

Orange Board of Education Special Meeting
June 1, 2016

Attendees:

C. Young, S. Riccio, J. Cap, K. Browe, B. Hadlock, K. Ziman, C. Bunnell, M. Saccente,
B. Kraut,

Also in attendance: V. Scarpetti, E. Russo, M. Bruder,

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Dr. Sarpetti reported that Mr. Matt Bruder will be leaving the District and his position will posted as soon as possible. He thanked him for his service to the district and the improvements that have been made during his tenure.

Orange BOE VoIP Proposal

M. Bruder presented Board members with proposals for the new VoIP system. He narrowed down the options to four vendors and none of the projects include network configuration. This is additional work that will need to be done based as a result of Matt's departure. The work will not be completed before his last day.

The four companies that submitted proposals are:

Frontier Communications - National Company with local offices

ePlus Technologies – National Company with local offices

Total Communications – Connecticut Company

Whalley Computer Associates – Massachusetts

First the network cabling needs to be configured and no proposals were presented on this portion of the work and no cost or timing estimates. Proposals were made on two phases of the project. The first would be installation of the cabling and this will need to be done as soon as possible and without anyone in the building. This will need to be done with the planned cleaning in the schools in coordination with M. Luzzi. The second is the phone installation and this could be done over a long weekend.

The two phone options are Mitel and Cisco. M. Bruder did not recommend going with the Cisco product as he believes you are just paying for the name. Voicemail can be sent through email.

Subcommittee members expressed concerns that they had limited information presented at the subcommittee meeting on May 23rd and the information presented tonight was drastically different. Also, there was discussion as to the importance of having a Technology Director hired to support the roll out of the phones in the schools and to trouble shoot.

The Board did not vote on a selection of a vendor and discussed the option of doing the project in two phases the cabling first and then select a vendor once a Technology Director had been hired. If it is decided to go forward with separate phases a new RFP would need to be put out for the cabling project.

Second item on the agenda is the proposal to provide one to one computers to all students in grades 3 through 6. M. Bruder provided proposals from several companies. This was an approved budgeted item for the upcoming fiscal year. The proposal is for both student and teacher computers to be leased for 3 years. Board members reviewed the packets. Members asked for information about what support is being given to teachers.

With the Technology Director's departure there was discussion as to whether the computers would be ready for the start of school and what work needs to be done over the summer. There will be tech providing full time support over the summer and the machines can be ready for the start of school. There is an option to wait to purchase the machines until a new Technology Director is hired. Discussion followed with some members still questioning whether the District is ready to fully implement the one to one program. Teachers need to know as soon as possible so that plans can be put in place for next year's curriculum. A majority of the Board agreed to move forward to purchase computers before the start of school.

Discussion continued around what will be done with technology in classroom. Students need access to the computers. Dr. Scarpetti reported that this is something that the district has been preparing for and is something the teachers have asked for. Dr. Russo also reinforced this and that they have been work with teachers and have 2 teachers in each school who have been trained in Google support. The teachers are ready and the students are ready for this technology.

Motion by K. Browe to enter into a lease agreement with Whalley Computer Associates to be the computer supplier for FY16 – FY19 and the agreement should not exceed \$210,000.

Second by S. Riccio.

Chair called for discussion and hearing none called for a vote.

Vote was unanimous

There will be a personnel/policy/transportation subcommittee meeting on June 9 at 6:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn the Special meeting at 8:48PM by S. Riccio and Seconded by K. Ziman.

Unanimously agreed to

Respectfully submitted – Mara Saccente, Board Secretary