

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. News From Around the State and Beyond

Report shows importance of early STEM lessons Rethinking edtech amid parent concerns over K12 screen time Preparing students for yet-to-be-created jobs Sports: NRHEG's first female wrestler

2. 2019 MSBA Leadership Conference – We believe everyone is set for the conference. I will be joining newly elected members Rich Mueller and Luke Routh on Wednesday, January 16, as they will be attending the Phase II training facilitated by MSBA. The training begins at 8:45 am and continues until 4:00 pm. I will be available later in the afternoon and evening on Wednesday to assist board members as you check in at the hotel. Mr. Mueller and Mr. Routh are planning to attend additional "Early Bird" sessions Wednesday evening. There may be interest for Board members to gather informally Wednesday evening and even discuss plans for Thursday including sessions to attend.

Thursday morning, we traditionally have met for breakfast around 7 am which may also provide an opportunity to review plans for the day. In the past, we have sat together for the Opening Session Thursday morning which is scheduled for 9:00 am in the Main Auditorium. There are a few "Skills Sessions" Thursday morning at 8:00 am prior to the Opening Session including:

- The Open Meeting Law
- MSBA's Political Outlook for the 2019 Legislative Session
- Board Chair Q & A with MSBA
- Critical Choices in the Superintendent's Contract

I would be happy to assist and/or attend with you if you are interested in any of the Skills Sessions.

Following the opening session, members have taken the opportunity to walk the Exhibit Hall prior to lunch as "Round Tables" do not begin until 1:30 pm. Lunch plans on Thursday do not include the MSBA recognition lunch this year which starts at 11:30 a.m. However, this can be another opportunity for members to come together and share what they have already learned as well as discuss plans for the afternoon.

The afternoon includes the Round Tables at 1:30 pm followed by workshops beginning at 2:30 pm and going until 4:45 pm. There is a note in your conference guide that Governor Walz has been invited for a 5:00 pm presentation.

As the afternoon comes to a close, it has been our tradition to enjoy a meal together Thursday evening. We have 6:30 pm reservations at the Seven Steakhouse Sushi & Rooftop located at 700 Hennepin Avenue.

Friday morning includes Round Tables at 8:00 am, Workshops at 9:15 am, and the Closing Session at 10:15 am where we once again have sat together. The conference ends by noon on Friday. You may want to consider checking out of your room early Friday morning before heading to the Convention Center. Please let me know how I can assist you as you navigate the many opportunities at the conference. I look forward to spending

4. Facility Planning Update and Work Session – A special work session is planned for Monday, February 4, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Secondary School Library Media Center. A light dinner is planned and

will be available starting at 5:15 pm. More information to be shared with you as we get closer to February 4.

5. MSBA Negotiations Seminar – MSBA is offering its Negotiations Seminar to help board members to prepare for negotiations. I encourage Board members to attend. I have listed below the dates and locations of the seminars closest to us. Registration starts at 8:30 am and the seminar is from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Please let Sue know ASAP if you would like to attend and which date. I will make every effort to attend with you.

Tuesday, February 5	St. Peter	Advanced Registration closes January 31
Wednesday, February 27	Mankato	Advanced Registration closes February 25
Thursday, February 28	Rochester	Advanced Registration closes February 25

- 6. Building and Grounds Committee Planned A joint meeting between the Building and Grounds Committee and representatives of the New Richland City Council will be meeting on Tuesday, January 29, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Board Room to review the current lease agreement for Legion Field. Maintenance-related interests will be discussed.
- 7. One Act Play One Act Play advisor Amanda Inouye submitted a request to hold practices and two performances for the One Act Play group at the Performing Arts Center in Waseca in the next two weeks. Dan Stork and Dave Bunn supported the request. See below Mrs. Inouye's request.

Our students here at NRHEG would love the opportunity to preform at the Waseca auditorium because of the many opportunities that it would provide. Performing at an auditorium gives our students an opportunity to practice with a sound board and a light board similar to that at sub-sections and will allow us be more competitive. A typical light board has house lights and 6 major lighting areas which gives us more opportunities to add variety to our play. This way, we are able to practice the timing of the lights throughout the play. Also, I would love to give our audience an opportunity to have comfortable seats and good acoustics to enjoy our shows.

The projected cost is approximately \$1400 that includes facility use fees and transportation costs for nine (9) practices during the weeks of January 14 and 21 and two (2) performances TBD. Approval was based on a funding plan to charge admission to the two performances.

8. The Trust Edge Experience – MSBA is offering a two-day Trust Edge workshop in St. Peter on Sunday, March 17, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm and then on Monday, March 18, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. The Trust Edge Experience workshop is based on the work of David Horsager who is the keynote speaker at the opening session of the MSBA Leadership Conference next week. Please let me know if you have interest in learning more about the workshop or you can also visit MSBA's website.

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
January 29, 2019	6:00 pm	Building & Grounds Committee Joint Meeting with New Richland City Council – Board Room

#### **School Board Calendar of Events**

February 4, 2019	5:30 pm	School Board Work Session – Secondary School Media Center
February 5, 2019	8:30 am	MSBA Negotiations Seminar – St. Peter
February 19, 2019 (Tuesday	e) 6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
February 27, 2019	8:30 am	MSBA Negotiations Seminar – Mankato
February 28, 2019	8:30 am	MSBA Negotiations Seminar Rochester
March 18, 2019	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
April 16, 2019 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center

### Dale's Calendar for January 14 – 18 (As of 1-4-19)

#### Week of January 14

Monday	9:30 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm	Check in with Doug Check in with Terri Budget Planning with Karla	
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla	
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue	
	3:30 pm	Staff Development Meeting	
Tuesday	9:30 am	Administrative Team Meeting	
Wednesday-Friday		MSBA Leadership Conference in Minneapolis	
Week of Janua	<u>ry 21</u>		
Monday		No School for Students – Teacher Professional Development	
2	9:30 am	Check in with Doug	
	10:00 am	Referendum Planning Conference with ISG	
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla	
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue	
	3:30 pm	Administrative Team Meeting with Heather and Deanna	
Tuesday	10:00 am	Crisis Manual Planning with Sue	
	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting	
Wednesday	9:00 am	Principal Evaluation Conference #2	
	2:00 pm	Staffing Planning Meeting	
	3:00 pm	PTO Presentation	
Thursday	9:00 am	Principal Evaluation Conference #2	
Friday	8:00 am	Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair	
	9:30 am	Administrative Team Meeting	

Thank you for all you do!