

Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative Governance Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 1998 - 10:30 AM
SWTC, Hwy 71 North, Windom, MN

Minutes

Southwest Telecommunications Governance Board Members Present:

Orlyn Wiemers	Minneota
Steve Kjorness	Westbrook/Walnut Grove
Douglas Froke	Fulda
Bruce Haug	SW/WC Service Cooperative
John Widvey	Worthington
Jay Haugen	Sleepy Eye
Greg East	SV - RL - B

Others Present:

Rod Wrege	SWTC Director
Forrest Fosheim	SWTC
Jerry Parker	SWTC

- 1.0 Orlyn Wiemers called the meeting to order September 16, at 10:40 a.m., at SWTC, Highway 71 North, Windom.
- 2.0 No opening remarks.
The Board members were given a tour of the new facilities.
- 3.0 Motion made by Doug Froke, second by John Widvey, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 4.0 Motion made by John Widvey, second by Steve Kjorness, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
- 5.0 Rod Wrege presented the FY98 Operating Budget & Claims of Account.
Motion made by John Widvey, second by Greg East, to approve the FY98 Operating Budget and Claims of Account as presented. Motion carried.
- 6.0 Rod Wrege presented the FY99 Operating Budget & Claims of Account.
Because a quorum was no longer present, a motion to approve the FY99 Operating Budget & Claims of Account was not addressed.
- 7.0 METC/Legislative Update/E-Rates
 - 7.1 Rod distributed a copy of the completed TAG application. The total grant amount

requested for FY 99 is \$869,542.

7.2 The amendment, proposed by Rep. Joe Scarborough, to eradicate the E-Rates has been withdrawn. The 2.25 billion dollars for one year has been reduced to approximately 1.4 billion dollars for an 18 month period.

7.3 The TAG coordinators are putting together a legislative initiatives package that they will present to the METC, which will in turn be recommended to the Legislators. They are requesting a minimum of one T1 line to all K-12 public education entities and libraries for data and Internet connectivity.

8.0 SWTC Operations

8.1 Network Operations Report

Forrest Fosheim reported on the Video Network Operations. We have experienced some software problems which has caused some down time. The rest of the problems have been primarily adjustments and fine tuning.

8.2 Internet Server Status

The two new Internet Servers are not working. There is a hardware problem and the replacement parts have been shipped.

8.3 Preliminary Charge Back Report

Based on the new formula the cost per student will be approximately \$340. If available, the actual numbers will be brought to the General Superintendents meeting.

8.4 Relocation Update

SWTC has physically moved their offices. US West will have plowed cable by October 15. The data and video system will be shut down the evening of Wednesday, October 14, which is MEA weekend. The equipment will be relocated at that time and will be working by Monday morning. Rod Wrege presented the budgeted relocation expenses and the actual expenses to September 9th. It appears the cost of moving will be less than estimated.

8.5 Curriculum Review Committee

A curriculum committee is being formed to review book replacement, Graduation Standards and book requests. Jay Haugen and Tom Knoll were appointed to this committee with Doug Froke as the alternate.

8.6 Year 2000 Consideration

Rod distributed information on software which will fix the year 2000 problem on most PC work stations.

9.0 Other

- 9.1 Rod reported that the SWTC local area network server is having problems. A new file server will cost four to five thousand dollars. The replacement of the file server has not been budgeted.
- 9.2 Using the ITV system for additional uses was discussed.
- 10.0 Miscellaneous
 - 10.1 Next Governance Board Meeting will be scheduled at a later date.
 - 10.2 Next Superintendents Meeting will be held Monday, November 16, 10:00 AM, at the Service Cooperative in Marshall.
- 11.0 Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Parker, Program Support Specialist