

MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Rich Tradition of Excellence

Board of Education Special Session

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting to be conducted virtually - open this link to access the live meeting

Marshall Public Schools is a partnership of school employees, parents, community members and students working together to develop life-long learners who have the knowledge, skills, abilities and habits necessary to succeed in the larger world.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item Public Comments.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- A. Board of Education President Bill DeSmet, will call the Special Session of the Board of Education to order.
- B. Secretary to the Board of Education, Kimberly VanWormer, will call the roll.

Bill DeSmet, President
Carrie Nicholson, Vice-President
Lisa Middleton, Secretary
Larry Williams, Treasurer

Brent Dawson, Trustee Shawna Gamble, Trustee Richard Lindsey Jr., Trustee

- C. Moment of Silence
- D. Pledge of Allegiance

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT Individuals who wish to address the Board of Education are requested to Complete a Public					
Roll Call Vote:	Yeas	Nays			
Moved by, supported by	that the agenda be approve	∋ a.			

Comment Request Form by 7:00 PM if you plan to make any comments; open this link to access

the form. Each person will be allowed up to three minutes to address the Board.

- ACTION ITEMS FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY

 A. Approve the purchase of 1750 new student Chromebooks
- B. Approve the purchase of 300 new laptops
- C. Approve the purchase and installation of outdoor access points
- D. Approve the purchase and installation of mobile wireless hotspots

BACKGROUND

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- A. In order for the District to provide an adequate learning environment for either in-person or distance learning instruction, it was determined that 1750 Chromebooks be purchased. Doing so would create a 1:1 Chromebook deployment across the District. A REMC Bids approved vender (FireFly) will be used to purchase 1750 Lenovo 100e G2 Chromebooks. The total cost is: \$498,207.50. The board is being asked to approve the use of CARES Act funds to purchase these devices.
- B. Over the past few months, it has become very apparent that teacher laptops are in desperate need of replacement. For that reason, the District will leverage another REMC Bid vendor (Inacomp) to purchase 300 new HP ProBook 450 G7 touchscreen laptops. The total cost is: \$210,993.00. The board is being asked to approve the use of CARES Act funds to purchase these devices.
- C. The previous Board approved ERATE project (currently pending USAC approval), focused on providing better wireless indoor coverage. By adding 10 outdoor wireless access points, we can provide wireless access to 10 parking lots which provides students with wireless Internet access without having to enter our buildings. For this project, the District will utilize the same network installation and ERATE project vendor, MOSS Telecom, to purchase and install these wireless access points. The total project costs are: \$14,759.

The board is being asked to approve the use of CARES Act funds to purchase the required hardware and services to complete this project.

D. In addition to the outdoor wireless project, the District is planning to purchase 2 mobile wireless hotspot configurations which can be attached to either a van or bus. The District would again use the same network installation and ERATE project vendor, MOSS Telecom, to purchase and install these configurations. The total project costs are: \$3,800. The board is being asked to approve the use of CARES Act funds to purchase the required hardware and services to complete this project.

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It is the recommendation of the approved as presented.	e Superintendent that ACTION	ITEMS - FINANCIAL - TECHNOLOGY be				
Moved by, supported by that ACTION ITEMS – FINANCIAL – TECHNOLOGY be approved.						
Roll Call Vote:	Yeas	Nays				

5. ACTION ITEM – OTHER

A. Adopt a resolution regarding funding to preserve educational services for children

BACKGROUND

A. At its May 2020 monthly meeting, the State Board of Education adopted a resolution to urge Michigan's state legislature and the Michigan Congressional delegation to support—actively, individually, and collectively—any bill to preserve educational services to Michigan school children that have been threatened as a result of this pandemic. The Board is now being asked to consider adopting its own resolution to support any bill to preserve educational services for children.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the	Superintendent that ACTION ITE	M – OTHER be approved as presented.
Moved by, supported by_	that ACTION ITEMS – OTH	HER be approved.
Roll Call Vote:	Yeas	Nays

- 6. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS FOR WHICH NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING
- 7. ADJOURNMENT