

District Status Report

15 January

2020-2021 Report #28

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.

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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

Learning: Pandemic “learning loss” grows as schools race to reopen
Report estimates cost of pandemic learning loss

2. 1-19-2021 School Board Meeting – A few items to bring attention to . . .

- a. Within the Consent Agenda . . .
 - 1) Board Bills
 - 2) Donations
 - 3) Winter Coaching Contracts
 - 4) Statewide Enrollment Options
- b. Under Reports
 - 1) Student Learning Interventions
 - 2) Secondary In-Person Transition Process Update
- c. Under Recommended Actions, the Board will be asked to take action on the following item(s):
 - 1) 2021-2022 School Year Calendar
 - 2) School Learning Model Update
 - 3) School Activities Update
 - 4) Facility Use Update
 - 5) Resolution to Extend Deadline for Leaves Granted by the Families First Coronavirus Recovery Act
 - 6) Superintendent Resignation
 - 7) Superintendent Search Process

We continue to live-stream the Board meeting via YouTube. Board members and essential staff will continue using *Google Meet* to access and participate in the meeting.

3. **Building and Grounds Committee to Meet** – The next Building and Grounds Committee Meeting is tentatively planned for Tuesday, January 19, 2021, beginning at 5:30 pm prior to the start of the regular School Board meeting. Agenda items may include discussion about potential land sale, construction project follow-up, and examining the Board’s goal of developing a long-term facility plan. Committee members include: Terri Engel, Travis Routh, Rick Schultz, Dale Carlson and Karla Christopherson.
4. **2021-2022 Budget Work Session Planned** – A Board Budget Work Session will be held on Monday, January 25, 2021, at 5:30 pm in the Secondary School Media Center, to begin addressing actions needed to occur in order to achieve the Board’s finance goal of that *by June 30, 2021, adopt a planned budget for 2021-2022 that achieves the Board’s fund balance target range while balancing the amount of revenue with planned expenditures. In the event of an unsuccessful referendum vote, the Board will need to be prepared to conduct a budget reduction process in advance of adopting the 2021-2022 budget.*
5. **MSBA Negotiations Seminar** – Board members who are negotiating in the coming year are encouraged to participate in the MSBA Negotiations Seminar being offered over two 3-hour sessions. Please contact Sue Kulseth prior to Wednesday, January 20, to let her know the dates to register you. Below is from MSBA.

After the Leadership Conference wraps up at the end of this month, we invite you to continue learning by attending **MSBA’s Negotiations Seminars and Officers’ Workshops**.

Please scroll below to access workshop schedules and registration information. Board members, if you opt to attend these sessions, please ask your school district office to register you through the [MSBA website](#).

Preparation is the key to successful bargaining. [MSBA's Negotiations Seminars](#) help school leaders prepare for negotiations.

Note: The Negotiations Seminars will be presented in two parts. Participants must attend both parts in order to receive credit.

Negotiations Seminar Agenda:

- **Part 1** will include a “Negotiations Overview,” “Legal Issues,” and “Hot Topics.”
- **Part 2** will feature “ULA, Layoffs, and Nonrenewals,” “Words Matter,” “Costing Overview,” and “Costing Analytics.”

[Click here to access the full agenda.](#)

Negotiations Seminars Schedule — THESE TIMES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED:

Choose from ONE of the following dates for PART 1:

- 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 3, 2021
- 9:00 a.m. to noon Thursday, February 11, 2021
- 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, February 13, 2021

Choose from ONE of the following dates for PART 2:

- 9:00 a.m. to noon Thursday, February 25, 2021
 - 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, February 27, 2021
 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2021
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Negotiations Seminar Registration:

Seminar Fees (includes both Part 1 and Part 2):

- Advance registration — \$195
- Late registration — \$215
- **Registration closes one week before the Part 1 date you choose to attend.**

Registration: [Access MSBA Event Registration](#)

IMPORTANT: Board members, please coordinate your registration through your school district office.

6. **MSBA Officer Workshops**– Board officers wishing to participate in MSBA’s Officers’ Workshop are to contact Sue Kulseth to inform her of the dates and times you want to participate. I am happy to join those wishing to participate. Information from MSBA is below.

