Technology Coordinator Report to the Pittsville School District Board of Education Monday, June 10, 2019



Chromebook Servicing – We have already gone through all the Chromebooks, except one cartful that is being used for summer school, and have cleaned, refreshed, and repaired all those needing repairs. The number of repairs is way down from previous years, a sign that the ruggedness of Chromebooks has greatly improved over the years, plus I think our students have gotten better at taking care of them.

Chromebook Replacement – We have selected the low bid of \$214.38 for 150 of HP's 11" G6EE Chromebooks for student replacements. This is the same model we bought last year, but the newer version. The total of \$32,157 includes \$23.65 each for the Google Management license. We will also purchase 18 of Acer's 15" Chromebooks for \$6,380 for teacher aids, school board members, and a few other select adult staff to use, replacing old laptops and desktop computers. Finally, we will be buying 8 of Acer's Chromebook Tab 10 tablets for Kindergarten students to use. They are like iPads, but with the Chrome operating system.

SMARTboard Replacement – We are planning to purchase a couple <u>65" Clevertouch Plus</u> displays to try out as SMARTBoard replacements. Cost will be about \$4,970 for the pair, including mounting hardware.

Server & Network Storage Upgrade – After final bids came in the cost for the winning bid from Skyward/HP was almost \$3,000 lower than anticipated, so we saved a little money there. Final cost for the project will be \$32,983. A network engineer from Skyward will be here later this summer to install the new hardware.

Other Summer Projects – We will be busy all summer with plenty of other projects, including our regular summer maintenance activities. We will also be removing desktops from service, dismantling 2 computer labs, preparing old technology for a recycling company to pick up, plus moving other technologies around to accommodate staff moves, new staff, and other changes going on in the district this summer.

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