

# *District Status Report*

*15 March 2019*

*2018-2019 Report #33*

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

Technology: Online learning offers another alternative

Referendum: New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva to ask voters to fund school building improvements

Study: More US teens have mental health disorders

Survey: Most say college degree is worth the cost

### 2. 3-18-19 School Board Meeting – A few items to bring attention to . . .

#### a. Within the Consent Agenda . . .

- 1) Job Share Requests for 2019-2020
- 2) Resignation/Retirement
- 3) Title I Program LEA for 2019-2020
- 4) 2019 Spring Coaching Contracts
- 5) Statewide Enrollment Options

#### b. Under Reports,

- 1) Curriculum Resource Review Cycle

#### c. Under Recommended Actions, the Board will be asked to take action on the following item(s):

- 1) 2019 Spring Coaching Contract
- 2) Non-renewal of Teaching Contracts for 2019-2020
- 3) 2018-2019 Budget Revisions
- 4) Community Solar Garden Subscription

### 3. Referendum Information Sessions Update – This past week, presentations were made to the Byron Township, Hartland Township, Geneva City Council, Wilton Township, After Prom Committee, New Richland Care Center, and the New Richland Commercial Club. Thank you to Rick Schultz, Travis Routh, Karla Christopherson, Doug Anderson, and Dan Schmidt for presenting. Thank you to all Board members and staff members who attended and assisted with the open houses. A special thank you to Doug Anderson and Dave Bunn for hosting the open houses and leading the tours. This week, we have the following presentations planned:

Tuesday -- Whispering Oaks Assisted Living at 2 pm with Doug and Dale presenting

Let me know if there are errors regarding the schedule next week. Please continue to update the sheet on information sessions shared with you. If you have confirmed with a group, please put the date and time down in the appropriate column and highlight it yellow. I would appreciate a call or e-mail so that I could get it on my calendar and possibly attend with you. Call with questions.

4. **Quarterly Check ins** – Contact Sue Kulseth if you need to reschedule for any reason. I look forward to checking in with each of you.
5. **Health Office Coverage Update** – We have contracted with Ann Lange, RN, to provide full-time coverage in the Health Office during Carrie Petsinger's absence throughout the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.
6. **Bus Drivers and Cell Phone** – A Board member asked a question this week about our drivers using cell phones while driving. I responded with:

*Karla Christopherson shared with me your question about bus drivers using cell phones while driving. We researched to see if there had been any changes as referenced in statute and/or the State Patrol Manual.*

*State Statute 169.443. Subd. 9(b) - **Personal cellular phone call prohibition** states: "A school bus driver may not operate a school bus while communicating over, or otherwise operating, a cellular phone for personal reasons, whether handheld or hands free, when the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic."*

*Our drivers know and understand this requirement. Phone call use is limited to immediate/urgent communication that pertains specifically to their driving with the school district, and when possible, to use the phone while stopped in a safe location. This has been discussed among our drivers and we continue to be intentional in reducing the need for our drivers to communicate via phone while driving.*

## School Board Calendar of Events

March 18, 2019	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
<b>April 9, 2019</b>		<b>SPECIAL ELECTION</b>
April 16, 2019 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
May 19, 2019	7:00 pm	Baccalaureate – High School Gymnasium
May 20, 2019	6:30 pm	School Board meeting – Elementary School Media Center
June 2, 2019	2:00 pm	Graduation – High School Gymnasium
June 4, 2019	2:45 pm	Staff Recognition Program – Secondary School Cafeteria
June 17, 2019	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center

## Dale's Calendar for March 18 - 22 (As of 3-15-19)

Monday	10:00 am	Check in with Terri
	10:30 am	Elementary Staffing Meeting
	12:30 pm	Secondary Staffing Meeting
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue
	3:30 pm	Administrative Team Meeting with HH and DG
	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 pm	Administrative Team Meeting
	12:00 pm	Board Member Quarterly Check-in
	2:00 pm	Whispering Oaks Referendum Presentation
	3:30 pm	Pre-Negotiations Meeting
	5:00 pm	Board Member Quarterly Check-in
Wednesday	8:00 am	Board Member Quarterly Check-in
	9:00 am	Board Member Quarterly Check-in
	6:00 pm	Board Member Quarterly Check-in
Thursday		In the District
Friday	8:00 am	School Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair

Thank you for all you do!