



AGENDA

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

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Mary Rayome  
John Krings, President

July 6, 2015

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

TIME: Immediately following the Business Services Committee and Personnel Services  
Committee meetings, but not before 6:15 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Actionable Items
  - A. Spotlight School Grant – Howe Elementary School
- IV. Updates
  - A. 1-to-1 Technology Initiative
- V. Consent Agenda Items
- VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

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**BACKGROUND**

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Matt Renwick, Principal of Howe Elementary School, will be present to explain that Howe Elementary School is eligible for the Spotlight Schools Grant in an amount up to \$25,000. This year the Department of Public Instruction is offering these awards to Continuing Spotlight Schools only due to cuts in the Title I program. This would be Howe's third year in a row to receive the award. Howe is eligible due to receiving the School of Recognition (SOR) at least three years in a row (last year was Howe's seventh year in a row as a SOR). The Spotlight School Program is a non-competitive grant, so the dollars would be available if Howe received permission to apply.

The grant would entail bringing three schools into Howe from across the state for a visit to learn about what the Howe staff is doing to help students become successful. Past schools that have attended include Jefferson Elementary School and Madison Elementary School in Stevens Point, Miller Elementary School in Tomah, Mosinee Middle School, and Lakeshore Elementary School in Fond du Lac. Some expense from the grant is utilized to bring staff from the other schools to Howe. The majority of the funds are used at Howe for items such as professional development, faculty collaboration, and student learning resources. The grant application was released June 15, 2015 and is due July 10, 2015.

The administration recommends approval of the Spotlight School Grant for Howe Elementary School in the amount of \$25,000.

#### IV. Updates

##### A. 1-to-1 Technology Initiative

One-to-one (1-to-1) technology refers to schools providing each student an electronic device enabling them to access information and utilize on-line resources and activities. The concept of 1-to-1 has been explored since the late 1990s. It is different than "bring your own device" (BYOD) in which students are required to provide their own electronic device. One-to-one (1-to-1) computing offers the benefits of equal access, standardization, easy upgrades, simple networking and the ability to monitor student progress and online behavior. More and more classroom activities and applications require student access to an electronic device. Concerns about a 1-to-1 initiative include cost, implementation, training, maintenance, and student responsibility.

The Instructional Technology Committee (ITC), along with an ad-hoc committee of teachers and administrators, has been discussing the possibility of a 1-to-1 environment in Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools. Members from both committees have met with representatives from Apple and Google to discuss options. In addition, members from both committees have met with leadership from other districts that have or are moving to a 1-to-1 environment.

Phil Bickelhaupt, Director of Instructional Technology will be present to share the following information:

- Advantages and disadvantages of a 1-to-1 instructional environment
- How 1-to-1 is different than BYOD
- Information about our current student to device ratio
- Next steps

#### 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:

- Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Results (August)
- Grade Advancement Policies (September)
- 6-9 Scheduling Committee Update (September)
- Elementary and Secondary Education Act Grants Update (September)
- WRPS Professional Development Document (October)
- Elementary Health Acquisition (October)