

Superintendent Report

School Board Meeting
September 18, 2017

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.

The Superintendent Report summarizes the communication with the Board of Education (BOE) throughout the month including the weekly District Status Report. In addition, the Report includes the building administrator reports as well as other information believed to be beneficial to the work of the BOE and school district. Detailed information for the items listed under the District Status Report Summary can be found within each weekly Status Report from the District's website. I appreciate feedback as to how we can improve the report. Thank you.

1. Weekly District Status Report Summary from August 18 & 25 & September 1 & 8

A. Information, Communication, and Correspondence

- **News from Around the State and Beyond**

- Policy: Austin School Board gives lunch debt policy its first reading

- Politics: U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos charges ahead on school choice

- Report: Nationwide teacher shortage worsens

- Teaching: Schools learning quickly to address teacher shortage

- Every Student Succeeds Act: Four ways ESSA's impact will be felt by states and school districts

- Study considers long-term benefits of exercise

- Why one school replaced rewards with character

- Poll reveals attitudes about education

- Practice optimism and see the results

- How to embrace role of "storyteller-in-chief"

- Approaching struggles with enthusiasm

- **Upcoming Board Work Sessions**

- **New Staff Orientation**

- **Kick-off Breakfast and Keynote Speaker**

- **Paraprofessional Negotiations**

- **Teacher Negotiations.**

- **Staff Development Recap**

- **World's Best Workforce 2016-2017 Summary Report and Public Meeting**

- **Board Member Quarterly Check-ins with Dale**

- **Elementary Lead Custodian Vacancy Update**

- **School Board Self-Evaluation**

- **MSBA Phase III and IV Workshops**

2. Elementary and Secondary Principal Reports

3. Curriculum and Instruction Report

4. **Board & Administrator for Board Members Monthly Publication – August 2017 Reflection - I** have provided a brief reflection on a few of the articles from the August publication. I hope you have had an opportunity to read and reflect.

- Set a 10-year board agenda to focus on the future – The article encourages school boards set a “10-year board agenda” to focus on the long-range future of the school district. The author suggests the plan focuses on the desired results and not on the details on how to get there. The article offers tips for building a 10-year board agenda
- Examples clarify how a board sets policy – The article offers three examples to assist a school board in determining if it is focusing on its primary responsibility of setting policy. Examples shared include:
 - ✓ The board sets policy when it approves the district’s budget and then monitors the implementation of the policy.
 - ✓ The board makes policy when it authorizes a new program and then monitors the implementation of the new program through reports, results, and presentation of information at meetings.
 - ✓ The board sets policy when it approves a new personnel policy and then monitors implementation of the policy through reports, updates, and statistics.

5. **School Board Self Evaluation** – As part of the September 18 School Board meeting, the Board will review the Board’s self-evaluation summary findings as provided by MSBA. The summary includes a Framework for Governance along with information on how the Board can analyze the results by looking at the data.

6. **Facility Assessment Board Work Session** – The Board will hold a special work session on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, for the purpose of having ISG present the results of the facility assessment. The work session will begin at 5:30 pm in the Secondary School Media Center.

7. **South Central Service Cooperative Board of Directors Nominations** – I have placed a notice in the red Board Communication Folder from the SCSC regarding the annual election for SCSC Board of Directors. Please let me know if you have any questions.

8. **MSBA Phase III and IV Workshop Opportunities** – You may have received a letter and flyer at home regarding MSBA’s Phase III and IV workshops offered this fall. Phase III is offered on October 14 in St. Cloud and on October 27 in St. Peter. Phase IV is offered on October 12 in Bemidji, October 13 in St. Cloud, and on October 28 in St. Peter. Both trainings begin at 8:30 and end at 4 pm. If you are interested in attending one or both workshops, please let Sue Kulseth or me know so that we can work with you to register. If there are Board members interested in attending, I would also be interested to join you.

9. **Superintendent Professional Conferences and Committee Assignments** – I am planning to attend the Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) conference to be held on October 1-3 in Duluth. This will be my first time attending the conference. I am also serving on two committees this year including the Nominating Committee and the Executive Development Committee. I also plan to attend the Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA) annual fall conference on November 12-14 in Bemidji. This will be my first time attending the conference. Thank you for allowing me to attend and participate in the conferences and committees.

Thank you for all you do!

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