Board of Education
Special Business Meeting

October 2, 2017

Action Items

RACINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 2, 2017
Chief Academic Office

AGENDA ITEM: Waiver Request

PRESENTING: Rosalie Daca, Chief Academic Officer

DESCRIPTION: Administration is seeking a waiver from the Wisconsin Department of Instruction to provide 13 hours less instruction time than state required 1,137 hours during the school year.

The reduced hours would apply only to freshmen, sophomores, and seniors at Case, Horlick, Park High Schools, Walden III, The REAL School, and Racine Alternative Learning. The reduced hours would be in the form of one school day set aside only for juniors to take a practice ACT exam. In addition, the school calendar would be adjusted to four 90-minute late start days also for freshman, sophomores, and seniors only. These late start days would occur once per month in November, December, January and February. Therefore juniors would have a regular start time and participate in the four 90-minute ACT prep sessions, one session each in: Reading (using Social Studies content), Math, Science and English.

On the state report card, high school achievement is measured primarily by ACT results for 11th grade students. The purpose of this special schedule is to intensively support and intentionally focus on improving students' ACT scores which will benefit the students by improving their post-secondary readiness and favorably improve the District's state report card rating.

FISCAL NOTE: Some relatively small additional costs may occur as we plan the transportation for the late start days with extra bus routes to pick up the late start high school students. These costs would be absorbed as part of the ACT component of the $1 million state report card improvement plan.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the District's waiver application to the Department of Public Instruction for 13 hours less instructional time than required by the state for freshman, sophomores, and seniors during the 2017-18 school year.

ACTION TAKEN:

RACINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 2, 2017
Office of Information Systems

AGENDA ITEM: 8th Grade Math Achievement Computer Purchase

PRESENTING: Tim Peltz, Chief Information Officer

DESCRIPTION: In support of increasing student achievement in math as it relates to improving state report card scores, the District will purchase 445 laptops, 11 charging carts, and 20 storage lockers.

FISCAL NOTE: 445 laptops and warranties for the devices will be purchased from vendor Paragon Development Systems (PDS) at a cost of $107,912.50.

11 charging carts, and 20 storage lockers will be purchased from CDW-G at a cost of $20,365.00.

Funds will be allocated from the CIO's referendum allocation.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion to approve the expenditure of $107,912.50 for 445 laptops under warranty to PDS, and $20,365.00 for 11 charging carts and 20 storage lockers from CDW-G.

ACTION TAKEN:

RACINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 2, 2017
Budget and Finance

AGENDA ITEM:	INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $33,500,000 AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH
PRESENTING:	David Hazen, Chief Operating Officer
DESCRIPTION:	This is the first step to allow the Board to borrow funds to purchase, repair, demolish and rebuild schools. The amount of the borrowing is based on the anticipated school demolition(s) and additional projects, and possible accelerated major maintenance projects.
FISCAL NOTE:	The funds used to repay these notes will vary based on the project. The repayment may be from the general fund or from performance contact levy or from the 15 year $8.5 million referendum. If and when the debt is utilized and debt is actually issued, the repayment method will be specified.
RECOMMENDATION:	Approve the resolution allowing the application.
ACTION TAKEN:	

RESOLUTION NO. ____

INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $33,500,000 AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, it is necessary that funds be raised by the Racine Unified School District, Racine County, Wisconsin (the "District") for the public purpose of paying the cost of acquiring land and buildings; renovating and equipping buildings; and demolishing certain school facilities (the "Project"), and there are insufficient funds on hand to pay said costs;

WHEREAS, the District hereby finds and determines that the Project is within the District's power to undertake and serves a "public purpose" as that term is defined in Section 67.04(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, school districts are authorized by the provisions of Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes to borrow money and to issue general obligation bonds for such public purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the District, that;

Section 1. Authorization of the Bonds. For the purpose of paying the cost of the Project, provided that all of the requirements set forth in Section 67.05(6a) are followed and no petition for a referendum is filed within the permitted time allowed, the District authorizes the borrowing of the principal sum of not to exceed THIRTY-THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($33,500,000) pursuant to Section 67.04, Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 2. Notice to Electors. Pursuant to Section 67.05(6a)(a)2., Wisconsin Statutes, the District Clerk shall, within ten (10) days of adoption of this Resolution, cause public notice of such adoption to be given to the electors of the District by publishing a notice in The Journal Times, the official newspaper of the District. The notice to electors shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Notice").

Section 3. Public Hearing. The School Board hereby calls a public hearing to be held by the School Board on October 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Mygatts Rooms at the Administrative Service Center located at 3109 Mount Pleasant Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53404 for informational purposes only regarding this Resolution, the Project and the proposed general obligation bond financing.

Section 4. Conflicting Resolutions; Severability; Effective Date. All prior resolutions, rules or other actions of the School Board or any parts thereof in conflict with the provisions hereof shall be, and the same are, hereby rescinded insofar as the same may so conflict. In the event that any one or more provisions hereof shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions hereof. The foregoing shall take effect immediately upon adoption and approval in the manner provided by law.

Adopted, approved and recorded October 2, 2017.

Robert Wittke, Jr.
District President

ATTEST:

Matthew Hanser
District Clerk

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS
OF THE
RACINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RACINE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the School Board of the above-named School District, at a meeting duly called, noticed, held and conducted on October 2, 2017, adopted a resolution entitled:

INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $33,500,000 AND
CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Said Resolution was adopted pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.05(6a)(a)2., Wisconsin Statutes to authorize a general obligation bond borrowing in an amount not to exceed $33,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of acquiring land and buildings; renovating and equipping buildings; and demolishing certain school facilities (the "Project").

Copies of said Resolution are on file in the District office, located at 3109 Mount Pleasant Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53404 and may be inspected weekdays, except holidays, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The School Board will hold a public hearing on October 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Mygatts Room at the Administrative Service Center located at 3109 Mount Pleasant Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53404 for informational purposes only regarding said Resolution, the Project and the proposed general obligation bond borrowing.

Section 67.05(6a)(am)1., Wisconsin Statutes provides in part that a referendum is required on the question of this borrowing only if a petition is filed within 30 days after the public hearing signed by at least 7,500 District electors or 20% of the District electors voting for Governor at the last general election, whichever is the lesser. If no such petition is filed, then the Resolution shall be effective without a referendum.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2017.

BY THE ORDER OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD

Matthew Hanser
District Clerk

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