



**AGENDA**

Wisconsin Rapids Public School District - Board of Education  
510 Peach Street  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

(715) 422-6005

**Business Services Committee**

John A Krings, Chairman  
John Benbow, Jr., Member  
Katie Medina, Member  
Mary E Rayome, President

**November 2, 2009**

LOCATION: Board of Education Conference Room A

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Business Services
  - A. Exterior Security Lighting – West Junior High
  - B. M&I Bank FDIC Account – District
  - C. PMA Contract – District
- IV. Updates and Reports
  - A. Purchases – Update
  - B. Lowes Grant – East Junior High School – Update
- V. Agenda Items
- VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

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BACKGROUND

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A. Exterior Security Lighting – West Junior High

The security lighting at West Junior High (WJH) has failed due to deterioration of the underground wiring and fixtures. The wiring is about 40 years old and the light fixtures are about 20 years old and no longer made. The Water Works and Lighting Commission (WWLC) who maintain the system and the administration recommend abandoning the existing system and installing a combination of power flood lights on the existing street poles and adding new light fixtures to the building. The new building fixtures would be florescent type lamps which are highly efficient and green technology. The new WWLC fixtures would cost \$350 each. The new fixtures will cost about \$110.00 per month to operate verses the \$275 per month we are currently paying. This should reduce our monthly utility cost by about \$165. The Building and Grounds Department will add additional lighting to the building as necessary to provide adequate security lighting.

The administration recommends approval for the proposal from City of Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission to abandon the current security lighting system at West Junior High and replace the security lighting on six poles with power flood lights at a cost of \$350 per fixture to be funded from the 2009-10 Building and Grounds Budget.

B. M&I Bank FDIC Account – District

The Federal Government has recently extended FDIC coverage to participating Banks for Municipal accounts with balances over \$1,000,000 for the full balance of the account through June 2010. M&I is offering an FDIC fully insured account with a .5% interest rate. The Local Government Investment Pool through the State is currently paying .27%. Attachment B is an example of such an account for balances over \$250,000 through December 2009.

The administration recommends approval to open an investment account with M&I Bank under the extended FDIC coverage rules for as long as the federal government extends FDIC coverage to the full balance of the account.

## Business Services Committee Meeting Background – November 2, 2009

### C. PMA Contract – District

The District along the Districts of Nekoosa and Port Edwards have contracted with PMA to run five year budget scenarios. The original thought was that common budget projections between the three districts would facilitate the three district's working together to find common budget savings. Attachment C is an article concerning how PMA is working with Merrill School District in evaluating budget reductions. The question is whether the committee is interested in having a PMA consultant review any of the reports developed by them with the full Board?

### IV. Updates and Reports

#### A. Purchases – Update

Listed as Attachment A are copies of orders for Technology upgrades approved as part of the technology plan.

#### B. Lowes Grant – East Junior High School – Update

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at East Junior High School has applied for a Lowes Grant for funding to landscape the front of East Junior High School along Lincoln Street. Progress Lawn Care has assisted with the design. If funded the work would begin this fall.

### V. Agenda Items

Committee members will be asked which agenda items from the Committee meeting will be placed on the consent agenda for the Regular Board of Education meeting.

### VI. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items of the Business Services Committee include, but are not limited to the following:

- Wisconsin Rapids Youth Sports Association (WRYSA) – Contract Renewal

# Attachment A

## Requisition

Req # 00012154

PO #

Date: 10/20/09

**Bill To:** Wisconsin Rapids School District  
510 Peach Street

Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

**Vendor:** 9353  
Heartland Business Systems  
1700 Stephen St  
PO Box 347  
Little Chute WI 54140

**Ship To:** Central Storage  
2510 Industrial Street  
Wisconsin Rapids WI 54495

**Contact:** B KOLBECK/TECH  
715-422-6019

**Contract No:**

**Special Instructions:**

ATTN: GREG HUZA

QUANTITY	UOM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
		PLEASE FAX (920) 788-7739		
		AS PER THE ATTACHED QUOTES		
1.00		QUO-39023-OJO9 HP 2910 POE SWITCHES & MANAGEMENT SW	64,055.00	64,055.00
1.00		QUO-39406-SQKX OUTDOOR WIRELESS CABLING INSTALLATION TERMINATION AND TESTING	8,460.00	8,460.00
1.00		QUO-39404-BK5X OUTDOOR WIRELESS-EQUIPMENT	4,905.05	4,905.05
		<u>Account No</u>	<u>Encumbrance</u>	
		0-10-823-440-266200-000-000000-2	1,426.92	
		0-10-823-551-266200-000-000000-2	3,478.13	
		0-49-800-310-266200-825-000000-2	8,460.00	
		0-49-800-480-266200-825-000000-2	5,917.00	
		0-49-800-553-266200-825-000000-2	58,138.00	
			Freight	.00
			Total	77,420.05
		PER PURCHASING POLICY #672		
		COPY TO RENEE, PLEASE - GASB 34		

