

Minnesota Educational Technology Networks (METN)

Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 13, 2012, 1:00pm-3:00pm
Minutes

Agenda:

1. Open, Introductions, Quorum, Agenda
2. Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Legal filings
5. Cluster definition and cluster membership definition
6. Discussion Items
7. Adjourn

Vendor presentation (12:30pm): Erick Thrall, Xirrus on their high-density wireless solution

1. Open /Introductions/Quorum/Agenda

The meeting was convened at 01:10pm by Chair Pete Royer

Directors in attendance: Dennis Fazio, Pete Royer, Marc Johnson, Josh Sumption

Directors absent: Tracy Fiereck,

A quorum was present.

Other attendees: Bob Wheeler John Normandin NWLinks, Cindy Lee Olson ARCC, Kim Ross, Southeast, Steve Hallan cmERDC, Dale Ericson, Glenn Morris Dale Carrison James Montz SOCRATES, Aaron Bergstralh WESC, John Normandin,

2. Minutes

Motion by Dennis Fazio to approve July minutes. Carried.

3. Treasurer's report

None.

4. Legal Filings

IRS Tax filing 990-N e-postcard filing completed on July 20 (Attached)

Minnesota Secretary of State Annual business renewal filing completed on July 20 (Attached)

5. Cluster definition and cluster membership definition

Motion by Dennis Fazio to remove from the table the proposal in recommended language for MDE as originally presented in July meeting (attached).

Kim Ross: Amend to remove "common" from Cluster definition #3 Carried

Amend to add ensure economical and efficient telecom and Internet to cluster membership definition #2. Carried

Cindy Lee Olson expressed concern that a more strict interpretation of cluster definition could impact the eligibility of several ARCC districts. Some districts can get Internet cheaper elsewhere. ARCC does not fully coordinate the purchase of their Internet, but does do 470

filings and has a letter of agency to do so and process erate.

Glen Morris moved to amend the cluster membership definition section #2 strike “authorizes the entity to procure” replace with procures. Not voted on.

Motion to table to next meeting by Dennis Fazio. Carried.

The amended version of the proposed criteria language is attached.

There was a recommendation by Bob Wheeler that we clarify eligible expenses. The Chair appointed a committee made up of Mary Mehsikomer, Dennis Fazio, Aaron Bergstralh, Josh Sumption and Bob Wheeler. Report back in time for the October meeting.

Proposal by Glen Morris to bring Chris Kubesh to the meeting to discuss. Consensus was that was not a good idea.

6. Discussion Items

Legislative issues

Dale Carrison filling in until there is a legislative committee chair. He reviewed the recommendations for our legislative strategy this coming session. Motion by Dennis Fazio to adopt the following recommended position for this year’s legislative session:

1. Little legislative contact with legislative leadership until after the session begins.
2. Contact with all of our own Representatives and Senator and our regional Representatives and Senators after the November election and before the start of the 2013 legislative session.
3. We lay low at the beginning of the session, and monitor any bills that effect us in any way.

Carried

Broadband Task Force – still meeting, probably not much effect on us

Blandin – meeting in November 13, 14 in Duluth

MDE doing food and nutrition session but limiting number of sites

New meeting time: 3rd Thurs: 9:00 vendor 9:30 meeting except Oct when it will be Thursday afternoon October 11 12:30pm vendor presentation, 01:00pm meeting.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 3:00pm.

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Date: July 20, 2012 11:17:34 AM CDT
To: Dennis Fazio <dennis.fazio@ties.k12.mn.us>

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EIN: 41-1832089
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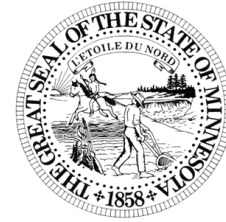
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Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation/Annual Renewal
Minnesota Statutes, 317A



Annual Renewal Year: **2012**

Annual Renewal Filing Date: **7/20/2012**

Nonprofit Corporation Name: **Minnesota Educational Technology Networks (METN)**

Original Filing Number: **1N-3**

Home Jurisdiction: **Minnesota**

Updated Filing Party Information:

Party Type:	Name:	Address:
Registered Office Address		1667 Snelling Ave N St Paul MN 55108
President	Pete Royer	2 Century Ave Hutchinson MN 55350

Cluster Definition and Cluster Membership Definition Recommendations for MDE

What is an organized telecommunications access cluster?

An organized telecommunications access cluster meets **all** of the following conditions:

1. Is designated as a telecommunications access cluster as a public consortium with a school district number assigned by the Minnesota Department of Education.
2. Has a joint powers agreement or other formal agreement in place that authorizes the entity to procure telecommunications, Internet or video services for member school districts and charter schools.
3. Coordinates the procurement of telecommunications or Internet access services for school districts and charter schools, using the cooperative purchasing power of its membership to negotiate telecommunications and Internet access pricing.
4. Provides Internet access and/or video conferencing network support and program coordination to member school districts and charter schools.

What constitutes membership in a telecommunications access cluster?

Membership in a telecommunications access cluster is defined by a school district or charter school meeting **all** of the following conditions.

1. The school district or charter school has established membership in a telecommunications access cluster organization.
2. The school district or charter school participates with the telecommunications cluster organization in a cooperative purchasing arrangement for services to ensure economical and efficient telecommunications or Internet access.
3. The school district or charter school receives Internet access or video conferencing network support and program coordination from the telecommunications access cluster organization.
4. The school district or charter school must have been a member of a cluster before the end of the fiscal year for which funds are to be claimed and during the fiscal year for which they are reporting to receive telecommunications/internet access equity aid.