

## **Agenda Item Details**

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Category 3. Administrative Reports

Subject 3.9 IT Systems Administrator Report

Type Reports

Work on our paging system continues. We had another failure of two of the four station cards in the system. We had an engineer from our paging vendor come in and test all of the ports in the system to track down the cause of the failures, and he discovered a few issues with shorts in the system. Moving forward, we will be replacing most of the classroom and office speakers with new IP (network based) speakers. This move was being planned in the long term, but the failures have moved plans forward.

Another project in the works in the building security system. The superintendent requested surveillance camera coverage for all public spaces in the building. This will require many more cameras than we currently have, and it will also require changes to our current system. I recommended that we look at a upgrading or completely replacing our existing system with a cloud based system. The goal of the new system is to provide easier access and sharing of video feeds and recordings, and to reduce the amount of upkeep and maintenance of the system. The new system will also need to work with or replace our electronic door access system as well. If the board approves this project, the next step will be to write a request for proposals. I hope to do most of the work this summer, so time is short.

As we move into spring, there are a number of student assessment tests coming up, include the Wisconsin Forward Exam and ACTAspire. Students use their school Chromebooks for these tests, so the IT staff set that part of things up. As of now, we should be all ready.

Preparation for summer tasks is also ongoing. Paging and the new security system will probably take up the bulk of our summer. We also do updates for all of our equipment, inventory and test all of our Chromebooks, and handle our standard equipment rotations for computers, servers, and network equipment. In addition, we will continue working on upgrading our network security. We will be adding new security measures to our online resources, and assessing our network and procedures for possible vulnerabilities.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Plansky, IT System Administrator

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