

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

September 25, 2012

SUBJECT:

- Technology Update - 1) Status of Migration Project
 2) Status of Wireless in Schools

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the budget planning process for the 2012-2013 school year, the administration identified two major technology initiatives that would require additional funding.

- 1) Migration to a new operating system platform (i.e. Upgrade from the Novell Operating System to Windows) was budgeted at an estimated cost of 1.5 million dollars.
- 2) Completion of the wireless infrastructure in thirteen remaining buildings. Twenty-five school buildings have wireless overlays completed. An additional \$400,000 dollars was added to complete the remaining thirteen schools in the school district.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

A. Migration Project Status – After the bidding process was completed and CSI Outfitters was hired to implement the migration project, the following items have occurred.

- 1) Meeting with Project Manager
- 2) Schedule and order of schools established
- 3) Internal changes to be considered and implemented
- 4) Begin date established and end date tentatively considered

Migration will begin on October 29, 2012. The Aiken County Career Center, seven Project Lead the Way (CADD) labs, Wagener Salley High and RSM High will be the first schools that the migration project will start in. This will take place between October 29, 2012 thru December 7, 2012 approximately. After this initial phase, the elementary schools will be the next phase running from December 10, 2012 thru May 24, 2012. The remaining five high schools will be completed over the summer months and the middle schools will be at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year with an estimated completion date in December 2013. The schedule was comprised in coordination with technology and work will be performed after school hours from 3:00 pm into the evenings Monday through Friday. Contractor is optimistically planning on doing a school a week and schedules will be adjusted accordingly depending on their initial benchmark/goal of migrating one school per week.

B. Wireless in remaining schools – In order to complete the wireless overlays in the remaining schools, the cabling contractor has been contacted and the schedule for the order of the schools to complete has been established.

- 1) Cabling has been started in the first school (North Augusta High)
- 2) The estimated completion date will be approximated November 1, 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Accept the updated status on the Migration Project as information.
2. Accept the updated information on the installation of the wireless network infrastructure.

ATTACHMENT:

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