

District Status Report

14 February 2020

2019-2020 Report #31

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: Unions call for rethinking student involvement in lockdown drills
Sedentary behavior may boost depression risk in teens
Does limiting choices help students succeed?
Educators see value in coaching, survey shows
How concurrent enrollment boosts graduation rates
More US youths identify as sexual minorities

2. 2-18-20 School Board Meeting – A few items to bring attention to . . .

- a. Teaching and Learning Feature – Youth Service Leadership (YSL) Program
- b. Within the Consent Agenda . . .
 - 1) Board Bills of \$663,409.14
 - 2) Donations totaling \$674.10
 - 3) Resignations/Retirements
 - 4) Co-Curricular Contracts
 - 5) Letter of Renewal Agreements
 - 6) Statewide Enrollment Options
- c. Under Recommended Actions, the Board will be asked to take action on the following item(s):
 - 1) Junior High Softball Coach Contract
 - 2) Extended Leave of Notice to Not Return
 - 3) 2020-2021 School Year Calendar
 - 4) Cooperative Activity Transportation
 - 5) Resolution for Reduction of Programs and Positions
 - 6) 2019-2020 Budget Revisions
 - 7) Audit Request for Proposal
- d. Closed Session – Superintendent Mid-Year Performance Review

3. Quarterly Check ins – Thank you for taking time to check in with me this past week. Some of the topics discussed included:

- Board member role in addressing concerns
- Facility Design/Build updates and communication
- Open Enrollment – Special Education Regulations
- CTE Meeting Summary
- Teacher and Paraprofessional Relationships
- Greenhouse update
- Legion Field
- MEA Convention Attendance
- New Course Process
- Sequence of Math and Science Curriculum
- Personnel Matters
- Budget
- Extended Leave Request

Do not hesitate to call with questions on any of the topics listed.

4. **Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Planned** – A meeting is planned for **Wednesday, February 19, 2020, beginning at 7:30 am** in the Board Room. Committee members include: Rick Schultz, Travis Routh, Neil Schlaak, Karla Christopherson and Dale Carlson. Agenda items include:
 - Construction Update including Spring/Summer 2020 impact on programs and property
 - Ash Avenue house update
 - Legion Field
 - Snow removal
5. **Ash Avenue House Property Update** – We are in the process of having an asbestos inspection and abatement done with the house in preparation of a future demolition. The Building and Grounds Committee will discuss further plans for the property at the February 19 meeting.
6. **Finance Committee Met** – The Committee met on February 11. The agenda included:
 - Reviewed Audit Service RFP
 - Reviewed Budget Development Calendar
 - Reviewed 2019-2020 budget revisions for Board approval at February 18 Board meeting
 - Reviewed 2020-2021 budget development progress

The Committee asked Dale to poll the Board on determining a date and time to hold a special budget work session in early March.

7. **Board Budget Work Session Planned** – A budget work session is tentatively scheduled for **Monday, March 9, beginning at 5:30 pm** at the Secondary School. A light dinner will be provided.
8. **Policy Committee Meeting to be Planned** – We have additional MSBA revised policies to review along with possibly one or two new policies. I will communicate with Committee members Rick Schultz, Dan Schmidt and Rich Mueller to schedule a date and time. Possibly looking at March 9 or 10.
9. **Cooperative Activity Transportation** – I will be recommending to discontinue transporting students participating in the cooperative activities hosted currently by Waseca beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. This includes gymnastics. This was mentioned as part of the presentation at the October 21, 2019, School Board meeting when the Board approved adding JWP to the Coop. We would not be providing transportation for students participating in any of the coop activities hosted by Waseca which now include soccer (boys and girls), hockey (boys and girls), and gymnastics. Presently, we are transporting students daily to Waseca after school by van and then bringing them back to New Richland.
10. **Audit Request for Proposal (RFP)** – At the February 18, 2020, School Board meeting, administration will be recommending to seek proposals from licensed certified public accountant firms to audit our financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. The District has been with the same firm since at least 1987, and we believe it is time to do this. The timing does not suggest the District is dissatisfied with our current firm; rather, it is believed it is simply fiscally responsible after this period of time to seek proposals. Contingent upon the Board's support and approval February 18, we will move forward immediately with seeking proposals so that we have a recommendation for Board consideration at the April 20 School Board meeting. The Finance Committee will review the RFP at its February 11 meeting. Please let me know if you have questions.
11. **Special Board Meeting Planned to Consider Construction Bids** – A special Board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 26, beginning at 5:30 pm** for the purpose of considering approval of construction bids. Josh Cooper from Knutson will be present to respond to questions.

School Board Calendar of Events

February 17, 2020		No School for Students – Teacher Staff Development
February 18, 2020 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
February 19, 2020	11:30 am	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting – Board Room
February 26, 2020 TENTATIVE	5:00 pm	Special Board Meeting to Consider Construction Bids – Board Room
March 9, 2020 TENTATIVE	5:30 pm	Special Board Meeting – Budget Work Session – Secondary School
March 16, 2020	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
April 20, 2020	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
May 18, 2020	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center

Dale's Calendar for February 17-21 (As of 2-14-20)

Monday	3:00 pm 7:00 pm	No School for Students – Teacher Staff Development Board Member Quarterly Check in BBB
Tuesday	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Administrative Team meeting with Heather and Deanna Administrative Team meeting with Macy Administrative Team meeting with Karla Administrative Team meeting Secondary Staffing Meeting #1 with Dave School Board Meeting GBB
Wednesday	7:30 am 3:30 pm	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Meet and Confer
Thursday	9:00 am 1:00 pm	Crisis Manual Review with Crisis Team Budget meeting with Doug, Dave, Karla
Friday	8:00 am	School Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair

Thank you for all you do!