



Dr. Olson added that Technology Integration Highlights for Curriculum and Instruction for 2014-15 focused on the Digital Learning Environment which included:

- Grades K-5 Math online resources
- Grades 2-5 Reading online resources
- Canvas classroom features – discussion boards, collaborative classrooms, etc.
- Cloud-based applications – strategic positioning.

Dr. Olson emphasized that our goal is to always uphold content quality and ensure that curriculum drives technology.

Dr. Ryan updated the Board on the Initiatives beginning with the District level. He stated the District will be developing a Bandwith consortium with Glenbrook High School District 225 and we will be utilizing the fiber ring with the Village of Northbrook. there will be a wireless upgrade in the Summer of 2015.

At Wood Oaks the students are not assigned a computer anymore. They are given a computer and if that computer needs repair they turn it in and immediately get another computer. Currently student fees cover 15% of program costs. Dr. Ryan added the District is also looking into interactive whiteboards. Our fleet of 85 smartboards is old. The marketplace for whiteboards right now is unclear. We have to make sure that they are compatible any product is not only compatible with curriculum but is reliable and performs well and we have not found a product that meets that criteria. We decided to wait until the market matures and see if a product meets our criteria.

At Hickory Point, there will be a new kindergarten classes. We intend to purchase a laptop cart for the classrooms and we are going to outfit the classrooms with whiteboards. We will be purchasing eight iPads for the classrooms and also provide wireless upgrades.

Dr. Ryan reported that the Shabonee netbooks will be repurposed to Shabonee at the 5th grade level. Third Grade will be augmented so it will go 1:1. Wireless upgrades will be provided, and it is proposed that the annual Technology fee be raised to \$50 for all students. It

was previously \$15 for 3rd grade and \$30 for 4th and 5th grades.

For Wood Oaks, Dr. Ryan stated there would be significant changes. Grades 6 and 7 will be changing to Chromebooks which is a cost saving of approximately \$100 per device. The students would be allowed to access work on any internet enabled device because they will be working from the Cloud. Eighth grade students will continue with their current devices. Grade 6 devices will be sent to Shabonee, and all of the staff devices will be refreshed.

Dr. Ryan stated that we would like to make some policy changes. Some students have a high incidence rate of damaged computers, and we would like to curtail the take home privileges for those students with high repair frequency. Beginning in 2015-16, students will not own devices at the end of 8th grade. The graduated student fees will be \$145 for 6th and 7th grades, and \$105 for 8th grade.

A change to student fees was proposed to the Board by Dr. Ryan. Currently the students pay \$75.00 per year and we are proposing a graduated student fee scale. We are proposing \$145 for 6th and 7th graders and \$105 for 8th graders. Currently the parent contribution at \$75 is 15% of the costs. Next year with the increased fee, the parent contribution would be 27% of the costs. In 2016 the student fee would be \$145, and the parent contribution would be 48%.

Mrs. Wegley and Mrs. Adams demonstrated the Chromebook Apps and Extensions. These apps enhance learning by helping students be more efficient and effective when utilizing the web. Dr. Ryan then presented the Technology Budget to the Board. The proposed 2015-16 Technology Budget is \$775,492.45, which is an 18% increase over the 2014-15 budget. If the proposed student fee changes are included, the budget is decreased to \$699,707.00.

Mrs. Arakelian presented the proposed 2015-16 Student Fees to the Board. She stated the only increased fee that is being recommended is the Technology User Fee. We believe we can maintain the Bus Transportation Fee where it is now. Next year with the beginning of full-day kindergarten, the three mid-day bus routes will be discontinued. Mrs. Arakelian forecasted that there might be a Bus Transportation fee increase for 2016-17. The preliminary revenue

projection for 2015-16 is approximately \$40,000 more than the current school year. The Recommendation for Approval for Student Fees will be on the April 30th Board Consent Agenda.

Community Comments

None

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

\_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT

\_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY