

Technology Committee – October 4, 2021

The Technology Committee met on October 4, 2021. Mr. Hein provided the committee with an overview of hardware that was deployed this year. The District is using District funds, New York State Smart bond funds, and Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act funding to purchase hardware and software. He also provided the committee with an overview of the Ed Law 2d updates.

Mrs. Herrington shared with the committee that the District has been awarded \$60,000 in grant money through a joint effort between New York State assembly member, Kevin Cahill, and the Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz. In the Fall of 2020 the elementary principals, a team of teachers in each building, the BOCES technology integration specialist, and Mr. Hein worked together to identify Science, Technology, and Engineering equipment that will be purchased for each building to enhance our active learning centers and provide students and teachers the ability to access a plethora of hands-on science materials while teaching science standards. The materials have been ordered and the District anticipates delivery soon. The District will be utilizing the BOCES technology integration specialist to provide our teachers with professional development to assist them in using the equipment.

Mrs. Herrington also shared with the committee the additional data that New York State is requiring districts to report regarding student technology availability. The State will be pulling data from SchoolTool regarding devices and internet that the District is providing to our students. The District will be sending out a survey to parents to gather this information in late November/early December. The next committee meeting will be held on November 29, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. in High School Room 126.