

EORC Meeting Minutes August 28, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Campbell at 9:05 am.

Present: Chris Campbell, Chairman; Will Goodman, Vice Chairman; Ryan Zimmerle, Dale Layne, Ann Joslin, Jim Doramus, Andy Mehl, and Scott Woolstenhulme.

Absent: None

Others Present: Michael Bartz, State Department of Education (SDE); Jo Ann Bujarski, SDE; Garry Lough, Education Networks of America (ENA); Mike Vance, ENA; Roger Sargent, SDE; Todd Lawrence, SDE; and Dylan Baker, Idaho Commission for Libraries.

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Ms. Joslin made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Woolstenhulme seconded, motion carried.

Ms. Joslin reported that the Idaho Commission on Libraries asked for an additional \$45,000 for reimbursement of libraries for FY2019.

Mr. Bartz reported that 145 school districts, comprising approximately 169 connections, filed for E-rate. Seventeen LEAs did not file for E-rate.

There are 10 appeals for the committee to review.
Three of the appeals were automatically approved:

- Aberdeen School District
- Bingham Academy
- Firth School District

Some school districts, due to their contracts, will need to appeal every year. They are asking to be approved without going through the appeal process. Since money cannot be obligated in advance, the districts will need to go through the appeal process every year.

Mr. Woolstenhulme made a motion to approve the Garden Valley School District (Lowman Elementary) appeal. Mr. Doramus seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Goodman made a motion to approve the Horseshoe Bend School District appeal. Mr. Zimmerle seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Woolstenhulme made a motion to approve the Murtaugh School District appeal. Ms. Joslin seconded, motion carried.

Ms. Joslin made a motion to approve the Rockland School District appeal. Mr. Layne seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Goodman made a motion to approve the South Lemhi School District appeal contingent on USAC's approval of the district's E-rate funding. Mr. Zimmerle seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Woolstenhulme made a motion to deny the Swan Valley School District based on statute, which says the school district must make a good-faith effort to receive E-rate funding, and Swan Valley did not apply for E-rate funding. Mr. Layne seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Doramus made a motion to pay 40% of Idaho Falls School District's expenses, which would be the non-E-rate portion if they had applied for E-rate. Mr. Mehl seconded, motion carried. Idaho Falls does not have access to E-rate funding since their WAN provider, the City of Idaho Falls, is not a USAC-approved provider.

Mr. Woolstenhulme made a motion to automatically approve districts whose speeds are less than or equal to one (1) Mbps per user, or up to 50 Mbps per district if their costs are lower than or equal to \$50 per Mbps. Ms. Joslin seconded, motion carried. Mr. Goodman and Mr. Zimmerle voted no.

Mr. Lawrence updated the committee on current E-rate submissions.

There was a discussion on certifying wireless systems in the schools if the money is distributed, rather than a statewide contract.

Ms. Joslin made a motion to recommend a distribution of funds to school districts for wireless funding with accountability to be determined, and the formula for distribution to be determined. Mr. Layne seconded, motion carried.

A working group will meet to discuss the technical standards that will be required, and report to the committee at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2017 at 9 am.

Mr. Woolstenhulme made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Doramus seconded, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.