

NRHEG Public School

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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.

NRHEG School District Update

Dale Carlson, Superintendent

Support Your School Board

October 2016

Please be sure to vote on November 8, 2016, for three (3) four-year term positions on the School Board. The Board Members whose terms expire are Mike Moen, Michele Moxon, and Lori Routh. Thank you to Mr. Moen, Ms. Moxon, and Ms. Routh for their eight (8) years of service to our school community.

There are six candidates on the ballot for November 8. The candidates are: Jessica Duffner, Karen Flatness, Rich Mueller, Robert "Kim" Olson, Neil Schlaak, and Dan Schmidt. Thank you to the candidates for their willingness to serve the students, parents, staff, and constituents of the NRHEG Public Schools.

As the election approaches in a few weeks, I encourage you to take time to reflect on the significant contributions that school board members make to our community. School board members provide hope to our children for a bright future. They give unselfishly of their time and talents so that children have the opportunity to grow and develop into productive citizens in their community.

School boards are charged with the responsibility to create the conditions within their school districts that enable all students to learn at high levels. While the primary work of school boards is to improve student achievement and increase community engagement to promote student learning, they often have to find a balance between the forces of political reform efforts and mandates, individual stakeholder interests, and an inherent resistance to change. Budget challenges alone make the work of the school board difficult, but all that more important for the future of our children.

School boards provide stewardship and direction for public education in a community. School board members represent the educational values and priorities of the members of their community including students, parents, employees, and taxpayers. School boards provide a forum for community members to be heard, key issues to be debated and public votes to take place.

Dale N. Carlson, Superintendent

David A. Bunn, High School Principal

Douglas A. Anderson, Elementary Principal

School boards articulate the educational mission of the district and garner the public support and resources needed to achieve that mission. They provide the leadership through governance that creates the conditions under which excellent teaching and student learning can take place.

While I cannot recall the source, it has been said that “excellence in the classroom begins with excellence in the boardroom.” The NRHEG Public Schools has been fortunate to have had committed and caring community citizens serve as school board members in the past and present. Thank you to past and current School Board members, and to candidates Jessica Duffner, Karen Flatness, Rich Mueller, Robert “Kim” Olson, Neil Schlaak, and Dan Schmidt for their willingness to serve the students, parents, staff, and citizens of the NRHEG school community so that our students have a bright and successful future.

The public is invited to attend a Board Candidate Forum to be held on Monday, October 24, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Media Center at the Secondary School in New Richland. Hosted by Education Minnesota (EDMN) – NRHEG, the evening will begin with a meet-and-greet from 6:30 – 7:00 pm followed by the forum scheduled to end no later than 8:30 pm. Representatives from EDMN-NRHEG will moderate the forum where candidates will respond to questions from the audience.

Thank you in advance for providing your support for the important work of your school board by voting on November 8. Your vote ensures that the future of our public schools continues to be one that reflects the interests of our community.

A reminder that the School Board conducts its regular monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month. The location of the meeting is rotated monthly between the NRHEG Secondary School Media Center in New Richland and the NRHEG Elementary School Media Center in Ellendale. The November 21, 2016, School Board meeting will be at the Elementary School beginning at 6:30 pm, and the December 19, 2016 School Board meeting will be at the Secondary School beginning at 6:30 pm. The annual Truth and Taxation public meeting will begin at 6:00 pm on December 19 prior to the start of the regular School Board meeting.

We celebrate together in the accomplishments of our students because we are in this journey together as a school community. Thank you for all you do to support NRHEG Public Schools and our students!

“Our public schools are the foundation of our democracy. They keep hope alive, and they open a world of possibilities for our society. In fact our nation has survived and prospered precisely because it is firmly grounded in the concept of equal educational opportunity for all. Ultimately, the effectiveness of our public schools will determine our ability to sustain a free and democratic society.”

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