

District Status Report

21 November 2018

2018-2019 Report #19

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. 2019 MSBA Leadership Conference – SAVE THE DATE!** – Be sure to place on your calendars the 2019 MSBA Leadership Conference to be held **January 17-18, 2019**, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Board to join board members from across the state to learn and network together. We have made room reservations for Wednesday and Thursday night and will have until December 14 to make changes without penalty. I will need to know Board member plans regarding number of nights (1 or 2) so that we can make necessary changes. Sue Kulseth will follow-up with each of you in the coming days/weeks. I plan to attend the MSBA Phase II training that starts on Wednesday, January 16. At this time, both newly elected Board members are tentatively planning to attend the Phase II training. I will likely travel to Minneapolis Tuesday night.
- 2. Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Recap and Next Meeting Planned** – The Building and Grounds Committee met on Monday, November 19. The Committee heard a presentation on solar gardens by Nakomis Partners. The Committee plans to research further including discussing next steps at its next meeting. An update on the Secondary School Finishing Room project was given. Bids for the project have come back higher than planned. The Committee determined it would be best to delay moving forward with the remodel until final decisions are known about the potential renovation of the Tech. Ed. shop area. An update was provided regarding the closing date of the property purchase. The Committee believed a January 2, 2019, closing date was best. Time did not allow for discussion about the improvements believed to be needed at Legion Field. There was tentative approval for expanding the school district's responsibility of maintaining the playing fields inside the fence for the baseball and main softball fields. Currently, the school district maintains both fields from March through May. Administration is proposing the district consider maintaining both fields the entire year (March through October). Discussion also included the possibility of meeting with the New Richland City Council about the current lease agreement. This will be discussed further at the next Committee meeting. At this time, a Committee meeting is being planned for Monday, December 3, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room. Agenda items include:
 - Solar Garden subscription
 - Property purchase development plans
 - Legion Field improvements and maintenance
- 3. Quarterly Check-ins with Dale** – Sue Kulseth is in the process of contacting Board members to set a time to meet for quarterly check-ins which are scheduled for the week of December 3. If a time does not work for you, we will find a time that does work into your schedule. Dates and times include:
 - Tuesday, December 4 between 8 am & 8 pm
 - Wednesday, December 5 between 8 am & 2 pm and between 5 pm & 8 pm
 - Thursday, December 6 between 8:30 am & 1:30 pm and between 5 pm & 8 am
 - Friday, December 7 between 9 am & 12 pm
- 4. April 25, 2019 School Board Meeting Date Change** – At the January 7 Board Organizational Meeting, the Board will set the regular School Board meeting dates for 2019. The Board has already taken action to move the January and February meetings to the Tuesdays following the third Mondays due to national holidays. In addition, I will be recommending the Board moves its April 15, 2019, meeting to Tuesday, April 16 due to Secondary School Parent-Teacher Conferences also scheduled on April 15. This was an oversight in the scheduling of the 2018-2019 calendar, but I feel it would be less disruptive to change the Board meeting date than the planned date for parent-teacher conferences. I'm sharing this with you now so that you can put it on your calendar as a tentative meeting date.
- 5. New Board Member Orientation** – I have held a first meeting with Luke Routh and will be meeting with Rich Mueller next week. We will plan to hold a second meeting in December. All three of us plan to attend the MSBA Phase I Training in Rochester on Thursday, November 29.

School Board Calendar of Events

November 29, 2018	6:00 pm	MSBA Phase I Training for New Board Members – Rochester
December 3, 2018	5:30 pm	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting – Board Room
December 17, 2018	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Truth-in-Taxation Public Meeting – Secondary School Media Center School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
January 7, 2019	5:30 pm	School Board Organizational Meeting – Board Room
January 16, 2019	8:30 am	MSBA Phase 2 Training for New Board Members - Minneapolis
January 17-18, 2019		MSBA Leadership Conference – Minneapolis
January 22, 2019 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
February 19, 2019 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center

Dale's Calendar for November 26 - 30 (As of 11-21-18)

Monday	9:30 am 10:00 am 1:30 pm 2:00 pm 2:30 pm 7:00 pm	Check in with Doug Check in with Terri Check in with Dave Check in with Karla Check in with Sue Elementary Concert
Tuesday	10:00 am 3:30 pm 5:00 pm	ISG Phone Conference Monthly check in with Paraprofessional Leadership New Board Member Orientation
Wednesday	1:00 pm 3:45 pm	Website Development Planning with Sue Staff Retirement Planning Presentation
Thursday	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Meeting with Northland Securities MSBA Phase I Training for New Board Members in Rochester
Friday	7:30 am	Calendar Committee

Thank you for all you do!