

NORTHERN YORK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Ad hoc Technology Committee
Minutes

1. **Date:** Wednesday, November 7, 2018
2. **Time:** 5:00 p.m.
3. **Location:** NYCSD Administration Building, 650 S. Baltimore Street, Dillsburg, PA 17019
4. **Board Members Present:**
 - a. John Price
 - b. Beth McLean
 - c. Greg Hlatky
5. **Administration Present:**
 - a. Dr. Eric Eshbach, Superintendent
 - b. Jason Beals, Assistant Superintendent
 - c. Andre Johnston, Director of Technology
6. **Discussion:**
 - a. Dr. Eshbach opened the meeting with a discussion of the purpose of the ad hoc committees. These committees will be in place through the development and adoption of the 2019-2020 General Operating Budget. Four ad hoc committees have been established in areas that the Administration anticipates will be impact areas in the upcoming budget and in subsequent budgets. The four areas will also have a major impact on operational efficiency of the District and, ultimately, the education of our students.
 - b. Technology has been an area of intense scrutiny for many years, but most recently it has received an organizational overhaul with the Board's decision to contract services with Questeq. Andre Johnston was hired in July 2018 as our Director of Technology. This structural change has revealed a great deal about opportunities and limitations that our District faces in terms of technology for the purpose of instruction as well as organizational management.
 - c. **Goals for the Future:** Dr. Eshbach conveyed the importance of "starting with the end in mind" and asked Mr. Beals to share thoughts on "Future Perfect Planning".
 - i. Purposeful Deployment of devices
 - ii. Equitable access both on-site and off-site
 - iii. Maximizing Efficiency, both from a cost and a management standpoint
 - d. **Three Main Issues of Concern:** Mr. Beals shared three main areas of concern that need to be addressed immediately for the goals to be accomplished.
 - i. Wellsville and South Mountain inefficiencies due to wireless connectivity

- ii. Novell still being used. We will be the only District in our area still using.
 - iii. Budgetary restrictions and efficiency (wireless access points)
- e. Four Month Evaluation: Mr. Johnston was asked to present a review of his first four months as Director of Technology.
- i. Review of what the IT Dept has done over the past 4 months
 - ii. Help Desk Tickets (Sherpadesk)
 - iii. IT Assessment Results
 - iv. Novell Issues
- f. Path to the Future: Mr. Johnston shared steps for moving from our existing state to our "Future Perfect State."
- i. Migration away from Novell and the scope of that project
 - ii. Request for EES Program to be implemented starting in January 2019 with an overlap to our current Novell system with a timeline of ending Novell in summer 2019
 - iii. eRate Funding Ideas

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting concluded at 7:08 p.m.