



# EORC Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2021

## CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Chris Campbell, Chairman; Scott Woolstenhulme, Dale Layne, Daniel Vogt Vice Chairman, Seth Deniston, Dave Carson and Stephanie Bailey-White.

Others Present: Jo Ann Bujarski, State Department of Education (SDE); Todd Lawrence, SDE; Dylan Baker, Idaho Commission for Libraries, William Lamb, Idaho Commission for Libraries.

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Mr. Vogt made a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2020 as written. Ms. Bailey-White seconded, motion carried.

Chairman Campbell announced that Todd Lawrence was leaving his position with the SDE and thanked him for his nine years of service.

Chairman Campbell announced that Dylan Baker would be moving to a new position at the Idaho Commission for Libraries and would no longer be supporting the committee.

Chairman Campbell announced that William Lamb would be taking over Mr. Baker's position supporting the EORC Committee for the Idaho Commission for Libraries.

Mr. Layne will be retiring from his position as Superintendent for the Jerome School District as of June 30. The Idaho Association of School Administrators (IASA) will need to fill his position on the committee.

Mr. Carson said he will be no longer be at the Hansen School District, but moving to the Buhl School District, which is considered a medium-size school for purposes of committee representation, so he may be able to take Mr. Layne's position and IASA would only need to fill the small school representative.

## Schools Update:

Mr. Vogt presented the broadband information for schools. The 5% holdback of \$171,500 for the 20-21 year should be reinstated for next year. Mr. Vogt made a motion to pre-approve reimbursement for Sugar-Salem School District, not to exceed \$12,369.23. Mr. Woolstenhulme seconded, motion carried.

## School Internet Access Appeals

- Joint Hagerman School District  
Ms. Bailey-White made a motion to approve \$476.17, which is the non-e-rate portion of 20% for two months use of the old internet service. Mr. Layne seconded, motion carried.
- Bonneville School District  
Mr. Deniston made a motion to approve \$4320 reimbursement for the old internet service as the switch to the new connection did not happen July 1, 2020. Ms. Bailey-White seconded, motion carried. Mr. Woolstenhulme abstained.

### **Library Update:**

Mr. Baker presented the broadband information for the Idaho Commission for Libraries.

There was a discussion of the data utilization software-PRTG and how many schools and libraries are connected to it. The SDE receives monthly data from approximately 67% of participating LEAs. This allows EORC to understand more fully school districts and libraries needs related to broadband.

Mr. Campbell spoke about the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program. This is a consumer discount program funded with federal dollars. The students who are eligible are free and reduced students. This program will give qualified families a \$50/month discount on broadband or \$75/month if they are on tribal land.

Mr. Campbell then spoke about the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF). This program is an extension of E-Rate and is a total of \$7.17 billion focused to education eligibility of schools themselves, not students. The Bridge to Broadband Team of the Education Superhighway is working to help determine who already has broadband at home or can't get it due to location.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Vogt made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Layne seconded, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

### **For Questions Contact**

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