

Superintendent Report

School Board Meeting

April 16, 2018

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 March 16, 23 & 30, and April 6

A. Information, Communication, and Correspondence

- **News from Around the State and Beyond**
 - Politics: Government funding bill will likely boost school safety
 - Why discipline should be a learning opportunity
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 - Preschool: Lanesboro schools' child care center is 30 years old and booming
 - Politics: Education omnibus bill proposes new school district rating system
 - Politics: Gov. Dayton's supplemental budget identifies some crucial funding issues
 - Homework overhaul in schools
 - Politics: House Education Finance Committee considers changes to pre-K programming delivery
 - Politics: Minnesota Senate OKs 2018 pension bill
 - Most U.S. teachers want gun control, poll finds
- **Community Night Out**
- **Insurance Committee**
- **Facility Task Force Update**
- **Acknowledgment for Basketball Team, Band, and Fans**
- **AFSCME Negotiations**
- **Baccalaureate and Graduation 2018**
- **School Safety Meeting**
- **AFSCME Negotiations**
- **Ellendale Community Action Group**
- **Blood Drive Results**
- **Tractor Pull**
- **Highway 13 to be Closed**
- **Grades K-6 Level IV Therapeutic Collaborative Program**

2. **Elementary and Secondary Principal Reports**
3. **Curriculum and Instruction Report**
4. **Board & Administrator for Board Members Monthly Publication – March 2018 Reflection - I** have provided a brief reflection on a few of the articles from the March publication. I hope you have had an opportunity to read and reflect.
 - What is your superintendent's role? – The article provides a brief overview of the superintendent's role including:
 - Planning
 - Organizing
 - Staffing
 - Directing and leading
 - Controlling
5. **Facility Planning Update** – The first meeting of the Facility Planning Task Force was held on Thursday, April 12, at the Secondary School. Thank you to JoAnn Maloney and Dan Schmidt for your leadership in representing the Board in this important conversation. Future meetings are being scheduled.
6. **Scheduling of School Activities** – We have started working on a policy on the scheduling of school activities on Sundays, Wednesday evenings, and certain holidays. Currently, there is not a policy, but the Board has supported a practice of not scheduling events on Sundays and Wednesday evenings unless the Board grants an exception or the Board Chair approves an exception if time does not allow the full Board to consider the request. I believe it would be better to have the Board approve a policy that administration can then follow without having to take each request to the Board. My hope that we have something in place for the 2018-2019 school year.
7. **AFSCME Negotiations** – A tentative agreement has been reached with our AFSCME employee group. Thank you to Board team members Rick Schultz, Neil Schlaak, Karen Flatness, and Karla Christopherson. Also thanks to the AFSCME team of Teri Kormann, Jean Greenwood, Barb Hagen, Beckie Johnson, Melissa McCornack, and representative Reafael Espinosa. The Board can anticipate considering approval of the agreement at the May Board meeting contingent upon successful ratification by the AFSCME membership.
8. **Baccalaureate and Graduation 2018** – Board members are invited to attend both Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 20, beginning at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium, and Graduation on Sunday, June 3, beginning at 2:00 pm in the gymnasium. This is an exciting time for our seniors and their families. Come and celebrate with our students, families, staff, and those throughout the community! The senior planning committee is interested in having two Board members participate in the ceremony. Travis Routh has expressed interest. I know there would be appreciation if there was one more Board member participating. Please let me know if you would be interested.
9. **Years of Service and Retirement Recognition** – Please save the date of Wednesday, May 30, at 2:30 pm in the Secondary School Commons where all staff will gather to celebrate those achieving significant milestones in their service to the school district and to education. We will also be recognizing staff members who are retiring from the school district.

Thank you for all you do!

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