



MEETING NOTES

A1 The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

A2 Roll Call: All members present.

A3 Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B RECOGNITION PROGRAM

B1 Technology Department – Classroom V3.0, Network Security and Partnerships
Presenter: Rich Boettner, Chief Technology Director

Rich began the presentation with a Radio Shack advertisement from 1993. It included computers, telephones, recording devices, CB radios, speakers and modems. A smartphone has replaced every single item in this advertisement. Today, one tool does everything you could have purchased in that advertisement in 1993. Technology is continually disrupting itself. Technologies are replacing other technologies, and this replacement cycle is happening faster and faster all of the time.

Classroom V3.0

Classroom V1.0 was about access. Back in the 1990s, we started putting computers in classrooms. Sometimes they were in the back corner of a classroom and sometimes they were on a teacher's desk, either for the teacher use or access to students.

Classroom V2.0 was about interactivity. Other technologies, like a document camera or smartboard, in addition to computers, were introduced to classrooms.

Now, Classroom V3.0, a lot of things are starting to converge and consolidate. We are focusing on being flexible and collaborative in the classroom. About a year ago, we started a pilot program at the new Hilliard Memorial Middle School. We issued laptops to teachers and installed large screen monitors in the front of classrooms. We are now extending the laptops for teachers and large screen monitors for classrooms for all sixth-grade schools, all middle schools, and the Innovative Learning Campus. We are also focusing on expanding or maintaining writing surfaces for students. Our teachers are excited about the flexibility the laptops offer. Teachers can take them home and prepare the next day's lessons, which helps teachers test and practice how things work. It is also saving the school district money. About a year ago in Hilliard Heritage Middle School, we had 255 desktop computers and laptops in the building. This fall, including the laptops issued to teachers, there will be only 165 computers in that building.

Our teachers now have several tools, like Canvas (used for digital workflow), available to them. Teachers now have the full capability to digitally manage all of the work that goes out to their students. Students turn in their work digitally, and teachers can grade their work digitally. Students will immediately get their grade information, and the grade book will receive the grade information. Students may still hand-write an assignment, take a picture of it with their iPad, and submit it to Canvas. Another great tool is the Apple Classroom. Teachers can use this to monitor what's happening during class. They can see what every student is doing, what apps are open, and what is on their screen. It's an additional tool for teachers to use for classroom management.

The teachers are excited about these new tools. Overall, we have received positive feedback from all of our teachers and students.

Network Security

Our team has been working diligently to support and protect our data and network. A few years ago, cybersecurity was not a big concern for a school district. The only thing we needed to do was make sure our virus definitions were up-to-date. Today, cybersecurity is the number one concern of technology directors across the country.

Our strategy for managing the security of our data and network includes staff meeting quarterly for two different topics – security and disaster recovery. The team works to resolve security issues as they arise. The team has worked very hard to make sure all of our data is backed up. Our firewall, local backups, and offsite backups protect us.

Now we plan to create a written security protection plan based on our practices and protocols. We are also planning for user training on security risks for staff because our users are our weakest link in security. Our users are the ones most likely to click on a link that breaches our security. We are also planning to use Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) on some of our systems. At this time, our vendors do not support MFA, but we will continue to push for this capability.

Partnerships

We have had some great conversations this past year with our partners. We continue to push them to improve their products to help us do what we need to do. Our Central Ohio Digital Wellness initiative is another great partnership. We are teaching students how to live healthy digital lives in a digital world. We are now working on expanding this program throughout Central Ohio. We have 25 school districts signed up to join us in February. Apple is another great partner. We hosted an event called “Let’s Go Ohio.” We had over 250 educators attend and learn how to use Apple’s blended learning tools.

Thank you to Rich and his entire team!! In the past six years that we've been on this digital journey, we have come through several versions of our classrooms. Rich and his technology team have done a tremendous amount of transitions in this short amount of time. They have done it in a way that when our students move from consumption to creation, we know that what we are doing is where we want to be.

C ROUTINES

- C1 Additions or deletions to agenda: Heather Keck made a motion to amend the agenda. The amendment was to create C5 by moving (c) and (d) from C4 to C5.
- C2 The agenda was adopted as amended.
- C3 The Board of Education adopted the June 2019 Treasurer’s Report.
- C4 The Board of Education approved June 10, 2019, regular meeting minutes and meeting notes.
- C5 The Board of Education approved June 24, 2019, work session meeting minutes and meeting notes.

D PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

E CONSENT AGENDA

The Board of Education approved items E1 through E2 consisting of all personnel matters.

F ACTION AGENDA

F1 Policy GBH (Also JM), Staff-Student Relations, was removed from the review/adoption process and will be studied further by the Policy Review Committee. The Board of Education adopted the following policies:

- a) EBC-R – Emergency Management and Safety Plans
- b) IGD-R – Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities
- c) IGDJ – Interscholastic Athletics
- d) IGDJ-R – Interscholastic Athletics

G REPORTS / INFORMATION / EXHIBIT ITEM

G1 Superintendent's Report

a) Ohio Budget Update

The Ohio budget is still not finished. This process is an example of our legislators putting too many things (non-budget items) into one bill. Unfortunately, we don't know what our budget will be until the State of Ohio approves the budget bill. The State's current deadline for an approved budget is Wednesday.

b) City of Hilliard Sports Commission Update

There have been some articles in the newspaper about the City of Hilliard Sports Commission. Mr. McDonough, Deputy Superintendent, is the district's representative on the sports commission. We do not see a need to rush to get a plan in place. Many changes are coming soon for the City of Hilliard, such as a new city manager and possible new city council members following the November election. Now is maybe a prudent time to press pause to allow the sports commission to continue gathering data and completing their findings. Our fields are currently used by school and community organizations as much as is possible. We are committed to providing opportunities for young people in this community.

There have been many conversations with city officials over the last couple of weeks about this issue. In part, the district's response to them is that our facilities by law and by Board policy are available to the public. We already have a process for scheduling and a fee schedule in place.

c) Back to School

Ready. Set. Go! Secondary principals come back on duty next week. It is hard to believe, but summer is pretty much over. At induction beginning August 5, we'll be welcoming about 60 new staff members. We are also getting ready for Convocation for all staff.

d) Commitment Plan Introduction & Quality Profile Rollout

We will have our commitment plan and quality profile ready to submit at the August work session. They are both in alignment with our Next X plan.

e) Summer Project Update

Hellas Construction completed the rejuvenation of Bradley High School's turf field. The field met all of the GMax test criteria and is ready for use. Hellas Construction commended our grounds staff for their excellence in maintaining this field so well. Their hard work and attention to detail saved the district from having to install a brand new turf field!

All of the asphalt, carpet, and painting projects are on schedule. The roofing projects are a little behind schedule due to the rainy weather but should still be completed before school starts. The gym floors have been refinished, and the track work will begin in August. It has been a busy summer, but the operations staff are working hard to complete all of the projects.

H EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT

H1 The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.