

District Status Report

13 September 2019

2019-2020 Report #11

The purpose for the weekly Status Report is to communicate to members of the School Board important and meaningful information relevant to the business of the school district. The Report is available to the public on the school district's website. Please contact me at 417-2602 if you have any questions regarding information contained in the Status Report. I would also appreciate hearing from you on ways I can improve the Report and make it more meaningful and informative for you.

Dale

Our Mission

**Empowering students with
knowledge and skills to succeed.**

Our Vision

**To be the school district of choice, inspiring
excellence in academics, arts, and activities.**

Information – Communication -- Correspondence

1. News From Around the State and Beyond

Safety: When school safety become surveillance

Health: School districts installing new “vape detectors” to combat youth e-cigarette use

Health: From removing doors to checking sleeves, U.S. schools seek to snuff out vaping

Students feel safe, but want more mental health services

Teacher: Why it's OK for students to struggle

Why school design matters

New teacher housing under construction in W.Va.

The importance of the school social worker

Minnesota State High School League faces largest deficit ever

2. 9-16-19 School Board Meeting – A few items to bring attention to . . .

- a. Teaching and Learning Feature – Summer School Programming
- b. Within the Consent Agenda . . .
 - 1) Purchase of Service Agreement for Mental Health Services with South Central Human Relations Center, Inc.
 - 2) Purchase of Service Agreement for Physical Therapist Services with Waseca Public Schools
 - 3) Employment
 - 4) Contract Renewals
 - 5) Co-Curricular Contracts
 - 6) Resignations
 - 7) Board Policy Adoption/Revision – 2nd Reading
 - 8) Statewide Enrollment Options
- c. Under Reports, Terri Engel and Principals will present the North Star Report results
- d. Under Recommended Actions, the Board will be asked to take action on the following item(s):
 - 1) Maximum Levy Authority for 2019 Payable 2020
 - 2) Truth-in-Taxation Hearing Date
 - 3) Maximum Expenditure Authority Given to Superintendent and/or Core Planning Team
 - 4) 2019-2020 Staffing Plan Revision
 - 5) Grade 5 Teacher
 - 6) 2019-2020 School Board Goals
 - 7) 2019-2020 Superintendent Goals

3. Washington DC Student Field Study – Theresa Buendorf asked that I share with you about the Washington DC trip scheduled for April 1 – 4. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Theresa **no later than September 20**.

4. East-West International Academy Update – I had the opportunity to meet with Executive Director Rob Wilkening this morning. Topics included athletics and transportation. Dan Stork was present to assist in providing Mr. Wilkening information on the process of a school (including charter) to initiate a cooperative agreement request. I indicated I would not be in support of allowing resident students attending the Academy to participate in NRHEG activities. Mr. Wilkening also has requested consideration for the District to transport resident students to Waldorf and back to New Richland each day. I replied that I would not support that request. If the Board would like to discuss either one of these issues at a Board meeting, please contact Rick Schultz or me to place it on a future agenda.

5. School Board “Talk and Tour” – You should have received an e-mail from Special Education Director Heather Harms on August 20 at 8:20 pm inviting you to a second “Talk and Tour” coordinated by Mrs. Harms

and held at the Waseca District Office on October 1 beginning at 5 pm. I plan to attend and would be happy to have up to four Board members ride with me. Please respond to Mrs. Harm's e-mail or let me know if you are interested in attending. The agenda includes:

- Photo Tour of programs
- MDE File Review
- Transportation
- Enrollment Options
- Special Education Advisory Committee

6. **MSBA School Board Leadership Conference** – If you have not already, please be sure you have put the annual leadership conference on your calendar for Thursday, January 16, and Friday, January 17, 2020, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. When it becomes available, Sue Kulseth will make hotel reservations for us.
7. **Quarterly Check ins** – Sue Kulseth is in the process of scheduling your quarterly check-in. Dates are targeted for October 1 (8 am – 8 pm), October 2 (8 am – 2 pm and 5 – 8 pm), October 3 (7am – 8 pm) and October 4 (8:30 – 11:30 am). If these dates and times don't work for you, we will find a time that does.
8. **Teacher Negotiations Meeting Planned** – Teacher Negotiations meeting is planned for Monday, September 30, 2019, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Secondary School Media Center. Board team members include: Dan Schmidt, Rich Mueller, Neil Schlaak, Karla Christopherson, and Dale Carlson.
9. **Bus Evacuation Drill** – Our school bus route drivers conducted evacuation drills this week Wednesday morning following route pick-up prior to the students exiting the bus. They did a great job! Please thank our drivers when you see them for taking time to do this.
10. **Solar Garden Update** – Karla Christopherson has been in contact with Nokomis regarding an update on the projected timeline for the solar garden starting. Please see the e-mail below from Nokomis this week.

We are approaching the final step of allocating your load to Loon Garden LLC and Buffalo Garden LLC and I wanted to reach out and let you know of next steps. Loon Garden is currently being wired now that all the inverters are installed. The piles (poles that hold the modules) have been driven and modules will be arriving/installed October 14th. Buffalo is on schedule and a week behind Loon's dates. Both gardens are to be commissioned (construction completion) by November 15th!

As noted in the agreement, at this time, you will be required to sign a subscriber estoppel. This "certificate" is required by our financing partner, 1st Source Bank. It's purpose is to verify that the Subscriber Agreement you signed with us before is valid and that both you and Nokomis Partners have not defaulted on any terms of the agreement. Very straight forward.

I have attached the form of the estoppel here with details to be filled in very soon. Please let me know if you have any questions and if you see any challenges in getting this signed by October 5th, 2019.

Once signed, the gardens will be finalized and I will present you with an updated status on our gardens and your final subscription numbers along with Gardens terms which will be the final agreement you will need to sign.

School Board Calendar of Events

September 16, 2019	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
September 30, 2019	5:30 pm	Teacher Negotiations – Secondary School Media Center
October 21, 2019	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	WBWF Annual Public Meeting – Secondary Media Center School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
November 18, 2019	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
December 16, 2019	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Truth-in-Taxation Public Meeting – Secondary School Media Center School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
January 16-17, 2020		MSBA Leadership Conference – Minneapolis Convention Center

Dale's Calendar for August September 16 - 20 (As of 9-13-19)

Monday	10:30 am 1:30 pm 2:00 pm 2:30 pm 6:30 pm	Check in with Doug Check in with Dave Check in with Karla Check in with Sue School Board meeting
Tuesday	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 4:30 pm	Administrative Team Meeting with Heather and Deanna Administrative Team Meeting with Karla Administrative Team Meeting with Macy Administrative Team Meeting Facility Core Planning Group Meeting Cross Country Meet
Wednesday	9:00 am	Property Tax Levy Workshop in Mankato
Thursday	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair Volleyball
Friday	7:00 pm	Legal Seminar in Minneapolis – All Day Football

Thank you for all you do!