The [MSBA Officers’ Workshop](#) is focused on school board officers’ responsibilities and basics/fundamentals of laws affecting school boards. Elected school board officers, superintendents, staff who support the board, and all interested school board members are encouraged to attend.

Note: The Officers’ Workshop will be presented in two parts. Participants must attend both parts in order to receive credit.

Officers’ Workshop Agenda:

- **Part 1** will focus on **the Statutory Duties of School Board Officers and the Open Meeting Law.**
- **Part 2** will be dedicated to **your specific officer role** (chair/vice chair, clerk, or treasurer).

Officers’ Workshop Schedule — THESE TIMES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED:

Choose from ONE of the following dates for PART 1:

- 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 10, 2021
- 9:00 a.m. to noon Thursday, February 18, 2021
- 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, February 20, 2021

Choose from ONE of the following dates for PART 2:

- 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2021
- 9:00 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 4, 2021
- 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 6, 2021

Officers’ Workshop Registration:

Workshop Fees (includes both Part 1 and Part 2):

- Advance registration — \$195
- Late registration — \$215
- **Registration closes on January 29 for the February 10 workshop. For all other workshop dates, registration will close on February 5.**

Registration: [Access MSBA Event Registration](#)

IMPORTANT: Board members, please coordinate your registration through your school district office.

7. **2021 MSBA Leadership Conference** – The 2021 MSBA Leadership Conference will be held virtually this year on three different Thursday mornings. As it is free, Sue Kulseth went ahead and registered each Board member. The first of the three sessions was held today, January 14. See the communication below from MSBA

The **2021 MSBA Leadership Conference** will be presented to you in a **virtual format**. Save the dates on your calendar for these Thursday mornings — **January 14, January 21, and January 28, 2021**.

The conference will include a number of top-notch workshops, roundtable sessions, and much more. Some sessions will be available via recording at a later time. Watch the [MSBA website](#) for more details.

This year's conference will feature two keynote speakers: **Phyllis Braxton-Frierson** and **Dr. Phil Gore**.

- **Braxton-Frierson** is the CEO and Founder of PINK Consulting, LLC, and has worked in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) field for nearly 25 years.
- **Gore** is in his sixth year as Division Director for Board Development Services with the Texas Association of School Boards and is a nationally recognized researcher on school governance.

- 8. Secondary School Grade Improvement Day (GRID) Initiative** – I have attached a copy of the GRID plan for January 21 & 22. Staff leaders at the Secondary School proposed this with Principal Bunn's approval and my support. The focus for the two days is to provide time for teachers and students to work together in completing work for the semester. In order for us to maintain our hybrid protocol including distancing and 50% capacity, students in good standing with their quarter 2 and semester 1 grades will have the option to report remotely on their "in-person" hybrid learning day so that other students, including full-time distance learners, will have the opportunity to come into the school and meet in-person with their teachers to complete work. Thank you to those staff leaders for developing the plan and assisting with facilitating this initiative.

School Board Calendar of Events

January 19, 2021	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote
January 21, 2021	Morning	MSBA School Board Leadership Conference (Virtual)
January 25, 2021	5:30 pm	School Board Budget Work Session
January 28, 2021	Morning	MSBA School Board Leadership Conference (Virtual)
February 16, 2021	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote

Dale's Calendar for January 18 - 22 (As of 1-15-2021)

Monday	10:00 am 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 2:30 pm 3:00 pm	Check in with Donna Administrative Team Meeting Check in with Karla Check in with Sue Weekly Call with Steele County Public Health
Tuesday	8:30 am 9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Administrative Team Meeting with Heather and Linda 2021-2022 Budget Planning – Administrative Team Budget Planning with Karla Building and Grounds Committee Meeting School Board Meeting
Wednesday		Out of the District

Thursday	7:30 am	Weekly Waseca County Schools Call with Public Health
	8:30 am	MSBA Leadership Conference (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
	9:00 am	Check in with Donna
	4:00 pm	Weekly MDE Commissioner Call
Friday	8:00 am	School Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair
	10:00 am	New Board Member Budget Review

Thank you for all you do!