LNSU/LNMUUSD Technology Committee
Minutes of Meeting
September 27, 2021

Committee Members Present: Angela Lamell, Mark Stebbins, Bart Bezio
Others Present: Deborah Clark, Brian Pena
Minute Taker: Sue Trainor

Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Public Comment: Stebbins called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Bezio made a motion, seconded by Lamell, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously. There was no public comment.

Review and Adopt the Scope of Responsibilities of the Committee: Clark provided the Committee with the scope of responsibilities that were adopted in May of 2021. They were as follows:

- Support the Board in developing and maintaining policies for the management of, in a fair and open manner, the Information Technology infrastructure and services of the school district;
- Support the Board in developing policies for the instructional and administrative use of technology across the school district;
- Support the Board in the appropriate oversight of capital investments related to technology; and
- Support the Board in staying apprised of current trends in educational technologies and the use of technology in education.

Bezio, Stebbins and Lamell agreed with these responsibilities. Bezio made a motion, seconded by Lamell, to approve the scope of responsibilities. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Ransomware - Final Debrief: Clark informed the Committee the total expenditures to get back on line and functioning, including security at the large campus, totaled $175,00. The insurance paid $45,968 or 26% of the total cost. The remaining $129,000 came out of the general fund. Fortunately there were excess funds in that account. The District was working with VISBIT who was working with the insurance carrier to see if they could get more from the coverage.

Pena stated the network was ultimately in a stronger position, with additional security in place, a reduced number of VPN users, and with services having been moved to the cloud. The timeclocks and Infinite Visions were now being saved on the cloud. Service accounts now used two-factor verification and password updates were required. They were being more aggressive about phishing. Bezio asked if there was a policy and procedure for staff/teachers to request new applications. Pena stated the IT Department reviewed the source of the application as well as a review to see if it was appropriate for students. The work being done now was not an answer to preventing attacks. However, it put the District in a position to reduce the effects in the event it happened again.

Clark added that changing the Google passwords and two-factor verification was creating some issues with users. Bezio asked if the IT staff had the capacity to keep up now that the security had been increased. Pena said much of it was automated so the staff was able to manage. Pena would let administration know if it became an issue.

Wireless Access Point Project: Pena stated that as of today there was still no word on funding for the project. His concern was how much longer they were supposed to wait before the quotes were no longer honored. It was four or five months ago that the quotes had come in. Purchase prices and availability could change. Once approved, the staff would need to determine when to actually do the work. Summer was the easiest time but May 2022 was when support would end on the current access points. The existing company stated they would allow a six-month extension.

Adjourn: Bezio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.