

MINUTES
Special Projects Committee
Hotel Roanoke
March 9, 2001

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Members Present

Delegate Bennett
Delegate Byron
Mr. Forbes
Mr. Courter
Mr. Walker
Mr. Arthur

Delegate Bennett explained the Southside Virginia Regional Technology Consortium project proposal to **Mr. Arthur**, who had missed the meeting at which it was explained.

Carol Inge, Director for the Institute for Teaching Through Technology and Innovative Practices, **Troilen Steward**, SVRTC Executive Chair, and **Paul Nichols**, Specialist for the Governor's Best Practice Center, were present for a project presentation and questions.

Mr. Walker suggested that since the members all seemed know about the project and be favorable to it, the Committee should go ahead and vote to recommend acceptance.

Delegate Bennett told **Ms. Inge** that the Committee is going to go ahead and accept the project and asked the members if anyone had any questions.

***Mr. Walker** moved that they approve the proposal.*

Motion seconded

All in favor by aye vote

None opposed

Motion Accepted.

Delegate Bennett asked **Mr. Currin** if **Ms. Inge**, **Ms. Seward**, and **Mr. Nichols** would need to stay to do a presentation at the full Commission meeting.

Mr. Currin responded that it was up to the Committee but recommended that they stay.

Delegate Bennett asked **Ms. Inge** if the counties are all in Southside. Or will it be any help to the Southwest.

Ms. Inge responded that yes, they are building a standard for the technology in the K-12 schools that will be replicated throughout the state. Rockingham County clearly wants to be the hub for their part of the state.

Mr. Currin commented that they are talking about the “great southwest.”

Ms. Seward stated that there is a Southwest Consortium that has been in existence for a while. They are located in the far Southwest.

Mr. Nichols gave an example that in the Fall his group did the first administrative technology training for school administrators in the Southwest with Va Tech, and the Best Practices Center out there for the Far Southwest is piggy backing on what they did to provide training for the Southwest.

Delegate Bennett asked if it would be enough money to do in Southwest what they are supposed to be doing in Southside.

Ms. Inge responded no, but they are available to provide consulting and help setting it up. The actual equipment cost is what they asked the Commission for and that is to specifically cover these particular counties.

Delegate Bennett commented that if they need expansion they will have to come back to the Commission and let the Southside and Southwest Committees decide.

Ms. Inge stated that if they want to look at a \$200,000 figure, you can easily replicate what they are talking about over there for the core equipment, which is what they are asking the Commission for. But there would have to be some commitment from the divisions to put in money too.

Delegate Bennett added that it would have to come from the ground up out there.

Ms. Inge agreed and added that they would be happy to consult with them on that.

Delegate Bennett adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by **Carthan F. Currin, III**

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