

District Status Report

12 February

2020-2021 Report #32

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

- Will next school year start remotely?
- Rural Wis. districts find strength in co-op
- Why kindness is the most important gift you can offer
- 4 big ways to help build back learning loss

2. 2-16-2021 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) Resignations
 - 5) Retirements
 - 6) Employment
 - 7) Statewide Enrollment Options
- b. Under Reports
 - 1) Superintendent Search – Approval of Superintendent Profile
 - 2) Elementary Summer School 2021 Plans
- c. Under Recommended Actions, the Board will be asked to take action on the following item(s):
 - 1) Resolution for Reduction of Programs and Positions
 - 2) 2020-2021 Budget Revision
 - 3) School Learning Model Update – Secondary School In-person Learning Transition Plan
 - 4) School Activities Update
 - 5) Facility Use Update

The Board will go into closed session to conduct a mid-year performance review of the Superintendent.

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.

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NRHEG National Honor Society (NHS) is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive.

When: Friday, March 19th, 2021
Time: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Where: New Richland City Hall

Address: 203 Broadway Ave. N
New Richland, MN 56072

To book your donation appointment, please start here: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/account-login.html>

If you already have an account, sign-in. If not, please create an account.
Once logged in, you will select “More Drives” on the left side of the screen.
Enter the zip code “56072”
Click on “Find A Drive”
Select “See Times” for the drive on Friday, March 19th, 2021 at City Hall.
You will then select your time and type of donation. The Power Red donation information is attached to this email. “Blood” is the standard blood donation.
Select “Confirm Appointment”

Our goal is to obtain 45 pints of blood. If we achieve this goal, the American Red Cross will offer a \$250 scholarship to one of our students!

Thank you for supporting NRHEG NHS and the American Red Cross!

- 5. Superintendent Search Process Update** –Please note the dates below in the Calendar of Events. The March 1 special meeting starting time has been changed from 6:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The starting times for the March 9 and/or March 10 planned special meetings to interview finalists may change but now are planned to start at 5:00 pm. Looking ahead to the planned interviews on Thursday, March 4, Rick Schultz has been working with the SCSC consultants in putting together the Staff/Community Interview Team. At this time, the committee will include six (6) staff members, two (2) principals, four (4) community/parent members. The Board will interview candidates in one location that will also be open to the public and the Staff/Community team will interview the candidates in a different location and that will be closed to the public. The March 4 interview are planned to be held at the Elementary School based on space and layout. It has not been finalized whether or not virtual interviews will be an option.

Regarding review of applicants’ files, Board members will have the opportunity to review all the application materials from each candidate. These will be delivered to the District Office by noon on Wednesday, February 24 and will only be available for review until 4:00 pm on Thursday, February 24. Board members need to schedule a 1-hour time slot with Sue Kulseth to review application materials. Available times on February 24 will start at 1:00 pm with the last appointment scheduled for 3:00 pm, and starting at 8:00 am on February 25 with the last appointment scheduled for 3:00 pm on February 25. The application review must be viewed alone and board members may not discuss any information in the applications with others. The application review is optional for Board members.

At the March 1 Special School Board meeting, the SCSC consultants will have a Candidate Booklet for each School Board member. The Candidate Booklets will have the recommended applicant materials for everyone to review prior to the Round One interviews scheduled for March 4.

At the March meeting, details regarding the March 4 interviews will be shared and finalized.

Please contact Rick Schultz with questions.

School Board Calendar of Events

February 15, 2021		No School for Students and Staff (Presidents' Day)
February 16, 2021	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote
March 1, 2021	5:30 pm	Special School Board Meeting (Superintendent Search) – Sec. School/Remote
March 4, 2021	12:00pm	Special School Board Meeting (Superintendent Search) – Location TBD
March 9, 2021	5:00 pm*	Special School Board Meeting (Superintendent Search) – Sec. School/Remote
March 10, 2021	5:00 pm*	Special School Board Meeting (Superintendent Search) – Sec. School/Remote
March 15, 2021	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote
April 19, 2021	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting—Secondary School Media Center/Remote

* Starting times may change

Dale's Calendar for February 15-19 (As of 2-12-2021)

Monday		Offices and Buildings Closed – Presidents' Day
Tuesday	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Administrative Team Meeting with Heather H. and Linda H. Administrative Team Meeting with Karla C. Administrative Team Meeting Secondary Staffing Meeting School Board Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Principal Evaluation Conference
Thursday	7:30 am 9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm	Weekly Waseca County Schools Public Health Call Check in with Donna 2021-2022 Budget Planning with Karla Weekly MDE Commissioner Call
Friday	8:00 am 1:00 pm	School Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair Riverland Superintendent's Roundtable Meeting

Thank you for all you do!