

To: Board of Education

From: Philip Bender, Superintendent

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Subject: Board Advanced Technology Committee

### **Board Advanced Technology Committee**

As part of District 64's Strategic Plan, a Board Advanced Technology Committee (BATC) will be formed this year to advise and alert the Board of Education about advanced technology issues. This committee will include members of the community, staff members, and administrators.

#### **Purpose:**

The goal of the committee is to research best practices related to technology in education and report findings to the Board of Education. The work of this committee will help guide the future of technology in District 64. Innovations such as 1:1 laptop or iPad initiatives, e-textbooks, and online learning communities will be possible areas for action research by this committee.

The District 64 Technology Implementation Committee (TIC), comprised solely of current staff members, meets regularly to provide input for ongoing technology planning. In contrast, the focus of BATC is to provide a more outward and global perspective to help accelerate our technology initiatives.

#### **Commitment:**

Although initial appointments would be a commitment for the current and subsequent school year (2013-14), it is anticipated that this committee could serve as a long-standing resource for the Board of Education similar to the Community Finance Committee.

We anticipate utilizing a variety of meeting formats to accomplish this committee's work and extensive use of virtual space to communicate and share information. Meeting attendance would be possible either in-person or via virtual connection.

#### **Proposed Timeline:**

November, 2012:

Update to Board on Committee Formation

December, 2012:

Announcement of Committee Selection

January, 2013 (week of January 7th):  
Convene Committee for First Meeting

January-March, 2013:  
Action Research by Task Teams

February 25, 2013:  
Progress Update to BOE

March, 2013:  
Finalize Recommendations

April 8, 2013:  
Present Recommendations at BOE Committee of the Whole

April 22, 2013:  
Board Action on Committee Recommendations

**Members:**

The Committee will be co-chaired by Superintendent Phil Bender and Director of Technology Terri Bresnahan and will include:

- 4-5 community members
- 2 administrators from Technology Implementation Committee (TIC)
- 2 Instructional Technology Coaches (1 elementary/1 middle school)
- 1 technologist from TIC
- 3 classroom teachers from TIC (elementary /middle school)
- 2 special area/encore teachers from TIC

Two members of the Board of Education will be asked to serve as liaisons. The Director of Technology of District 207 will also be invited to serve as a liaison for the committee.