

District Status Report

16 February 2018

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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

Advocacy: MSBA 2018 Legislative Session Preview

More Minnesota high school students vaping e-cigarettes

Fewer Americans are majoring in education, but will students pay the price?

A before-school exercise program may help children thrive

2. 2-22-18 School Board Meeting – A few items to bring attention to . . .

a. Teaching and Learning Feature – Mr. Paula will present an update on the Digital Media Zone (DMZ) led by Mr. Paula and Mrs. Aaseth.

b. Within the Consent Agenda . . .

- 1) Donations in the amount of \$3,615.96
- 2) Resignations
- 3) Special Education Service Agreements for 2017-2018
- 4) Spring Coaching Contracts
- 5) Legion Field Maintenance Contracts
- 6) Minnesota High School League Representatives
- 7) Statewide Enrollment Options

c. Under Reports . . .

- 1) Superintendent Mid-year Performance Review Summary (Read by Board Chair)
- 2) Fiscal Compliance and Procedures Manual
- 3) 2018-2019 School Year Calendar (DRAFT)

d. Under Recommended Actions, the Board will be asked to take action on the following item(s):

- 1) School Van Purchase
- 2) Stadium Scoreboard Purchase
- 3) Interim Assistant Lead Custodian Recommendation
- 4) Heath Office Assistant Recommendation
- 5) Resolution for Reduction of Programs and Positions
- 6) Unpaid Leave Request

2. **Community Night Out** – The Annual PTO Community Night Out is scheduled for March 17 at Wedgewood Cove in Albert Lea.

3. **Board Work Session on Facility Planning** – Thank you to Board members for your time yesterday. I met with Rick Schultz this morning to continue work on identifying potential members for the Task Force. Once we have the contact information for the names, I will send a draft out to Board members for review and to add further names.

4. **Insurance Committee** – The District's Insurance Committee held its first meeting on February 14. The Committee's purpose is *evaluate insurance benefits for effectiveness, desirability, affordability and competitiveness and make recommendations to the Superintendent and Board of Education*. The committee consists of ten staff members representing different employee groups. The committee plans to meet on March 7. Representatives from Flexible Benefits Consulting will be in attendance to assist in facilitating the meeting.

5. **School Board Recognition Week** – The Minnesota School Board Association set the week of February 19-23 as School Board Recognition Week in Minnesota as a time to build awareness and understanding of the

vital function an elected board of education plays in our communities and society. We join all public school districts across the state to celebrate School Board Recognition Week to honor our local board members for their commitment to our communities and to our children.

It takes strong schools to build a strong community, and as board members, you devote countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at a high level. You make the tough decisions every month and spend many hours studying education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our citizens expect.

The key work of school boards is to raise student achievement by:

- Creating a vision for what our communities want the school district to be and for making student achievement the top priority;
- Establishing standards for what students will be expected to learn and be able to do;
- Ensuring progress is measured to be sure the district's goals are achieved and students are learning at expected levels;
- Being accountable for their decisions and actions by continually tracking and reporting results;
- Creating a safe, orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach;
- Forming partnerships with others in the community to solve common problems; and
- Focusing attention on the need for continuous improvement by questioning, refining and revising issues related to student achievement.

As a school board member, you give citizens a voice in education decision making. Even though we make a special effort to show our appreciation in February, your contribution is a year-round commitment. Thank you for your vision, leadership and service!

School Board Calendar of Events

February 22, 2018	THURSDAY	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
March 19, 2018		6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
April 16, 2018		6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
May 21, 2018		6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
June 18, 2018		6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center

Dale's Calendar for February 19 - 23 (As of 2-16-18)

Monday		Buildings Closed – Presidents' Day
Tuesday	8:30 am	Administrative Team Meeting
	1:00 pm	Meeting with Police Chief
	2:00 pm	Secondary Staffing Meeting
Wednesday		Out of District in PM
Thursday/Friday		Out of District

Thank you for all you do!