

# **Minutes of the Technology Subcommittee**

**May 5 2015**

**Superintendent's Conference Room**

**Those in attendance were Mr. Michael Fain, Mr. Domenic Giusti, Dr. Victor Mercurio, Mr. Michael Podraza, Mr. Clark Smith, Ms. Wendy Schmidle, and Dr. Yan Sun.**

**7:30 – 9:00am**

## **Agenda**

### **1. Town/School Technology Initiatives**

**Ms. Schmidle initiated the discussion by introducing three recent technology initiatives at the town of East Greenwich. The first initiative was MUNIS upgrade. Typically, such update will be done in October. If needed, town will do a training for school staff members. The amount of training will depend on the difference between the previous version and the updated version. No cost to the school district.**

**The second initiative was the Video Surveillance Software upgrade. This software can be used for the school district if the schools decide to install surveillance cameras, for example, at the entrance of the school buildings. Dr. Mercurio clarified that the school district did not have a surveillance policy. Previously, there was a discussion on whether to install cameras on school buses. At the meeting, the participants did not show or were aware of strong interests in installing surveillance camera at schools. Budget was also a factor being considered.**

**The third initiative was Network Storage. It was possible that town and schools have a collaborative project to increase storage and build redundancy. Dr. Sun mentioned that the data security and privacy would be a big concern from the school perspectives. Ms. Schmidle clarified that the proposed network storage solution had already built in security and privacy protection.**

## **2. Review of District's Technology Plan.**

**Dr. Mercurio initiated the discussion by introducing the major components in the District's Technology Plan. The district's technology committee recommended to extend the previous technology plan by one more year. There was no objection to this recommendation. Suggestions were given to improve the technology plan. Mr. Smith's suggestion was to prioritize the actions listed in the technology plan. Dr. Sun's suggestion was to add expected outcome to the technology plan. Several participants suggested to clarify the budget implication of the proposed actions items.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 9am.**