**Authorized By:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Requisition

Req # 00012133

PO #

Date: 10/16/09

**Bill To:** Wisconsin Rapids School District  
510 Peach Street

Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

**Vendor:** 616  
Renaissance Learning Inc.  
PO Box 8036  
Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

**Ship To:** Central Storage  
2510 Industrial Street  
Wisconsin Rapids WI 54495

**Contact:** S Toellner/CO  
715-422-6019

**Contract No:**

**Special Instructions:**

Per Purchasing Policy #672 - Preferred Vendor

QUANTITY	UOM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1.00		Subscription Renewals Per Attached Quote	30,472.51	30,472.51
		<u>Account No</u>	<u>Encumbrance</u>	
		0-10-808-435-110000-808-000000-2	30,472.51	
		Freight		.00
		Total		30,472.51

Authorized By: \_\_\_\_\_



## Important FDIC Insurance Information

### Recent Changes to FDIC Insurance Coverage

Congress has temporarily increased FDIC deposit insurance from \$100,000 to \$250,000 per depositor through December 31, 2009.\*

In addition, M&I Marshall & Ilsley Bank (M&I Bank) is participating in the FDIC's Transaction Account Guarantee Program. Under that program, through December 31, 2009, all noninterest-bearing transaction accounts are fully guaranteed by the FDIC for the entire amount in the account. Coverage under the Transaction Account Guarantee Program is in addition to and separate from the coverage available under the FDIC's general deposit insurance rules.

For the purpose of the FDIC's Transaction Account Guarantee Program, the term "noninterest-bearing transaction account" (which qualifies to receive unlimited insurance coverage through December 31, 2009) is defined to include the following:

- Traditional demand deposit or checking accounts (including all personal and business checking accounts that do not earn interest);
- Negotiable Order of Withdrawal (NOW) accounts with interest rates no higher than 0.50%; and
- Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (also known as IOLTAs, IOTAs, or IOLAs, depending on state law).

For more information about recent regulatory changes affecting FDIC deposit insurance coverage, please visit <http://www.fdic.gov/deposit/deposits/changes.html>.

### About the FDIC

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) is an independent agency of the United States government that protects against the loss of insured deposits if an FDIC-insured bank or savings association fails. FDIC deposit insurance is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government. Since the FDIC was established, no depositor has ever lost a single penny of FDIC-insured funds.

### FDIC Insurance Coverage Basics

The FDIC insurance amount—officially called the Standard Maximum Deposit Insurance Amount (or SMDIA)—that applies to each depositor of an FDIC-insured bank is currently at least \$250,000 (formerly \$100,000). If a depositor's funds held in one FDIC-insured bank total \$250,000 or less, the deposits are fully insured.

FDIC insurance coverage is determined by the rights and capacities in which a depositor's funds are held. Therefore, a depositor can have more than \$250,000 at one insured bank and still be fully insured. Funds held in different categories of legal ownership recognized by the FDIC receive separate insurance coverage as long as specified conditions are met, such as account titling requirements.

FDIC insurance covers funds in deposit accounts, including checking and savings accounts, money market deposit accounts, and CDs. FDIC insurance does not cover other financial products and services that insured banks may offer, such as stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares, life insurance policies, annuities, or municipal securities. FDIC insurance also does not apply to the contents of safe deposit boxes.

\*After December 31, 2009, the Standard Maximum Deposit Insurance Amount may return to at least \$100,000 per depositor. However, depositors' funds held in self-directed retirement accounts, which previously were already insured for up to \$250,000, will continue to be insured to that level.

## The Current Standard Maximum Deposit Insurance Amount Available per Ownership Category

Noninterest-Bearing Transaction Accounts (including traditional checking accounts, NOW accounts earning 0.50% interest or less, and IOLTAs/IOTAs/IOLAs)	Unlimited coverage—irrespective of ownership—through December 31, 2009
Single Ownership Funds	\$250,000 per owner*
Joint Ownership Funds	\$250,000 per co-owner*
IRAs and Certain Other Retirement Funds	\$250,000 per owner
Revocable Trust Funds (i.e., funds held pursuant to informal trust arrangements, such as payable-on-death or "POD" accounts, and formal trust arrangements, such as attorney-drafted "living" or "family" trusts)	\$250,000 per owner, per beneficiary, subject to specific limitations and requirements*
Irrevocable Trust Funds	\$250,000 per separate legal trust arrangement*
Corporation, Partnership, and Unincorporated Association Funds	\$250,000 per separate legal entity*
Government (a.k.a. public unit) Funds	\$250,000 per official custodian; higher limits can apply when certain conditions are met*
Employee Benefit Plan Funds	\$250,000 for the non-contingent, ascertainable interest of each participant*

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### More Information Is Readily Available to You

The FDIC has a number of tools and resources that you may find helpful to better understand FDIC insurance coverage and how it applies to funds held in different ownership rights and capacities. The FDIC also has an insurance "calculator" (EDIE the Estimator) that you can use to determine how you may be able to maximize your coverage at an insured bank. Please visit the FDIC's website at [www.fdic.gov](http://www.fdic.gov), or access specific FDIC resources at the website addresses listed below.

