for Consideration

On this list items that are bold are recommended expenditures that are sustainable.

Next Meeting: May 2nd

Respectfully submitted: Liz Raum