

Superintendent Report

School Board Meeting

June 18, 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 May 18 & 25; and June 1 & 8.

A. Information, Communication, and Correspondence

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

- Funding: As schools struggle with costs, special education takes a toll

- Vast majority of teachers spend their own money on school supplies

- Rising share of primary schools have sworn officers on the premises

- 'Telling, not selling' your school's story

- Politics: Gov. Dayton vetoes tax, spending bills

- Study: Higher standards might not raise scores

- Does school design influence safety?

- Politics: Gov. Dayton OKs bonding bill

- Study: Higher classroom temperatures correlate with lower test scores

- District sees benefits from esports program

- How happy are students?

- Politics: Gov. Dayton OKs bonding bill

- Study: Higher classroom temperatures correlate with lower test scores

- District sees benefits from esports program

- How happy are students?

- Screen time influences teen insomnia, depression

- Why Are Fewer Teens Working Summer Jobs?

- **Facility Task Force Update**

- **Baccalaureate and Graduation 2018**

- **Years of Service and Retirement Recognition**

- **Quarterly Check-ins with Dale**

- **Building and Grounds Committee to Meet**

- **Finance Committee to Meet**

- **FFA Awards Banquet**

2. Elementary and Secondary Principal Reports

3. Curriculum and Instruction Report

4. **Board & Administrator for Board Members Monthly Publication – May 2018 Reflection** - I have provided a brief reflection on a few of the articles from the May publication. I hope you have had an opportunity to read and reflect.

- Board member demands district job for child – The article reminds board members the importance of not prioritizing personal interests and gains over the interest of the school district.
- 7 ideas for giving the board a policy focus – The article provides 7 policy-focused ideas and strategies to be part of the new board member orientation including:
 1. Provide information to potential new board members that highlight roles and responsibilities.
 2. Encourage potential board members to attend meetings.
 3. Set up a group meeting with board members and focus on demonstrating the board’s authority comes from its collective action in a legally constituted board meeting.
 4. Provide one-on-one orientation to new members and reinforce the board’s policymaking role.
 5. Use workshops and training sessions to help board members learn roles and responsibilities.
 6. Have new member share personal assessment of roles.
 7. Provide board meeting minutes from the base year.
- Create a top-notch governing board – The article offers three strategies for board members to build a strong board-administrator relationship and a board that remains focused on governance including:
 - Develop trust and keep lines of communication open.
 - Eliminate any committees related to programs as programming is the responsibility of the superintendent.
 - Offer superintendent assistance.
- Teamwork tip: Spend time together – The article encourages boards and superintendents to spend time together including attendance at school board association events.

5. **Facility Planning Update** – Meeting #3 of the Task Force was held on Wednesday, May 30. Information was shared about Science rooms as well as our fitness and wellness programming and impact of facilities. Tours of both buildings were provided. Meeting #4 is planned for Monday, June 25 at 6:30 pm at the Secondary School that will focus on prioritizing categories that have been examined in the previous three meetings including:

- Facility Assessment Report Priorities
- School Security
- Elementary Art & Music
- Expanding preschool for all to include wrap-around daycare
- Secondary Special Education
- Secondary Career Technology Education Program
- STEM and STEAM Programming K-12 including Maker Space Area
- Secondary Arts (Visual, Music, Theater)
- Collaborative/Personalized Learning
- Collaborative Work Spaces
- Science Programming and Spaces
- Fitness/Wellness Programming and Spaces
- Lower Level Egress for Locker Rooms and Wrestling Room at Secondary School

A fifth meeting will be held on July 23 to assist with the development of the community survey. A sixth and final meeting will be held in later September or early October to examine the survey results and to develop a recommendation for the Board.

6. Finance Committee Met – The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, June 6. The agenda included:

- Review Budget Development Calendar for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 including the role of the Finance Committee in the development process
- Review 2018-2019 Proposed Budget and 2017-2018 Revised Budget
- Introduction to forecast model including assumptions

Thank you for all you do!

Dale N. Carlson, Ph.D.