



To: Board of Education Members
 Dr. Mary B. Pfeiffer, District Administrator

From: Kathy Davis, Asst. District Administrator of Business Services *KD*

Date: June 10, 2014

Subject: Student Fees 2014-15

At their meeting on June 9, 2014, members of the Finance and Personnel Committee reviewed and discussed recommendations from the Administration regarding student fee adjustments for the 2014-15 school year. The committee took no formal action on the recommendations at that time. However, using input received from committee members, the administration was directed to bring a final proposal regarding student fees to the full Board for action at their June 17 meeting.

Following is a list of student fees that were discussed at the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on June 9, 2014. Identified with each fee are the current fees charged (2013-14 school year), the recommended adjustment as presented to the Finance and Personnel Committee at their June 9, 2014 meeting, and the final recommendation to the full Board. Additional explanation regarding the rationale for any fee adjustment is included as necessary.

1. Student Fees

	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15 Final Recommendation to Board of Ed</u>
Preschool	\$25	\$25
Elementary (K-5)	\$40	\$40
Middle School (6-8)	\$45	\$45
High School (9-12)	\$50	\$50

The intent of this fee has been to help partially offset the cost of books and materials, and other consumables, purchased by the District. As noted in the original memo to the Finance and Personnel Committee, the District collects approximately \$205,000 annually in student fees.

2. Neenah High School Parking Fees

The Neenah High School parking lot annual fee was reduced from \$70 in 2011-12 to \$45 in 2012-13. The reduction was made to encourage more students to use the parking lots instead of street parking as well as reduce parking in the nearby city park. The Administration recommends no change in this fee for 2014-15.

3. Middle and High School Activity Fee

Activity participation fees were initiated to help offset the various costs associated with co-curricular activities such as coaches/advisors salaries and benefits, supplies, transportation, apparel, etc. Co-curricular activities are defined as those activities which generally occur outside the normal school hours, are competitive by nature, and are either scored or judged. The Administration recommends no changes to the activity participation fees for 2014-15.

4. Instrument Rental

It has been the practice of the District to purchase and maintain the large classes of musical instruments (tubas, cellos, string basses, bass clarinets, French horns, and others) since these instruments are not generally available for rent from local music stores and the cost of purchase can be a significant financial burden for parents. For 2013-14, the Board approved an increase to the rental fees to help offset the growing difference between fees collected and repair costs of the instruments. The Administration recommends no change to the instrument rental fees for 2014-15 school year.

5. Yearbook Fees

Yearbook fees are charged to offset the production costs of the yearbook. In 2013-14 the middle school yearbook fee was raised from \$20 to \$26 to offset increasing production costs. The Administration proposes no adjustment to the middle school or high school yearbook fees for the 2014-15 school year.

6. Lunch Price Adjustment

The Administration is recommending a ten cents per meal increase in the price of a full paid lunch for the secondary and adult meals. Administration is also recommending an increase of five cents to the premium meal price for the secondary and adult premium meals. This increase will also ensure that our average meal prices are in compliance with the federal regulations regarding the "Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010". The following table identifies current and proposed lunch prices in the Neenah Joint School District.

Lunch prices:

	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15 Final Recommendation to Board of Ed</u>
Student		
Elementary	\$2.45	\$2.45
Middle	\$2.65	\$2.75
High	\$2.65	\$2.75
Premium (High)	\$3.20	\$3.25
Adult		
Premium	\$3.70	\$3.80
Premium	\$4.10	\$4.15
Milk	\$0.40	\$0.40

7. Breakfast Price Adjustment

The Administration is not recommending an increase in the price of a full paid breakfast for 2014-15. However, administration is recommending the addition of a premium breakfast option for the price of \$1.65 per meal at the secondary level. The following table identifies the current and proposed breakfast prices.

Breakfast prices:

	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15 Final Recommendation to Board of Ed</u>
Student		
Elementary	\$1.20	\$1.20
Middle	\$1.25	\$1.25
High	\$1.25	\$1.25
Premium (High)	n/a	\$1.65
Adult	\$1.40	\$1.40

Administration will be in attendance at the Board of Education meeting to answer any questions Board members may have.