

Steve Olsen

Support Staff Spotlight

NAME: Steve Olsen

POSITION: Telecommunications

Department: Technology

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 29 years

Q. What are some of the support services you provide for the Technology Department?

A. I am primarily a Telecommunications Specialist supporting all of our telephone systems. I also assist with emergency preparedness by installing panic buttons for lockdowns and ensuring our PA and response systems are operational. I also support presentation systems for classrooms, install cable and assist with networking.

Q. How has your role in the district changed since you started in the 1980s?

A. When I first started in 1985 I was an electrician, HVAC and refrigeration technician and commercial appliances specialist. I eventually began doing some networking and telecommunications work.

In 1996 when we started to develop the PBX telephone system, I moved from Support Services to the Technology Department which was just beginning to evolve. I now have more than 15 years experience on the PBX side of the operations and have a completely different role than when I started with the district.

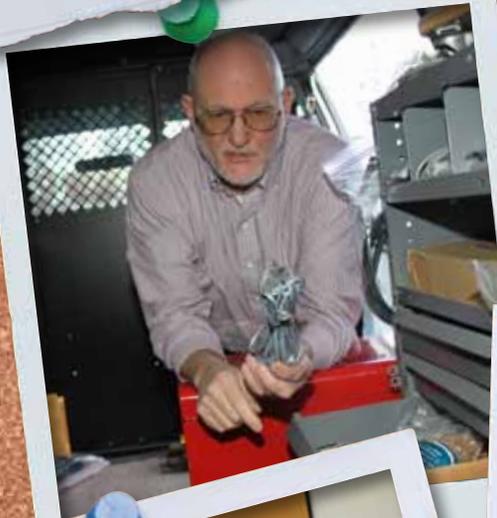
Q. How has the Technology Department changed over the years?

A. I worked with Judy Gwinn and Allen Kopf before the Technology Department existed. It was the Library-Media Department and that is where the Technology Department evolved from in the early days.

It was interesting working with them as we were breaking ground on the technology front. It's been interesting to see it evolve into a large, comprehensive wide area network with vast features.

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NOTES:
I enjoy supporting our teachers. The new presentation systems help teachers interact with their students. I'm also a real promoter of the audio systems so students can hear what the teacher is saying.



Highlights Steve Olsen

I graduated from Mac-Hi. I went to work for a small electrical firm the week after high school.



The experiences from working with this firm provided the background I needed to get on with the district. I was hired from a pool of more than 100 applicants.

I have a son attending WWCC and I love dirt bikes and cars.