NEW TECHNOLOGY SPENDING

- Capital Ordinance $500,000
  - District-wide technology upgrades
- Capital Reserve $500,000
  - Chromebooks, MacBooks, Carts
- 2013-2014 Budget $800,000
  - Projectors and whiteboards for the high school
  - MacBooks for all teachers in Grades 6 through 12
- 2014-2015 Budget $126,394
  - Additional MacBooks, Chromebooks, iPads, carts, mice, keyboards, cables, wireless AirPorts, headsets and headset wipes

PARCC-related expenditures

Last week, I presented the district's expenditures on technology equipment and supplies and discussed which of those related to the state mandate that we administer the PARCC exam this year on computers. I summarized that $1 million of capital funding, half from a 2013 bond ordinance and half from the district's Capital Reserve account, was spent on network upgrades and student laptops that, while supporting teaching and learning, were also needed to meet the online PARCC administration mandate. I also referenced $130,000 in expenditures from our 2014-2015 operating budget.

We were asked about payments to Pearson for consultants, speakers or materials relating to PARCC. There were no such expenditures. We did not pay Pearson or any other educational consultants for PARCC preparation support, and we did not have to pay for materials, beyond the technology supplies already discussed. However, we did pay $22,500 to Marinus Partners, a technology consulting firm, in 2013-2014 to conduct a PARCC technology readiness assessment. And we have paid around $23,000 on timesheets to our employees – primarily our technicians and our school technology coordinators, for extra work done over the summer and during the school year to image, deploy and update computers for both teaching and learning and for PARCC.

If we add up those costs, the total expenditure is $1,175,500, $1 million of which was capital expenditure. As I noted last week, we also have lease payments for some of the laptops purchased with 2014-2015 operating funds, totaling $96,000 in each of the next three years.