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TO: NJASA Technology Committee Members

FROM: Mary Capasso, NJASA Director Business Development

RE: Meeting Notes – December 7, 2016

DATE: December 8, 2016

The NJASA Technology Committee met at 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at NJASA Headquarters in Trenton.

In attendance were: Dr. David Gentile, Co Chair, Millville, Cumberland county; Dr. Scott Rocco, NJASA Treasurer and Co Chair, Spotswood, Middlesex county; Patrick Fletcher, NJASA Past President/NJASA Officer Liaison, Superintendent, River Dell, Bergen county; Brian Z. London, Weymouth Township, Atlantic county; J. Scott Strong, Merchantville, Camden county; Michael Fetherman, Cedar Grove Township, Essex county; Dr. Patrick McAleer, Pitman, Gloucester county; David Bailey, Holland Township, Hunterdon county; Kimberly Schneider, Mercer County Voc. Tech., Mercer county; Tom Farrell, Shore Regional; Dr. Jim McCartney, Spring Lake Heights, Monmouth county; Dr. Vanessa Clark and Will Zylinkski, Lacey Township, Ocean county; Scott Eckstein, Upper Pittsgrove, Salem county; Dr. John Ravally, Franklin Township, Somerset county; John Nittolo, Green Township, Sussex county, Alberto A. Marsal representing Olga Hugelmeyer, Elizabeth, Union county and Mary Capasso, NJASA Staff Liaison

Drs. Gentile and Rocco led discussions on the following agenda items:

TechXtend Presentation

Kevin Askew, Senior Director of Sales delivered a 20 minute presentation on TechXtend's multi-vendor solutions designed to help NJ public school districts become **better, faster and more efficient!**

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NJDOE Innovation Introduction/Presentation

Joshua Koen, Chief Innovation Officer spoke to the Committee and shared his background along with an overview of the Office of Educational Technology. His PowerPoint presentation is attached to this document.

Specifically discussed were:

- Go Open movement
- Lower cost of Broadband
- Wi-Fi in communities* - this was a popular topic with immediate resolution. School districts can work with local businesses to put a router (with the school firewall in place) inside of the business to share access to the local community. It behooves the business as it is free marketing and it serves a need for families who don't have access. This is a relatively inexpensive resolution to a problem for communities who cannot afford or gain access to Wi-Fi.

Joshua provided resources and links in his presentation addressing the above.

Joshua has requested we keep the dialogue open and has agreed to make himself available for future Committee meetings.

Instructional Technology Best Practices

It was suggested by Committee Chairs that this discussion be tabled until the February 28 meeting as the NJDOE presentation was lengthy.

Techspo '17:

Discussions included an update on the attendance (531) and a quick review of the keynote speakers selected for the conference. This year, Matt Beaudreau will present on Thursday/Jan 26. His topic is "Crossing the Generational Divide". Marc Prensky will keynote Friday/Jan 27 and his topic is based on his most recent book entitled, *Education to Better Their World; Unleashing the Power of 21st Century Kids*.

New Business:

Please email Mary Capasso at mcapasso@njasa.net if you have additional topics you would like to explore with the Committee.

Meeting Calendar:

- February 28, 2017
- May 25 (this is a snow date if needed)

Meeting adjourned at approx 12:00pm