

Wynantskill Union Free School District Smart Schools Initiative

School Planning Committee
Presentation
September 2017

Smart Bond Initiative

Passed by New York Voters in November of 2014
Awarded \$2 Billion to all public schools based on
enrollment and state aid formula

Wynantskill Union Free Schools Allocation is
\$237,182

Rules for these use of these funds

6 categories

- School Networking
- Classroom Technology
- Community Connection
- Pre-K Classroom Improvements
- Elimination of Temporary/Trailer Classrooms
- School Security and Safety

Rules for these use of these funds

- You cannot pay salaries
- You cannot pay BOCES
- You cannot purchase software

Step 1

- Administration consults with the district's architect to establish possible priorities in the approved categories.
- Consideration to
 - Wynantskill's Strategic Plan
 - Wynantskill's Technology Plan
 - Wynantskill's Building Condition Survey

Step 2

Establish a Smart Bond
Planning Committee.

Membership must include:

- Students
- Staff
- Administrators
- Board of
Education
- Parents
- Community

Committee Responsibilities

Committee to consider the preliminary proposals from the district administration and make a recommendation to the Board of Education.

Phase 1 Proposals

- Upgrade district wireless and hard wired network infrastructure to support increased demand from additional personal devices and a security project.

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- Upgrade district security by adding devices such as cameras and additional video storage to provide a safe district learning environment.
- Upgrade the district communication system to provide reliable communication in emergency situations.

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- Begin replacement of Interactive Whiteboards with new interactive displays. Priority will be given to classrooms with boards that are no longer functioning.

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- By regulation, Wynantskill is required to share their funds with their non-public partners per a formula designated by NYSED. Those funds can be used for “loanable items” as identified by NYSED.

What happens to the rest of the money ???

Any remaining money doesn't go away.

The Smart Schools Planning Committee will continue to exist until the money is spent.

All recommendations for expenditures must pass through this committee.

Next Steps

1. Board of Education reviews the committee recommendations and possibly approves preliminary plan.
2. Smart Bond Investment Plan is published on the school district web site with an email address for public comments for 30 days.
3. After 30 days the Smart Bond Investment Plan comments are reviewed in a public hearing by the Board of Education.
4. Board of Education possibly approves final plan for submission to NYSED.

Questions ???

1. Any questions or concerns from the community may be addressed to avescio@wynantskillufsd.org