- FDIC Insurance - Frequently Asked Questions - <http://www.fdic.gov/deposit/deposits/insured/faq.html>
- FDIC Insurance Calculator ("EDIE the Estimator") - <https://www.fdic.gov/edie/index.html>
- *Insuring Your Deposits* (basic guide) - <http://www.fdic.gov/deposit/deposits/insuringdeposits/index.html>
- *Your Insured Deposits* (detailed guide) - <http://www.fdic.gov/deposit/deposits/insured/index.html>
- *FDIC Consumer News* - <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/news/cnfall08/>

## FAC gets down to examining impact of MAPS budget cuts

Jamie Taylor | October 21, 2009

By Jamie Taylor

For its first two meetings, the Fiscal Advisory Committee came up with ideas that it hoped would result in almost \$1 million in budget cuts for the 2010-11 Merrill Area Public Schools budget. On Monday they got a chance to see what impact some of those ideas would actually have on the proposed budget.

**Scott Gralla, senior financial advisor for PMA Financial Network, used a Financial Planning Program** that used a large number of interconnected Excel worksheets to show how much each cut would save the district. At the same time, MAPS Superintendent Dr. Lisa Snyder and other district administrators weighed in on the practicalities of each cut. While the program could project the impact of the changes over a five year period, Gralla said beyond two or three years, the accuracy of the predictions declines as other variables start to affect the formula.

One change to the budget that was not a cut that was studied was the **implementation of 4-year kindergarten**, which is set to be started next year. Seen as a way to hedge against declining enrollment by increasing the number of students in the district, MAPS has a narrow window where federal stimulus money would fund all but \$23,000 of the first year costs. The program showed that **even with conservative estimates of participation, the program would add revenue to the district by the third year of the program.**

Eliminating the SAGE program, which is funded by grants from the state to keep class sizes small in grades K-3 at Washington, Kate Goodrich and Jefferson schools totaling \$576,000 in 2007-08 school year, was another option studied. **While the SAGE money goes toward paying additional teachers, cutting the program would only result in eliminating those teachers with lower seniority due to the contract with the teacher's union. The net savings would only be \$29,000.**

School Board President Jeff Verdoorn also said that if teachers were eliminated and class sizes were to increase, additional aids would most likely have to be hired to assist those teachers remaining. The end result is that the savings would be even lower.

"That is something that has to be looked at when you look at reducing teaching staff," he said.

**Closing another elementary school would save \$477,000 by eliminating one custodian, secretary, half an aid and five teachers and the cut in utility expenses. Because of the resulting need to shift those students to the other elementary schools, increasing class sizes in the process, SAGE would also have to be eliminated as a result.**

"We are already at capacity in our elementary schools," Snyder said.

**The problem with all the cuts is they would only provide relief for the 2010-11 school year. The district would be right back to looking for almost another \$1 million in cuts for the following year.** Gralla said this is because the deficits the district is facing are structural in nature caused by the reduced state aid because of declining enrollment and the state cutting aid to most districts in the state in the most recent bi-annual budget to close its own shortfall.

"This isn't unusual, we're seeing this in districts across the state," he said.

Verdoorn told the committee this is the primary problem the board has faced with the most recent budgets as this structural deficit is around \$850,000 a year.

"The number doesn't change, it's been the same for the last three years," he said.

The committee then turned its attention in looking at how some ideas would impact the quality of the education district students receive. They also looked at ways to increase revenue.

**One idea that attracted a lot of debate was starting a virtual academy to attract those students who open enrolled out of MAPS for another district or online learning back.** David Klein suggested that such an academy would allow more high school students to take basic core classes online and allow for the elimination of teaching positions at MHS.

"Let's face it, salaries and fringes is the biggest expense this district faces," Klein said.

Karen Nocco defended the teachers saying that research has shown that students do better when they have direct contact with teachers in the classroom.

Verdoorn cautioned the committee to not allow the discussion to turn into an attack on teachers.

"Let's not go down that path," he said.

**Asking employees to take a one day furlough would result in a savings** of \$80,000 if it could be scheduled to take place on a day when in-service was scheduled to avoid hiring subs. If it were held on a rotating basis during normal instruction time, the savings drops to about \$40,000. Any furloughs would have to be negotiated with all the unions in the district, which have contracts in place through June 2011.

Also discussed was imposing a 2 ½ or 3 percent across the board cut on all areas of the budget except those expenses fixed by contracts.

In two weeks the committee will meet for the last time and prioritize their recommendations for the School Board. Several members of the committee said that the prospects of finding reductions without negatively impact the quality of education were appearing to be impossible.

"This is heartbreaking," one woman said.

"I know," Snyder replied.