

District Status Report

26 July 2019

2019-2020 Report #4

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

Health: Oregon will allow students to take “mental health days”

Policy: Pennsylvania school district warns parents their kids could be put in foster care unless lunch debt paid

Safety: Researchers roll out revolutionary approach to school safety

2. Design and Build Update –A third meeting for the Secondary School user groups (Science, FACS, Ag, Industrial Tech) has been set for Monday, August 12. Following the August 12 meeting, I should be able to share an update as to the design work up to this point. Discussions are still taking place as to classroom design and shop addition location and design at the Secondary School, and secure entrance location and design at the Elementary School.

The Building and Grounds Committee is in the process of finalizing an agreement with Knutson Construction to provide Construction Manager services. A legal review was conducted and requests for revisions to the agreement has been forwarded to Knutson for consideration. Once we hear back from Knutson, the B & G Committee will conduct a final review and then sign the agreement as authorized by the Board at the June School Board meeting.

3. Board Budget Work Sessions – The Budget work session is planned for Wednesday, September 11, beginning at 5:30 pm, in the Secondary School Media Center. Objectives for the work session include:

- 2019-2020 Budget adjustment expectations and directives
- Budget reduction process including priorities and parameters to apply for 2020-2021 budget development
- Long-range financial strategy including operational revenue and expenditures. Adopt a district philosophy that maintains any fluctuation in the property tax within a defined range. This would assist the District in managing a "smoothing" effect on property taxes and develop a long-range strategy in responding to decreasing debt and opportunities to increase revenue.

Dinner will be provided and available at 5:15 pm.

4. School Board Self-Evaluation and Goal Setting for 2019-2020 – In recent years, the Board has held a work session in July or early August to conduct a self-evaluation of the prior year just ending and then develop Board goals for the coming year. After meeting with Rick Schultz, we are examining the possibility of extending the August 19 Board meeting to include the evaluation and goal setting. We may consider starting the regular meeting at 6:00 pm. Sue Kulseth will contact Board members regarding the possible 6:00 pm start.

5. Policy Committee Meeting Planned – The Policy Committee will meet on Monday, August 5, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Board Room. The agenda will include a review of the recommended revised policies from MSBA as we do annually. Also, I will be introducing two new policies that are not part of the MSBA Policy Handbook. They are Class Size and Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE). The Class Size policy mirrors the Administrative Guidelines I have previously shared with the Board. The IEE policy is a policy forwarded from Director of Special Education Heather Harms that is required of school districts to have in place although MSBA does not have a model policy developed as of this date. The Policy Committee's work will include forwarding a recommendation to the Board at the August 19 Board meeting for approval of a 1st reading of the policies.

School Board Calendar of Events

August 5, 2019	5:30 pm	Policy Committee Meeting – Board Room
August 19, 2019	6:00 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center (6 pm starting time is tentative)
August 26, 2019	8:00 am	Teachers Report to Work
August 29, 2019	8:00 am	Staff Breakfast hosted by School Board – Ellendale Methodist Church
September 4, 2019		First Day for Students
September 11, 2019	5:30 pm	School Board Budget Work Session – Board Room

Dale's Calendar for July 29-August 2 (As of 7-26-19)

Monday	10:30 aam	Check in with Doug
	1:30 pm	Check in with Dave
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue
Tuesday	8:00 am	Check in with Doug and Dave
	9:00 am	Contract Language work with Deb
Wednesday	9:00 am	Meet with Karla
Thursday	9:00 am	Board Packet Planning with Sue
Friday		Out of District

Thank you for all you do!