

Dale's School Board Meeting Recap

October 21, 2019 School Board Meeting

Our Mission Together

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

Our Vision

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

NOTE: This review is authored by the Superintendent, intended as information for the District employees, to keep them informed of the important decisions made by the School Board. This review includes selected items as determined by the Superintendent, and does not include all items of business conducted by the Board. This review is not intended to replace the official minutes of the School Board. Additional information can always be obtained from the official Board minutes or by contacting Dale.

Student Achievement and Student Support

World's Best Workforce 2018-2019 Plan Results Report -- At the special public meeting at 6:00 pm, a summary report of the District's progress on achieving goals and objectives of the 2018-2019 World's Best Workforce Plan (WBWF) was presented. Next steps are to finalize the development of the 2019-2020 plan. Teachers are engaged in addressing all five goal areas of the WBWF.

Athletic Cooperative Agreements: The following applications for Cooperative Sponsorship were approved by the Board. All three cooperative applications include the school districts of Waseca, Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton (JWP) Public Schools, Waterville-Elysian-Morristown (WEM) Public Schools and New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (NRHEG) Public Schools.

- Boys Hockey
- Girls Hockey
- Girls Gymnastics (The current cooperative involving Waseca, WEM, and NRHEG needs to be dissolved first prior to adding JWP so the Board took that action first.)

Extended Field Trip Request: Social Studies teacher Theresa Buendorf presented a request to provide a field trip experience for students to Ireland, Scotland, England during June 2021. The Board gave approval to move forward with the planning of the trip.

Extended Field Trip Request: Principal Dave Bunn presented on behalf of Spanish teacher Joanie Olson a request to provide a field trip experience for students to Costa Rica March 20-28, 2021. The Board gave approval to move forward with the planning of the trip.

Workforce

Employment – The Board approved the following employment assignments. Welcome Heather, Sheena and Olivia!

- Marnee White – Community Education School Age Care (SAC) Supervisor
- Naomi Knudtson – SAC Lead
- Melissa Owens – SAC Lead

Contract / Letter of Assignment Renewals: The Board renewed the following letter of assignment.

- Amy Jensen – Early Childhood Teacher

ELL Translator: The Board approved an agreement with Lillie Nielsen to provide ELL translator/tutor services not to exceed an average of 12 hours per week at \$12.00 per hour.

Co-Curricular Contracts: The Board approved the following winter coaching contracts for the 2019-2020 school year.

- Onika Peterson—Head Coach Girls Basketball
- John Schultz—B-Squad Coach Girls Basketball
- Isaiah Lundberg – Head Coach Boys Basketball
- Ryan Evans—B-Squad Coach Boys Basketball
- Aaron Gilliland –JH Coach Boys Basketball
- Shawn Larson—Head Coach Wrestling
- Nate Jensen—Head Assistant Coach Wrestling

Leave of Absence: The Board approved a leave of absence for Amy Jensen, Preschool Teacher, from an anticipated date of January 2, 2020 through March 2, 2020.

Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination: The Board approved the annual Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination. The Assurance of Compliance identifies specific state and federal laws pertaining to discrimination and equity protection. As part of the Assurance of Compliance, all districts must verify that there is a copy of each of the identified laws in every building in the district. NRHEG also provides this information on the front page of the District’s website.

2019-2021 Master Agreement with Education Minnesota - NRHEG: The Board approved the 2019-2021 Master Agreement with the teacher association following a membership vote approving the tentative agreement earlier in the month. Thank you to Board team members Dan Schmidt, Neil Schlaak, Rich Mueller and Karla Christopherson; and Teacher Association team members Deb Bently, Mark Domeier, Diana Foster, Samantha Klukow, Kathy Meyer and Onika Peterson for their time and commitment to the process!

Finance

Donations -- We are fortunate to have community members, organizations, and businesses who make donations to the school district. Often the donations are designated toward specific programs or activities. The Board approved the following donations.

Jim & Kathy Peterson	Coronet to Music Dept	
Mark Domeier	Donation of books to Elementary Media Cntr	
Vista Covenant Church	Snacks & School Supplies	
L & D Ag Service	Wood Shop Tools	\$500.00
NR Firemen’s Relief	Eagle Bluff	\$300.00
Pontoppidan Lutheran Church	Reach Program	\$250.00
Lacey & Jason Koopal	In Memory of their “would have been” Kindergartener	\$150.00
DonnaMae McCamish	Panther Pantry	\$150.00
Frank Whitcomb	Panther Pantry	\$20.00
Steele Co Storage	Eagle Bluff	\$200.00
Zumbro River Brand	Eagle Bluff	\$50.00
Morreim Drainage	Eagle Bluff	\$50.00
Main Street Dental	Eagle Bluff	\$50.00
Sorenson Appliance	Eagle Bluff	\$25.00
United Methodist Church	Reach Program	\$260.00
	Total	\$1,955.00
	Total to Date	\$22,200.84

2018-2019 Audit Report: The District’s auditing firm Eide Bailly presented the audit report for the 2018-2019 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The Board approved the report.

Purchase of Services Agreement for Special Education Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH) Services: The Board approved the 2019-2020 DHH services contract with Owattona Public Schools for 13 hours at an hourly rate of \$82.85.

Purchase of Services Agreement for Vision Services: The Board approved the 2019-2020 Vision services contract with South Central Services Cooperative for eight (8) days at a total cost of \$4,276.25.

Purchase of Services Agreement for Audiology Services: The Board approved the 2019-2020 Audiology services contract with South Central Services Cooperative for five (5) days at a total cost of \$2,586.58.

Purchase of Services Agreement for Orientation and Mobility Services: The Board approved the 2019-2020 Orientation and Mobility services contract with South Central Services Cooperative for 65 part-time days at a total cost of \$1,095.39.

Resolution of School Board Supporting State High School League (MSHSL) Foundation Grant Application: The MSHSL Foundation Grant is awarded dollars from the sales tax earned on ticket sales at all state tournament venues. This grant provides district with dollars that are to offset the costs of granting athletic fee waivers for students of our district. Each season we have a number of student athletes that apply for a fee waiver and are granted that waiver. The Board approved supporting the grant application.

Board Governance

January 2019 Board Organizational Meeting Set: The Board set Thursday, January 2, 2020, at 5:30 pm for its organizational meeting.

January and February 2020 Regular School Board Meeting Dates Set: Due to the regular School Board meeting dates for January and February falling on observed holidays (Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day), the Board set the January regular School Board meeting date for Tuesday, January 21, 2020; and the February regular School Board meeting date for Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

School Board Member Vacancy: The Board accepted the resignation from Luke Routh effective October 7, 2019. Mr. Routh was required by law to resign due to a change of residency. The Board also took action in providing direction for appointing a qualified resident to fill the vacant position through December 2020.

The Board must fill the vacant position in a timely manner. The individual will serve through December 2020 following the November 2020 election in which a person will be elected to serve the remaining two years of the vacant position.

The Board directed the Chair and Superintendent to contact potential candidates and bring a recommendation to the November 18, 2019, School Board meeting for approval consideration.

Miscellaneous

Public Comments: Teacher Association President Deb Bently shared appreciation for the Board's work with the Association in reaching an agreement. Ms. Bently also shared the support of the Association for the important work paraprofessionals do every day for students and teachers in the school district.

Statewide Enrollment Options: The Board approved the following enrollment options:

- Two (2) resident students attending school in another district.
- Five (5) non-resident students attending school in our District.