

**Smart Schools Bond Act
Stakeholder Engagement Meeting
September 28, 2016**

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Review of Purpose of Meeting
3. Presentation by District Technology/Instructional Technology Members
4. Committee Discussion
5. Review of Application/Smart Schools Investment Plan Options (see attached)
6. Committee Consensus
7. Adjournment

The meeting was opened by Kurtis Kotes, assistant superintendent, with a brief explanation that this meeting is required for the Goshen Central School District to apply for monies allocated by the Smart School Bond Act. The approximate eligible amount is 1.34 million dollars.

1. Mr. Kotes asked for introductions around table.
2. Purpose of meeting. Mr. Kotes explained that the meeting is for potential use of the allocation.
3. Mr. Kotes asked Mr. James Sterett, network administrator, to speak first about the needs in the district. First need is the network infrastructure. It is approximately 15 years old and has reached the end of its usefulness cannot keep up with demand. Need to upgrade wireless and need a strong foundation to rebuild. Communication and security systems need to be upgraded and renewed. Need to rebuild and renew the foundation. Mr. Jonathan Redeker, teacher and instructional technology coordinator addressed the end use impact. If we have a stronger network system, it would improve communication use in building classrooms. Teachers are being asked to use the Google Classroom this year systems creating a larger need for a stronger network system for Chromebooks, streaming videos and media to improve the slow and cumbersome system we now are using.
4. Mr. Kotes showed the audience the district checklist for the intent to file. With options for filing letter of intent with the state including number 4, the connectivity piece.
5. He opened the meeting for committee discussion. The first question was a clarification of what the infrastructure is. Mr. Sterett explained it in detail, as well as bandwidth. The next question involved accessing the Cloud. Mr. Kotes pointed out that all 3-8 testing will be computer based beginning in 2018-2019 and the following year they are looking at Regents as well but haven't hired a vendor yet. Mr. Kotes addressed the district of location schools explaining that if we buy devices similar technology would go to the parochial schools through the device loan program. Since we need to address the infrastructure to support this we won't be purchasing technology.

We would offer to district of location students access to our wireless network either before or after school as needed in one of our buildings.

Mr. Sterett addressed the security system. Smart School funding will not cover total costs of recabling the whole district. However, in order to get a Voice Over IP system, we will need this new cabling. Cameras, wireless and security will all need this cabling. Orange Ulster BOCES is our internet provider. Buying devices at this point does not make sense until we get the new cabling. It was noted that Goshen is one of the first district to start the Bring Your Own Device program with success and the district is heading in the right direction. Mr. Kotes explained that this will not go to a bond vote because this is a grant. District must pay for work up front and district will be reimbursed by the state in ninety days. The Intermediate School phone system is a safety issue. The board is pushing to take us five to seven years down the road to complete the project which will exceed the funding amount.

Mr. Kotes read the following statement from the state to the committee:

The Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014 was passed in the 2014-2015 Enacted Budget and approved by the voters in a statewide referendum held during the 2014 General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The Smart Schools Bond Act authorized the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Smart Schools Bond Act, the planning process must include consultation with parents, teachers, students, community members, the nonpublic schools located in the district and other stakeholders. Superintendents will certify in their submissions of Smart Schools Investment Plans that the required stakeholder engagement has occurred. Once stakeholder engagement has occurred, the district will complete its proposed Smart Schools Investment Plan and the school board will adopt it. Today's meeting will serve as meeting the requirement for this portion of the application process.

6. He then asked if the committee has consensus that the district should proceed with the investment in cabling and they agreed yes.
7. .Based on the consensus, the district will move forward with the Smart Schools Investment Plan Application. Meeting adjourned.