

**Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative
Governance Board Meeting**

Tuesday, May 28, 1999 - 12:30 P.M.
Westbrook Country Club, Westbrook, Minnesota

Minutes

Southwest Telecommunications Governance Board Members Present:

Orlyn Wiemers	Minneota
Steve Kjorness	Westbrook/Walnut Grove
Jay Haugen	Sleepy Eye
Greg East	SV - RL - B
Doug Froke	Fulda
Steve O'Connor	Marshall
Rick Ellingworth	Redwood Area Schools
Joel Whitehurst	Cedar Mountain
John Widvey	Worthington

Others Present:

Lee Warne	SW/WC Service Cooperatives Executive Director
Cliff Carmody	SW/WC Service Cooperatives
Rod Wrege	SWTC Director
Jerry Parker	SWTC
Forrest Fosheim	SWTC

- 1.0 Orlyn Wiemers called the meeting to order May 28, 1999, at 12:45 P.M., at the Westbrook Country Club.
- 2.0 Lee Warne announced that TAG funding has been cut. Greg East announced that he will no longer be on the Governance Board.
- 3.0 Motion by John Widvey, second by Greg East, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 4.0 Motion by Greg East, second by Steve Kjorness, to approve the minutes from the April 27, 1999, Governance Board meeting. Motion carried.
- 5.0 Impact of TAG Legislation on SWTC
TAG funding was cut from the requested \$43 million to \$5 million. Priority for the \$5 million is for

new sites and for upgrading pioneer sites. Rod will be meeting with TAG coordinators to discuss how the \$5 million will be distributed.

With remaining fund balances from the operating budget, TAG and e-rates, Rod has calculated that we have enough money to operate for one year at the current level. Rod presented a proposal for operating for two years at the current level on a per pupil basis. The per pupil cost of a two-year plan is \$7.02 per student per year. This cost is providing all schools stay on board. If some schools withdraw the cost per student will increase. The two-year plan gives us time to find alternative funding.

Motion by Steve Kjorness, second by Doug Froke, to change the notification date for not renewing the contract with SWTC to be October 1, 1999 for the 2000 - 2001 school year. Motion failed.

Motion by John Widvey, second by Orlyn Wiemers, to change the notification date for not renewing the contract with SWTC to be August 1, 1999 for the 2000 - 2001 school year. The following years will remain June 30. Motion carried.

6.0 There were no other items.

7.0 Miscellaneous

7.1 Next Governance Board Meeting will be determined at a later date.

7.2 Next Superintendents Meeting is Tuesday, June 8, 1999, 10:00 P.M., at the Service Cooperative in Marshall.

8.0 Motion by Joel Whitehurst, second by Greg East, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Parker, Program Support Specialist