

Dale's School Board Meeting Recap

October 15, 2018 School Board Meeting

Our Mission Together

**Empowering students with
knowledge and skills to succeed.**

Our Vision

**To be the school district of choice, inspiring
excellence in academics, arts, and activities.**

NOTE: This review is authored by the Superintendent, intended as information for the District employees, to keep them informed of the important decisions made by the School Board. This review includes selected items as determined by the Superintendent, and does not include all items of business conducted by the Board. This review is not intended to replace the official minutes of the School Board. Additional information can always be obtained from the official Board minutes or by contacting Dale.

Student Achievement

Teaching and Learning Feature: Members of the newly formed Diversity Club presented on the club's purpose and activities.

Extended Field Trip Request: Social Studies teacher Theresa Buendorf presented a request to provide a field trip experience for students to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland during June 2019. The Board gave approval to move forward with the planning of the trip.

Resolution of School Board Supporting State High School League (MSHSL) Foundation Grant Application: The MSHSL Foundation Grant is awarded dollars from the sales tax earned on ticket sales at all state tournament venues. The legislature did not approve the sales tax deferment to the MSHSL Foundation for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school year. The foundation is back in place this year and schools are allowed to apply for two grants. The first grant, Form A, is due November 1st. This grant provides district with dollars that are to offset the costs of granting athletic fee waivers for students of our district. Each season we have a number of student athletes that apply for a fee waiver and are granted that waiver. The Board approved supporting the grant application.

Facilities

Task Force Facility Plan Recommendation: Representatives of the Facility Task Force presented its recommendation to the Board for consideration in moving forward with determining facility and impacted programming needs. The Board set November 12 for a special work session to focus on examining the recommendation further along with other information and data with the intent of making decisions on moving forward to address facility needs.

Finance

Donations -- We are fortunate to have community members, organizations, and businesses who make donations to the school district. Often the donations are designated toward specific programs or activities. The Board approved the following donations.

Nick and Erin Budach	Elementary Gardent	
Dr. Wayne Rudolph	Books donated to Secondary Media Center	
Whitetail Transports LLC	Community Ed. Competitions Cheer Mats	\$25
Mower County	FFA	\$100
Sponberg Charitable Fund	Scholarships	\$1,000
Ellendale Café	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$20
Hanson Construction	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$40
Linda and Gary O'Connor	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$20
Barry Braaten	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$20
Superior Foods	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$25
Sun Opta	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$50
Casey's General Stores	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$100
Hilltop Greenhouse & Farm LLC	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$100
Sequoia Landscape Company	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$200
Al's Body Shop	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$25
Schlaak Trucking	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$250
Jensen Heating & Air Conditioning	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$100
Russ Nelson Electric	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$25
State Bank of New Richland	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$500

CMD Express LLC	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	25
New Richland One Stop, INC	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$100
David and Jenny Bunn	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$50
Janet and Roger Johnson	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$25
Gordon and Donna Hanson	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$50
Cole Chiropractic Office	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$25
John T.D. and Megan Misgen	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$50
Lerberg's Fitness Center	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$25
KFS of Hope, LLC	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$25
Hemmingway Photography & Video	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$100
Misgen Trucking	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$50
Floors 4-U	Community Ed. Competition Cheer Mats	\$50
	Total	\$3,175

2017-2018 Audit Report: The District's auditing firm Eide Bailly presented the audit report for the 2017-2018 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. The Board approved the report.

Postage Machine Lease Renewal: The Board approved renewing the lease agreement for the postage machine in the District Office at a cost of \$77.75 per month.

Special Education Service Agreement: The Board approved contracting with Owatonna Public Schools for Deaf and Hard of Hearing services up to 13 hours for the 2018-2019 school year.

Resolution Authorizing a New Board Approved Referendum Authority: Karla Christopherson presented information on a resolution to authorize a new Board approved operating referendum. In 2009, the District passed a \$450 per pupil 10-year operating referendum. In 2014, the State of Minnesota changed the formula which revised the \$450 to \$464.02. At that same time, school boards were able to convert up to \$300 per pupil of existing "voter approved referendum authority" to "board approved authority," which the Board did at its July 2014 meeting. The resolution was for five years.

Also in 2013, the state legislature added a component to the general education program called "local optional revenue" or LOR. LOR allows school districts to access up to \$424 per adjusted pupil unit in board approved revenue. Initially in FY2015, the revenue authority was available to metro and regional center districts but by FY16, the authority was expanded to all districts.

The original 10 year operating referendum expires in 2019, so to maintain the same level of referendum we have had the last five years, the Board needs to consider passing a new \$300 board approved referendum authority which is good for five years. The Board needs to take action no later than the summer of 2019. However, administration believes it would be appropriate for the Board to consider taking action at either the November or December School Board meeting.

Workforce

Winter Coaching Contracts: The Board approved the following contracts. Thank you coaches!

- Assistant Coach (B-Squad) Boys Basketball – Ryan Evans
- Assistant Coach (Junior High) Boys Basketball – Aaron Gilliland
- Head Coach Girls Basketball – Onika Peterson
- Assistant Coach (B-Squad) Girls Basketball – Drew Paukert
- Head Coach Wrestling – Shawn Larson
- Assistant Coach Wrestling – Nate Jensen

Resignation – The Board approved the following resignation.

- Secondary Paraprofessional – Sarah Larson

Employment – The Board approved the following 2018-2019 employment assignments.

- Don Priebe, Custodian with primary assignment at Secondary School. Starting date planned for October 29, 2018. Welcome Don!

Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination: The Board approved the annual Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination. The Assurance of Compliance identifies specific state and federal laws pertaining to discrimination and equity protection. As part of the Assurance of Compliance, all districts must verify that there is a copy of each of the identified laws in every building in the district. NRHEG also provides this information on the front page of the District's website.

Board Governance

January 2019 Board Organizational Meeting Set: The Board set Monday, January 7, 2019, at 5:30 pm for its organizational meeting.

January and February 2019 Regular School Board Meeting Dates Set: Due to the regular School Board meeting dates for January and February falling on observed holidays (Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day), the Board set the January regular School Board meeting date for Tuesday, January 22, 2019; and the February regular School Board meeting date for Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Notice of November 6, 2018 General Election: The Board approved the Notice of General Election pertaining to the November 6, 2018, election specific to the ballot of candidates for the NRHEG School Board. The Notice lists the candidates as well as identifies the polling places for the election within the three counties that make-up our school district. The Notice is sent to the Star Eagle and posted on the website as well as the District Bulletin Board located outside the District Office.

Set Special Board Meeting to Canvass School Board Election Results: The Board set November 12, 2018, beginning at 5:30 pm as the date to canvass the November 6 results. The canvassing must occur between the 3rd and 10th day following the general election. This would require the Board to meet between Friday, November 9, and Friday, November 16, to canvass the results.