

LINCOLN-WOODSTOCK COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD

SAU #68

DATE: September 25, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT:

Jay Duguay, Chairperson
Kevin Bell
Casey Caulder
Tamra Ham
Joe Bossie
Mandi Avery
Jasmine Weeden

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF/STUDENT PRESENT:

Dr. Mary Steady, Superintendent of Schools
Peter Stivali, Principal
Debbie O'Connor, Financial Manager
Bart King, Technology Assistant
Rebecca Steeves, Teacher Representative
Trey Aldridge, Technology Director

PUBLIC PRESENT REMOTELY:

Paula Houde

Kristie Morris

The Trust Fund Public Hearing was held in the Elementary School Multipurpose Room.

School Board Chairperson, Jay Duguay called the hearing to order at 6:35 PM.

Jay Duguay mentioned the Public Hearing was being held regarding the use of monies from the Technology Expendable Trust Fund for server upgrades.

Trey Aldridge presented a packet of information to the Board members. The information provided was a shift from what was previously presented during the 2024-2025 budget work sessions. The shift moves the project from the sonic wall to replacing the virtual computer background. Technology is more efficient in many ways and more can be done with less. The update would cut down on the number of physical servers. Logical servers include all necessary programs. Scale computing is the most efficient and cost effective solution for the District.

The current District Firewall is compliant now but will be addressed further in the next budget.

The upgraded servers will have three times redundancy which will ensure no downtime and, if compromised, will move on to the next node.

The cost quoted for the upgrade is twenty-four thousand, forty-seven dollars and eighty-four cents (\$24,047.84) and includes installation, start-up, hardware, software, 5-year licenses, and 3-year back-up and disaster recovery service. After five years the license cost will be one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year.

After additional questions were answered, Jay Duguay called for a motion.

Tamra Ham made a motion to approve and expend twenty-four thousand, forty-seven dollars and eighty-four cents (\$24,047.84) from the Technology Expendable Trust Fund for server upgrades. Joe Bossie seconded the motion. Discussion: None. Jay Duguay called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Tamra Ham made a motion to close the public hearing. Joe Bossie seconded the motion. Discussion: None. Jay Duguay called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members were in favor and the public hearing closed at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie O'Connor, Financial Manager