



## AGENDA

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education  
**Educational Services Committee**

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June 7, 2021

LOCATION: Board of Education, 510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI  
Conference Room A/B

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Actionable Items
  - A. 2020-21 Carl Perkins Grant
  - B. Department of Workforce Development Career & Technical Incentive Grant
  - C. The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Fab Grant
  - D. EduClimber and FastBridge Purchase
  - E. READ 180
- IV. Updates
  - A. Global Scholar Recognition
  - B. Typing Club 3 Year Renewal
  - C. Fast ForWord and Reading Assistant Plus 3 Year Renewal
- V. Consent Agenda Items
- VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

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**BACKGROUND**

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A. 2020-21 Carl Perkins Grant

The purpose of the Carl Perkins Grant is to help prepare students for high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations in current or emerging professions; promote the development of activities that integrate rigorous and challenging academic and career and technical instruction, linking secondary education and post-secondary education for career and technical education (CTE) students; provide technical assistance and professional development related to best practices that improve CTE programs, services, activities, and quality of CTE educators, faculty, administrators and counselors; and support partnerships between secondary schools, post-secondary institutions, local workforce investment boards, and business and industry.

The 2021-22 Carl Perkins grant of \$52,584.00 will focus on gaps found in our CTE Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment in five of our CTE pathways: Agriculture, Business and Administration, Engineering, Manufacturing, and Family and Consumer Sciences Food & Beverage. Expenditures include professional development, dual credit course expansion including software and hardware for the courses, and equipment for our Manufacturing and Fab Lab.

**The administration recommends approval of the Carl Perkins Grant for the 2020-21 school year in the amount of \$52,584.00.**

B. Department of Workforce Development Career & Technical Incentive Grant

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) CTE Incentive Grant enables Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools (WRPS) and area business and industry to provide apprenticeship opportunities and approved industry-recognized certifications students. Lincoln High School (LHS) had sixty-nine 2020 graduates earn industry-recognized certifications resulting in \$55,200.00. These funds are allocated for growth of Career & Technical Education programs and expansion of opportunities for students to earn industry-based certifications.

**The administration recommends approval of the Department of Workforce Development Grant Technical Incentive Grant funds for \$55,200.00.**

C. The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Fab Grant

LHS was one of 28 Wisconsin school districts awarded a \$25,000.00 grant to continue the creation of its fabrication lab to promote STEM education.

**The administration recommends approval of Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Fab Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00.**

D. EduClimber and FastBridge Purchase

January of 2020 the district started exploring data warehousing options in order to analyze various student data points. The goal of such a program is to help identify potential achievement gaps, behavioral concerns and give staff a snapshot of a student's academic posture. Thus we can ultimately provide the best possible academic support to help each student succeed academically. After putting the search on pause due to the COVID pandemic, the search was resumed this school year. After reviewing four programs, it was decided to move forward with eduClimber as our data warehousing software.

Additionally, the district is seeking updated screeners and intervention software. Through the process of exploring a data warehousing program, we learned about a program called FastBridge. FastBridge is a multifaceted program which contains math, English/language arts and social emotional screeners, along with many interventions. The program has been piloted by our math interventionists and they are in support of this program for our district screener and interventions.

The total cost for year 1 of eduClimber, FastBridge, training, implementation and setup comes to \$82,815.00. Year 2 cost is \$64,575.00 and Year 3 cost is \$64,575.00.

**The administration recommends the purchase of a three year contract of eduClimber and FastBridge from Illuminate Education at a cost of \$211,965.00 to be funded from Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds.**

E. Read 180

READ 180 is a blended learning intervention program building reading comprehension, academic vocabulary, and writing skills that is currently used in our middle school for reading intervention. The Reading Inventory portion of the program is our Reading Screener for grades 6-12. We have a 3-year renewal quote for \$33,129.84.

**The administration approves the purchase of a 3-year subscription to READ 180 to be funded from the ESSER II Grant dollars.**

IV. Updates

A. Global Scholar Recognition

The Global Education Achievement Certificate, or GEAC, will allow students to focus on becoming more aware of the world around them. This opportunity offers a diploma endorsement to graduating LHS students who have demonstrated a strong interest in global citizenship by successfully completing a global education curriculum and engaging in co-curricular activities and experiences that foster the development of global competencies.

To earn the Global Scholar designation, students must complete eight (8) credits of globally focused courses, including four years of a foreign language. Students must also complete eight (8) reviews of cultural books, movies or art or music exhibitions. Finally, students must participate in four (4) co-curricular, globally focused activities, and complete a 20-hour community service project.

Graduating senior Sarah Price will be recognized for receiving the GEAC this spring.

B. Typing Club 3 Year Renewal

Typing Club helps students learn how to type while having an engaging and interactive experience. It features virtual keyboard and hand guides to show proper hand position, badges and stars to keep students motivated, games and videos to make learning fun, voice over that reads words aloud as you type them, and typing playback to view past performances. It also has a practice calendar which shows total practice time, number of attempts per day, and total attempts for each week, as well as a punch card that shows activity by day and hour.

Typing club will be renewed for three years at a cost of \$10,103.10 to be funded from the ESSER II Grant dollars.

C. Fast ForWord and Reading Assistant Plus 3 Year Renewal

Fast ForWord is an evidence-based, adaptive reading and language program. Fast ForWord offers a personalized and differentiated pathway for each learner to max-

imize achievement potential. This intervention is currently being used in the district.

Fast ForWord with Reading Assistant Plus will be renewed for three years at a cost of \$13,825.00 to be funded from the ESSER II Grant dollars.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Committee members will be asked to decide which items should be placed on the consent agenda for the regular Board of Education meeting.

VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

Agenda items are determined by the Committee Chair after consultation with appropriate administration depending upon other agenda items, presentation information, and agenda availability.

Future agenda items/information requests include, but are not limited to:

- Pupil Academic Standards (July)
- Achievement Gap Reduction (July)
- GATES Update (July)
- Seclusion and Restraint (August)
- Parent CII Representatives (September)
- ESSA Update (September)
- ACP Update (October)