

Dale's School Board Meeting Recap

April 19, 2021, 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 Support

Student Learning Intervention and Summer School 2021 Updates: As part of their Principal Report, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Bunn updated the Board on student learning intervention progress as well as plans for Summer School 2021.

Workforce

Extra-curricular Contracts: The Board approved the following Extra-curricular (Schedule D) contracts.

- a) Wendy Schultz--Head Softball Coach
- b) Olivia Erickson--JH Softball Coach
- c) Nic Sieler--JH Track Coach
- d) Jake Stork--JH Baseball Coach
- e) Brooke Berg--JH Softball Coach
- f) Dan Sorum--FFA Advisor (2nd Semester)

Resignations: The Board approved the following resignation and thanked Amanda for her years of service.

- a) Amanda Inouye – Chemistry and Physics Teacher – 11 years with the District. Effective end of 2020-2021 school year.

Retirements: The Board approved the following retirement and thanked Donna for her years of service.

- a) Donna Olson — Elementary LPN. 8 years with the District.

Employment/Notice of Assignment: The Board approved the following contracts/assignments.

- a) Stacy Gustafson—7-12 Grade Math Teacher.
- b) Alexis Kubista--ECSE Teacher.

Speech and Language Contracted Service for 2021-2022: The Board approved renewing an agreement with *Speech Partners, LLC* for the 2021-2022 school year.

Elementary Principal Selection and Contract Approval: The Board approved the selection of Nicholas Jurens to serve as the next Elementary School Principal.

Preliminary 2021-2022 Staffing Plan: I presented the preliminary staffing plan for 2021-2022. The Board will be asked to consider approval at the May Board meeting. The preliminary plan reflects very little change although the District is projecting a 7% (60+ students) decrease in enrollment between the approved 2020-2021 staffing plan and the preliminary 2021-2022 plan. Maintaining 19 classroom sections at the Elementary School resulting in an overall class size average of just under 18, is part of the intervention actions in response to the learning challenges students have experienced due to the pandemic. Similarly, at the Secondary School, the preliminary plan maintains and supports the current staffing levels even though enrollment is projected to decrease in order to maximize the number of course offerings offered for students.

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.

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| St Peters Lutheran Church Otisco | Ellendale Early Readers | \$100.00 |
| Brian & Jodell Wayne | Camp Panther Summer Program | \$500.00 |
| Freeborn Cty Co-op Oil | STEAM Program | \$500.00 |
| Band Boosters | Concert Band Composition | \$1,000.00 |
| Freeborn Cty Co-op Oil | Secondary Parking Lot Electronic Sign | \$1,000.00 |
| Target Corp Owatonna/Amanda Lisowski | Backpacks & Cleaning Supplies | |
| Total | | \$3,100.00 |
| Total to Date | | \$52,596.85 |

2013 Bond Refunding (Finance) -- Mr. Michael Hart with PMA Securities presented a refunding opportunity for the school district. Mr. Hart spoke specifically to the potential refunding of the 2013 Capital Facilities Bond to make renovations to the Secondary School in security of the front entrance and improvements and renovations in the cafeteria and commons area. The Board adopted a resolution to move forward.

Preliminary 2021-2022 Budget: Karla Christopherson presented the preliminary 2021-2022 budget currently being developed. At this time, the District is projecting about a \$300,000 deficit; however, several factors continue to be examined and considering causing the budget process to be somewhat delayed compared to recent years. A few of the variables we continue to monitor include:

- State aid increase determination
- Student enrollment projections
- Negotiated settlements
- 2021-2022 Staffing Plan
- Clarification on additional revenue sources including one-time Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) funding to be targeted for specific learning intervention initiatives due to pandemic

The board will be asked to consider adopting the 2021-2022 budget at the June Board meeting.

Board Governance

2021-2022 School Year Calendar Revision – The Board approved a revision to the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar. March 7, 2022, a “No School for Students/Teacher Staff Development Day” is now moved to February 28, 2022. For the past several years, the first Monday in March has been scheduled as a non-student instructional day for Teacher Staff Development in order to align with the annual music festival. However, we were recently made aware that the 2021-2022 music festival is scheduled for February 28. The District Staff Development Committee supported the calendar change.

Miscellaneous

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

- Three (3) students who live in our District are choosing to attend school in another district. Three (3) students from other districts are choosing to attend school in our District.