

Hammond Academy of Science and Technology

Board of Directors meeting

July 12, 2012

Topic: Technology purchase: iPad or MacBooks

Meeting called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Owana Miller: Does HAST currently have cash reserves to fund the iPads at this point.

Dana McCue: Will website use be affected? Will students be able to type as well for the high school courses?

Janet Venecz: Should HAST staff and the Board of directors be concerned about the financial commitment from year to year.

Sheldon Cutler: Will the iPad be sufficient for student use? Is the resale value of the MacBooks going to hold for us? What are our various scenarios for resale? Will HAST be able to recoup the anticipated revenue from computer resales?

Kris Sakelaris.: How does the non-renewal of HAST's Safeware insurance impact our coverage? Also, how will this impact dual credit? PUC supports the adoption of the iPad as an instructional tool. There is no disadvantage, as presented by the administration and PUC, to the students taking the dual credit courses.

Kim Poland: Should we have consulted parents regarding the adoption of new technology? Is HAST administration prepared for parent questions and concerns?

Kevin Smith: Do we have a technology line-item in the budget? What percentage of our students has another computer at home. How will parents react to the proposed computer resale pricing structure?

Jerry Gomez: Will HAST have the funds available for the bond payment July 2015? Are we amortizing the current machines monthly? Will the parents be satisfied with the resale pricing options? Expressed concern with the community response regarding the promise of technology delivery to the students; the iPad is a computer but is it the computer that the families expected. Requested clarification on the self-insurance program? What will happen when a computer is broken but a child can't pay for the repair?

Rick Calinski: What is the main purpose of this proposal? Will this affect students education? Will MacBooks be available? What is the compatibility of the iPad/Mac

system to the PC networks that many students have in their homes? Trial for a small group? Saving documents?

Dana McCue: What is our plan if we don't go with iPads?

Sheldon Cutler: We need to create an accrual for technology purchases as well as the long-term depreciation.

Motion to approve iPad purchase proposal by Janet Venecz, seconded by Kim Poland. No further discussion.

7 for; 2 opposed. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned. 1:20 p.m.